

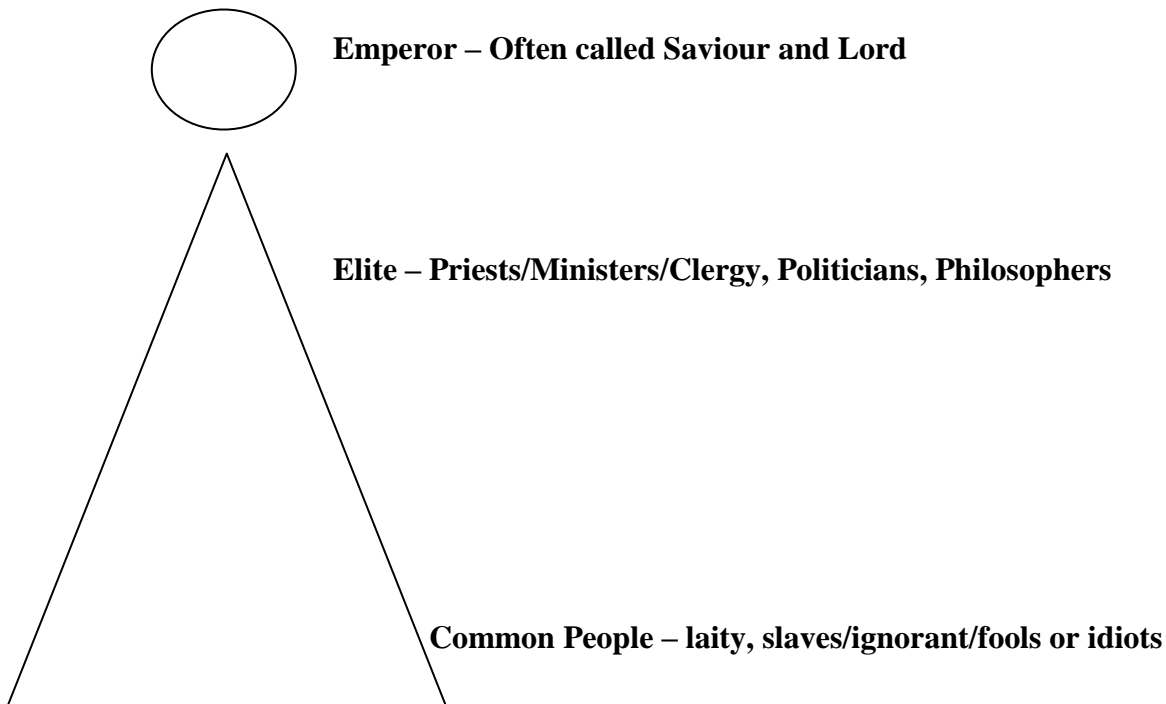
THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM
So, Who is the Idiot Now?
Sermon 13.3.10
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Small Group Study for Week of March 13-19

The Big Idea

Throughout history the church has fought (and often lost) the battle of what we call the priesthood of all believers. Society has often had a human hierarchy of power and this has too often been reflected in church. The bible however, is very clear that everyone who is a believer is an equal priest/minister as well as equal lay/common, even idiot for Christ. Individual may have different roles and functions but we are all equal in Christ.

Roman Cosmology in the time of early Christianity



Questions

1. Where would you fit in the above diagram?
2. How does the above diagram make you feel?
3. How does the above diagram work in a church?

Group Reads: Exodus 19: 3,6 page 57**Question:**

4. What was God wanting to do for the children of Israel?

Statement: The desire of God was never achieved by Israel

Group Reads 1 Peter 2:5,9,10 page 833

Comment: The phrase peculiar people (KJV) or “Gods special possession,” (TNIV) is the word laos (λαος) which simply means people. It came to mean common people, fools or idiots.

5. Why does God call believers both, priests/ministers and “special” common people?

6. Why is being both important? How would it affect the way we live?

Group Reads: Ephesians 4: 11-15 page 801

Comment: In verse 12 the word ministry (KJV) or service (TNIV) is the same word, διακονιας. In other words ministry is service. Ministers and servants are the same, both do ministry or service.

7. According to the above verses what is the purpose of doing ministry/service? What would happen if ministers/servants didn't minister/serve?

8. According to the above texts what is the role of those with leadership gifts? What would that look like in action?

9. Why do you think so many still believe the church hasn't supported them unless the paid pastor visits or helps them? What should be done about that?

Group Reads: 1 Corinthians 4:9,10 page 781

10. What is significant about Paul identifying himself as a fool for Christ while others don't want to be fools, they want to be seen as wise etc?

11. How can we live as Priests/Ministers and as fools or common people? Why is it important to do so?

12. Anything else you got out of this study? Who can you share this with?