Importance of Local church Autonomy

The wisdom of God is manifested, in this: The Lord's scriptural structure is for each local church to be comprised of "saints… bishops and deacons" (Phil. 1:1). Each of these works maintain their local autonomy (1 Pet. 5:2) and rise or fall according to their own merits: Seven churches of Asia (Rev. chapters 2-3).

If one falls into apostasy, it goes alone. In the ecumenical and/or Denominational Councils they fall together. ret