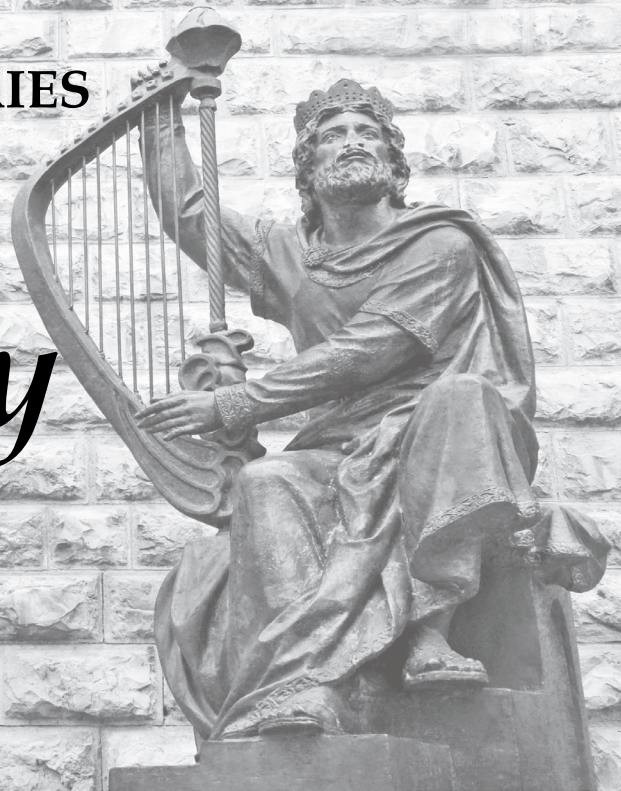


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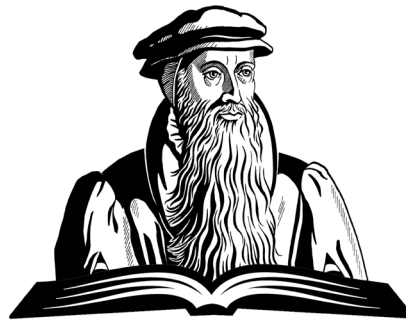
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Lecture Theme:

The church is built on Jesus Christ, the chief corner stone as a habitation of God, through which he magnifies his glory to the whole world.

Memory Text:

*“And Jesus answered and said...I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”*
—Matthew 16, verses 17 and 18.

Structure:

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 - a. Gifts of church offices.
 - b. The church indwelt by the Spirit.
7. Conclusion.

Review Questions:

1. What is the nature of the church? What does the Reformed Belgic Confession say about the importance of joining the visible church? May believers detach themselves from the visible church?

2. What are the meanings of these three terms: visible church, invisible church, and catholic church?

3. What are the three distinguishing marks of the true church? Does faithfulness mean perfection?

4. Who has distinct membership in the church? What are the practical instructions for us?

5. Does the membership of the church include the children of professing Christians? What is the biblical foundation for this?

6. How is Christ's headship evident in the church's authority? What are the characteristics of church authority?

7. What are the three kinds of office-bearers that Christ has appointed into his church? What are their specific responsibilities?

8. What is the ordinance of church discipline? Why is it necessary?

9. What are the purposes of the ordinance of church discipline? What is the motivation behind exercising godly church discipline?

10. What are the substantial benefits of the church?

Further Applications

1. Meditate on the descriptions God has given of the church in the New Testament which the author has mentioned in this lecture. What comforts do these pictures bring to you?

2. For further study of the ordinance of church discipline and the church life of Christians, we recommend you view the lectures on this website, *Conflict Resolution in the Church*, and, *The Law of Love in the Church*, both by Rev. A. T. Vergunst.