# Ecclesiology

## Session 49




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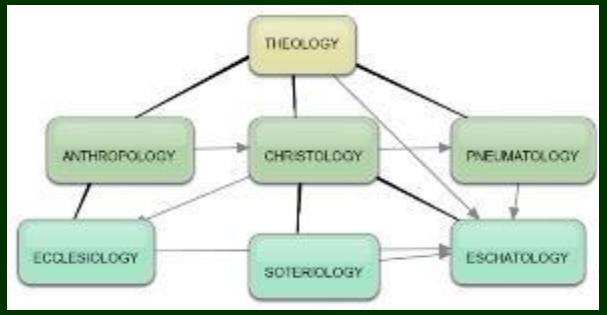
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# Areas of Systematic Theology

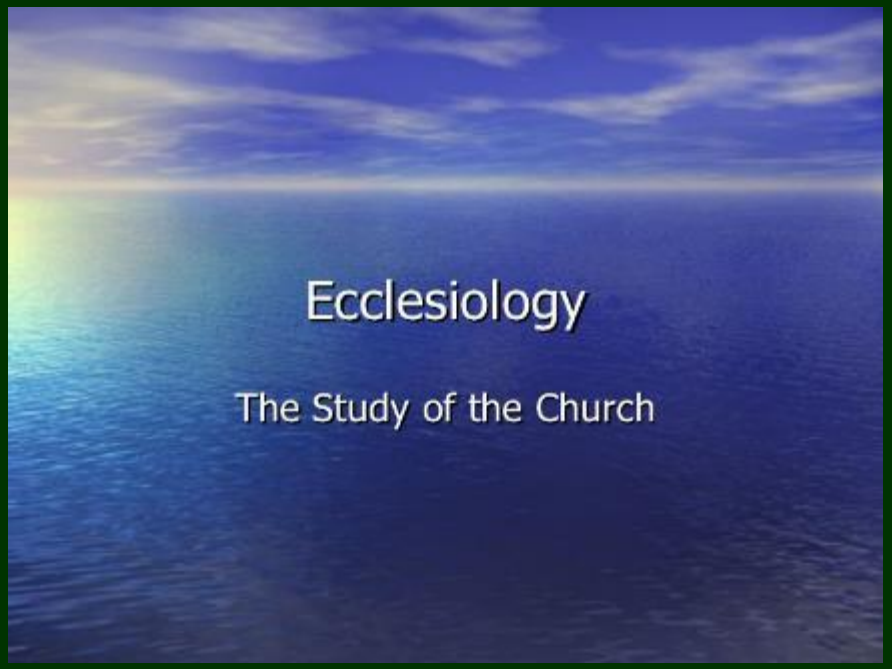



- Prolegomena – Introduction
- Theology – Study of God
- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology – Study of Man
- Hamartiology – Study of sin
- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- Angelology – Study of angels
- **Ecclesiology – Study of the Church**
- Eschatology – Study of the end



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1. Not hatred

2. Gives world a false sense of security

3. Loss of distinctiveness and power



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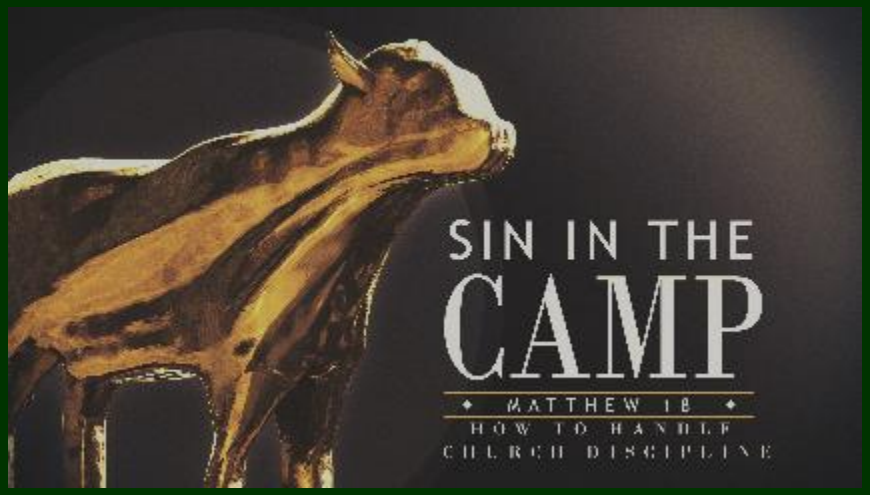
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# B. Biblical Basis for Separation?

1. 2 Thess. 3:6, 14
2. 1 Cor. 5:11
3. 2 Cor. 6:14-18
4. Rom. 16:17
5. Eph. 5:11
6. Titus 3:9-11
7. 2 John 9-11



# 2 John 7-11

“[7] For **many deceivers** have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. [8] Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. [9] Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. [10] If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, **do not receive him into *your* house**, and do not give him a greeting; [11] for the one who gives him a greeting **participates** in his evil deeds.”



