

The Church of Christ (James Bannerman) 2017 Reading Plan (excluding appendix)

WEEK	DATE	SECTION
1	JAN 1-7	Prefaces & Introduction
2	JAN 8-14	PART I NATURE OF THE CHURCH I. The church as defined in Scripture
3	JAN 15-21	II. The church as a divine & spiritual institution
4	JAN 22-28	III. The church as visible and invisible
5	JAN 29 - FEB 4	IV. The church as catholic and local
6	FEB 5-11	V. The notes of the church
7	FEB 12-18	VI. The members of the church
8	FEB 19-25	VII. The church in its relation to the world
9	FEB 26 - MAR 4	VIII The church in its relation to the state + Sect I: Essential distinction
10	MAR 5-11	VIII Section II: Lawfulness of the connection of church & state
11	MAR 12-18	VIII Section III: Duty of the connection of church & state
12	MAR 19-25	VIII Section IV: Necessity of the connection between church & state
13	MAR 26 - APR 1	VIII Section V: Spiritual Independence
14	APR 2-8	VIII Section VI: Liberty of conscience
15	APR 9-15	VIII Section VII: Doctrine of the WCF on church & state
16	APR 16-22	PART II POWER OF THE CHURCH I. The source of church power
17	APR 23-29	II. The rule or law of church power
18	APR 30 - MAY 6	III. The nature and character of church power
19	MAY 7-13	IV. The extent & limits of church power
20	MAY 14-20	V. The end & design of church power
21	MAY 21-27	VI. The primary subject of church power
22	MAY 28 - JUNE 3	PART 3 DIV I. I. The power & duty of the church
23	JUNE 4-10	II. Church creeds & confessions
24	JUNE 11-17	III. Objections to creeds & Confessions
25	JUNE 18-24	DIV II SUBDIV I: I. 'The divine origin' up to start of II. Sec 1 Extent of power
26	JUNE 25 - JUL 1	II. Sect II. Limits of church power as regards public worship
27	JULY 2-8	III. Liturgies or imposed forms of prayer
28	JULY 9-15	SUBDIV II I. The Christian Sabbath
29	JULY 16-22	II. Ecclesiastical Holidays
30	JULY 23-29	SUBDIV III. I. The ministry a divine and standing ordinance

31	JULY 30 - AUG 5	II. Apostolical Succession
32	AUG 6-12	III. The independent theory of the ministry
33	AUG 13-19	IV. Ordination
34	AUG 20-26	SUBDIV IV: I. The Sacraments in General + Sect I. Nature & Efficacy
35	AUG 27 - SEPT 2	Sect II. Unscriptural or defective views of the sacraments
36	SEPT 3-9	II. The sacrament of baptism Sect I. Nature of the ordinance
37	SEPT 10-16	Sect II. The subjects of baptism
38	SEPT 17-23	Sect III. Infant baptism*
39	SEPT 24-30	Sect IV. Objections to infant baptism
40	OCT 1-7	Sect V. Efficacy of infant baptism
41	OCT 8-14	Sect VI. Modes of Baptism + III. The Lord's Supper Sect I. Nature of the ordinance
42	OCT 15-21	Sect II. Transubstantiation
43	OCT 22-28	Sect III. The doctrine of the real presence
44	OCT 29- NOV 4	Sect IV. The sacrifice of the mass
45	NOV 5-11	DIV III Church power in regard to discipline I. Nature, design & limits
46	NOV 12-18	PART IV PARTIES IN WHOM CHURCH DISCIPLINE IS VESTED I. Divine appointment
47	NOV 19-25	II. The Extraordinary office-bearers of the Christian Church Sec. I Apostles
48	NOV 26 - DEC 2	Sec II. Prophets & Evangelists
49	DEC 3-9	III. The Popish System of Church Polity
50	DEC 10-16	IV The Prelatic System Sec I. No evidence in Scripture for bishops as distinct
51	DEC 17-23	Sect II. No evidence in Scripture of the exercise of the powers of a diocesan bishop
52	DEC 24-30	V. The Independent System of Church polity *

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