



# Grace Life Church *of Dallas*

The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God

# Praise the Lord

Elijah Elioenai Katarapu.

Time : 06/19 11:10 pm

Weight : 9 lb

Height : 20 inches

Elijah : Jehovah is God

Elioenai : Turning your eyes to the mighty God.

Our prayer for him is every breath that Lord blesses him with will be used to honor and glorify God.





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# **A Charge to Elders**

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# Elders/Pastors/Overseers

Jesus Christ is the Chief Shepherd and Head of His universal body

- **John 10:11** *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*
- **1 Peter 5:4** *When the chief Shepherd appears you will receive the unfading crown of glory*
- **Colossians 1:18** *And he is the head of the body, the church.*

**Jesus gave gifts to the church**

- **Ephesians 4:11-12** *And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds (pastors) and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ*

**What is the difference between an elder (presbyteros), a pastor (poimēn) and an overseer (episkopos)?** Biblically-They are different words/names describing the same person (Used interchangeably in Scripture)

**Acts 20:17 & 28** *Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the **elders (presbyteros)** of the church to come to him...v28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers (episkopos)**, to care (NASB **shepherd-poimainō**) for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood*

**1 Peter 5:1-2** *So I exhort the **elders (presbyteros)** among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 **shepherd (poimainō)** the flock of God that is among you, exercising **oversight (episkopeō)***

# Elders/Pastors/Overseers

**The Scriptures clearly demonstrate a plurality of elders in the local churches:**

- **Titus 1:5** *This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you*
- **Acts 14:23** *And when they had appointed elders for them in every church*
- Plural in number, equal in authority, and sharing in responsibility

## **The Role and Responsibility of Pastors/Elders:**

### **A Public Charge to Mike Gendron and Phil George**

**Acts 20:28-32** *Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. 29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

**Hebrews 13:17** *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.*

# **A Charge to the Body**

## **The Responsibility of the Church to their Elders/Pastors**

**1 Thessalonians 5:12-13** *We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13and to esteem them very highly **in love** because of their work.*

**Hebrews 13:17** *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.*