

THE NECESSITY FOR ORDER:

1. It arose out of the great increase among the disciples.
2. The association of people together demands organization and order. Moses: Exodus 18:25

SOME QUESTIONS FACING THE NEW CHURCH: We suggest three:

1. The matter of organization.
 1. Up to this point the young congregation of believers had been a relatively amorphous group.
 2. Organization of any church is important.
 - (a) Wise division of duties makes for wider and more efficient service.
2. Race relations within the church.
 1. The Grecians were disgruntled. They registered a complaint against the Hebrews.
 2. This dispute afforded the apostles a ~~MMMM~~ virgin field of exploration:
 - (a) An interracial forum. (b) A fact finding committee. (c) Summon a council and call a retreat to consider race relations.
 3. They knew that the gospel of Christ, the good news of salvation was and is, the greatest leveler of society in the world.
- 3.3. The matter of feeding and providing for the new converts. This was an urgent matter. When people became Christians in the first century it often meant:
 1. They had to let ~~their~~ **their** goods and kindred go
 2. The apostle did not leave off preaching to serve tables.
 3. Deacons appointed to serve this new field.
 4. Did not fail the needy women.

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