

Episkope-Overseer

The position of an Overseer (Episkope) refers to the role of Jesus Christ at His first and second advent as Head of His church and overseer of human souls. He will return to inspect the work of the saints when we will give an account to Him on what we did with the spiritual gifts He's given us. It also refers to those who are the **episkope (ep-is-kop-ay')** which are the overseers and composed of Elders, Ministers, and Pastors who are called shepherds in Scripture.

The episkope all hold the office of **Diakonos (dee-ak'-on-os)** in addition to their role as **Episkope (ep-is-kop-ay')** an overseer and elder. The term diakonos is translated as deacon six times in Scripture and is not to be seen as a singular office but as a category for multiple offices for which overseers, the episkope occupy. Please see the study on [Church: Forms and Practices](#) for a fuller study on this and other key points of Scripture.

1984 ἐπισκοπή episkope (ep-is-kop-ay')

from 1980 a; a *visiting, an overseeing*:— inspection (for relief); by implication, superintendence; specially, the Christian "episcopate":—the office of a "bishop", bishoprick, visitation.

NAS-office (1), office of overseer (1), visitation (2).

AV-visitation 2, bishoprick 1, office of a bishop 1; 4

1) investigation, inspection, visitation

1a) that act by which God looks into and searches out the ways, deeds character, of men, in order to adjudge them their lot accordingly, whether joyous or sad

1b) oversight

1b1) overseership, office, charge, the office of an elder

1b2) the overseer or presiding officers of a Christian church

1985 ἐπίσκοπος episkopos (ep-is'-kop-os)

from 1909 and 4649; a *superintendent, an overseer*:— (in the sense of 1983); a superintendent, i.e. Christian officer in genitive case charge of a (or the) church (literally or figuratively):—bishop, overseer.

NAS-guardian (1), overseer (2), overseers (2).

AV-bishop 6, overseer 1; 7

1) an overseer

1a) a man charged with the duty of seeing that things to be done by others are done rightly, any curator, guardian or superintendent

1b) the superintendent, elder, or overseer of a Christian church

Acts 20:28

"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers <1985 episkopos>**, to **shepherd** the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Philippians 1:1

Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the **overseers <1985 episkopos>** and **deacons <diakonos>**:

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1 Timothy 3:2

An **overseer** <1985 episkopos>, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

Titus 1:7

For the **overseer** <1985 episkopos> must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,

1 Peter 2:25

For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the **Shepherd** <poimen> and **Guardian** <1985 episkopos> of your souls.

Luke 19:44

and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your **visitation** <1984 episkope>."

Acts 1:20

"For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE, AND LET NO ONE DWELL IN IT'; and, 'LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE HIS **OFFICE** <1984 episkope>.'"

1 Timothy 3:1

It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the **office of overseer** <1984 episkope>, it is a fine work he desires *to do*.

1 Peter 2:12

Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of **visitation** <1984 episkope>.