

Why EcclesiastiCAL?

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The Church as both the local and world-wide Body of Christ is absolutely essential to personal salvation in its fullest sense and to the work of Christ in the world. The Church matters. Christ loves it and gave His life for it. The Church, as both a living organism and as a Christ-ordained institution, matters. I also want to believe that historic Denominations matter. The reality is that particular local churches come and go. They can both prosper and fail. Some are doing marvelous ministry. Some are an unjustified drain on the resources of everyone involved and should close their doors. The essays on this website are about the Church in various aspects and are written by me, hence the name EcclesiastiCAL.

Although I began my Christian life and my ordained Ministry in a Baptist church, I have become a convinced Anglican. That means I am persuaded that the Anglican Essentials and Heritage are the best (certainly not the exclusive!) expression of what "Church" should be. I will explore common Anglican beliefs and practices on this website, as I understand them as a layperson from some 30 years of observation and learning. I speak for no one else. The local expression of Anglicanism known to me is the Episcopal Church. I am not happy to say I am a confirmed Episcopalian. I am often embarrassed to tell my conservative evangelical friends (most of whom are in baptistic churches) that I am Episcopalian. In my mind, the current Leadership of The Episcopal Church (TEC) has left its Anglican moorings and is now adrift on the waters of "Liberalism" and Heresy. It is not evangelical or Reformed or Orthodox (with some major exceptions here and there- yes, there are lights in the darkness). This website is not a defense or promotion of TEC; rather, it is primarily dedicated to discovering and promoting what I consider to be **Historic, Classic Anglicanism.**