

The Office of the Keys vis a vis Congregational and Synodical Polity (Governance)

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I. G. Authority of the Church w/r/t Order of Creation.

Galatians 3:27-28 (KJV) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:11-15 (KJV) Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. ¹² But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp **authority** over the man, but to be in silence. ¹³ For Adam was first formed, then Eve. ¹⁴ And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. ¹⁵ Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

1 Corinthians 14:29-35 (KJV) Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. ³⁰ If *any thing* be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. ³¹ For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. ³² And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. ³³ For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. ³⁴ Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but *they are commanded* to be **under obedience, as also saith the law**. ³⁵ And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.