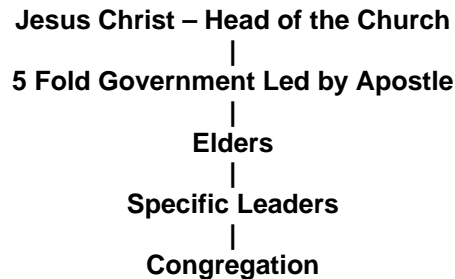


# What is Apostolic Government?

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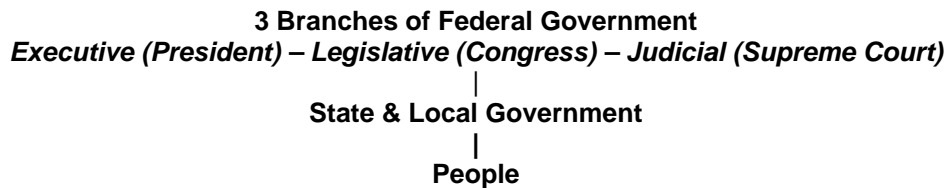
We believe that Apostolic government was the type of church government found in the book of Acts and what God is restoring back into the earth today.

In summary the Apostolic type of government is setup like this:



The most common type of government in churches today is the democratic form. This is because this is the type of political government we have.

## Political Democracy in USA



Here are some differences between the two forms of government.

Theocracy	Political Democracy
Government Led by GOD. Leads through people. (GOD called & appointed)	Government Led by the people. Leading through Representatives. (Elected officials by the people)
Apostolic order. Elder Governed.	Democratic order. Governed by people & popular opinion.
Lead by Holy Spirit Direction. Prophetic Voice.	Driven by Social Culture of the Day. Mind, Will, Emotions of man. Jezebel voice (need to control)
Government is based on: Word of God, Leading of Holy Spirit	Government is based on: Constitution of U.S., Bill of Rights
Moved & Effected by: Mutual submission to each level and Communication is Key to Success. What is the Heart & Mind of Christ? Leading of the Holy Spirit. Voice of God.	Moved & Effected by: Elections / voting, Popular Opinion, Mood, Feelings, Pocketbook, Voice of the People.

Warfare Between These 2 Systems

The American church has picked up on the “spirit of this world” and adopted the American system of Democracy into the Church and order of the Church. Warfare exists today, in the Church, because God is once again establishing His order of Government. It is a Theocracy, led through an Apostolic / five fold ministry. Some of the titles used in the past were “Presbyterian” or led by “presbyters” which is elder led. But, the “Presbyterians” were not generally known for accepting an “Apostolic” leadership, because they felt that the gift of Apostle had passed away along with the gift of Prophet and the rest of the five fold ministry. That is why they carried the name of “Presbyter” (elder) instead of Pastor, evangelist, etc.

The warfare between these 2 types of government (Theocracy & Democracy) exists in America, because we are under the influence of a Democratic system. This Democratic system gives us certain freedoms as citizens of the U.S. But, we allow this same mindset to bleed into how we feel the church is to be operated. This system gives strength and a voice to the Jezebel system because it is led by emotions, thoughts, and feelings of man not the Spirit of God. Although God blessed America, the Democratic order of government is not the order of the Kingdom of God.

### What If I Don't Like What Is Happening?

Theocracy	Political Democracy
Appeal to next level of government.	Appeal to next level of government.
Appeal must be based upon: 1) God's Word 2) Prayer & Seeking 3) Holy Spirit Leading	Appeal must be based upon Constitution & Bill of Rights.
<i>If I don't like what is Happening:</i> <i>Questions to be asked:</i> 1) Is it Sin? 2) Is it against God's laws or principles? 3) Is it contrary to God's order? 4) Is it really: "It doesn't suit me"??	Vote Out Representatives. Majority rules.

### Application of Apostolic Government to Relationship Church

The Lord has given us an outline of His government and we are constantly seeking Him on how to implement it. This is the current implementation of that government:

