

whole year.

(question) What I mean is that there were officers. There were officers with definite functions, there were definite relationships to one another, there were definite obligations which were recognized by their members. I think what we have already ~~is~~ said would be sufficient evidence to that extent. That there was definite organization among them. Paul writes to the bishops and deacons of the church at such and such a place. Well, what are the positions of the deacons. It is not such a term for them. To the men(12½)
It is quite evident that they were definite officials.

(question) Well, now, did I say that it showed clearly the church or the churches. ~~Yes~~ Yes, churches. In other words, the statement of this did not answer that particular question. This did not go into that. This merely said that there is evidence of an organization within at least certain areas. It does not go into them, as yet. Whether there is a ~~world~~ world-embracing organization or not. But what I am saying is, there is not a doubt ~~that~~ as you read the N.T. ~~for~~ Paul calls the Ephesian elders, and tells them to come and see him. And ~~that~~ he writes to the bishops and the deacons in such and such a church. And he comes and he exercises authority and he tells Titus and Timothy to appoint bishops, and to appoint elders. There is ~~is~~ evidence that there was at least ~~is~~ in certain areas, definite organization. There is evidence of that, it is clear. That there are definite officers, that they do ~~do~~ definite functions. Well, now, that is clear in the Scripture. Nobody can say truly, the N.T. teaches simply that every individual is a person by himself, who is does what Christ wants him to do and has no duty ~~to~~ whatever in relation to other Christian individuals. There is too much definite evidence of an organization. But the second part is the part I am stressing now, that it does not give clear evidence of many ~~is~~ points, ~~many~~ many important points of that organization. Now one of those is the very one that has just been raised. I have that listed as question number 1, under this. Question number 1. Must the entire church be in one visible.....(end of record)