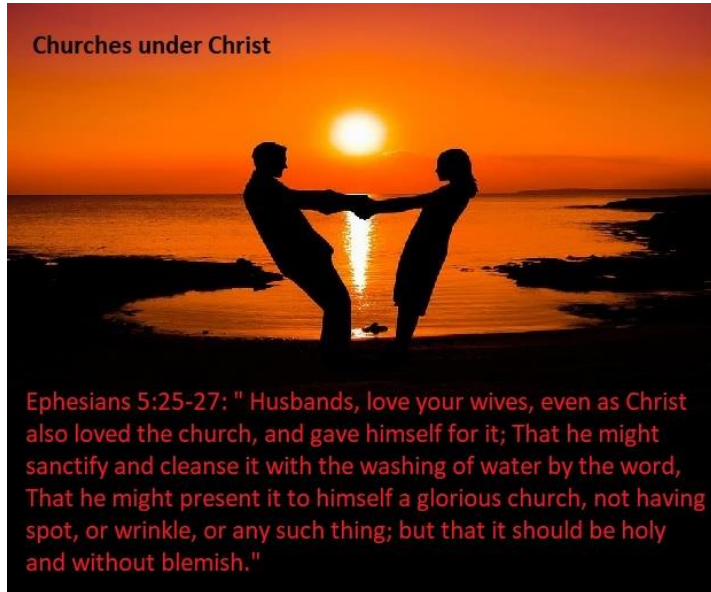


**Announcement**  
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It has come to my attention that many trustees have made mistakes which compromise the position of the church who established the trust as churches under Christ and Christ alone. Some pastors have also compromised the position of the church by obtaining a state license to perform a pastoral duty. All trustees, as well as mature church members, should understand Bible church doctrine and implementation of that doctrine. Sadly, many who establish the church Bible trust do not. This ministry offers a wealth of information to help explain these matters.

Here is an excerpt from [LESSON 1: BASICS OF THE BIBLE TRUST RELATIONSHIP AND HOW A CHURCH CAN NULLIFY THE TRUST RELATIONSHIP:](#)

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Churches who have set up a trust relationship with money and property – through a Declaration of Trust, Procedures, or whatever the document is titled – nullify their efforts to remain under Christ only by acting legally. When a church acts legally, she is a legal entity subject to the jurisdiction of civil government. This is one reason that the trustee of a church Bible trust should understand what they are doing when setting up, holding, and administering the Bible trust.

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How can a church act legally? A church can, for example, hold a credit card, hold deed to real property, open a bank account, get an Employee Identification Number (EIN), hold title to motor vehicle(s), hold insurance, contract, borrow money, incorporate the church or a ministry of the church, claim Internal Revenue Code § 508(c)(1)(A) status for the church or a ministry of the church, have employees, pay salaries or do anything else in accordance with or subject to man's legal system and not according to New Testament church guidelines and example.

A church who holds insurance admits that she is a legal worldly entity who can be sued. Should a church Bible trust obtain insurance (such as liability insurance on real estate) in the name of the trust, the insurance policy should not implicate the church. Some trustees get insurance in the name of the trust, but the insurance policy explicitly

covers the church. The trustee must be careful to make sure that the policy is not a church policy with the name of the trust on it. Insurance sellers are not familiar with the church Bible trust and will, if the trustee of the trust allows, simply put the name of the trust on the standard church policy, thereby setting up the church as a legal entity that can be sued. Some church Bible trust trustees get insurance in the name of the trust, but the insurance policy sets the church up as a legal entity.

A pastor of a church may also compromise the position of the church as a church under Christ alone by taking a license from the state to act in a pastoral capacity; a license to conduct marriage ceremonies, for example.

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