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# 2 Timothy 3:16-17

"All Scripture is **inspired by God [*theopneustos*]** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."



# INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE
# 2 Peter 1:20-21

- Men Wrote as they were inspired by Holy Spirit

  *"phero" = to carry*

  *Acts 27:15,17*

- Opposite of Knowledge of False Teachers
  - *Which is their own imagination*
    - *Jer. 23:16*



# John 17:17, 20-23

“17 **Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth**…20 I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.”



# Matthew 4:4

"But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON ***EVERY WORD*** THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"



# Matthew 5:18

"For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not ***the smallest letter or stroke*** shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished."



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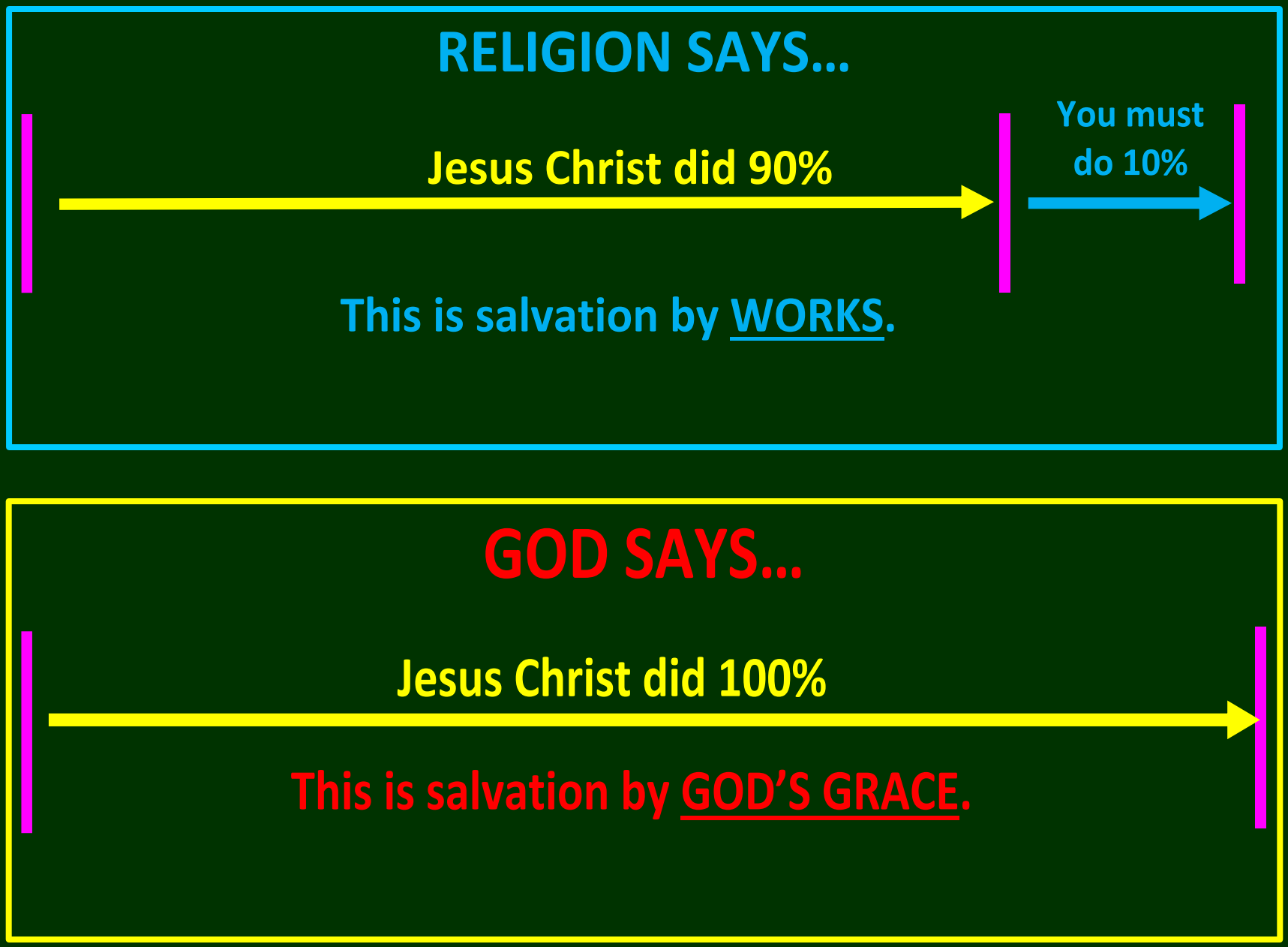



Chart courtesy of Thomas Stegall

# Romans 4:4-5




“Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. **But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him** who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.”



# John MacArthur

*The Gospel According to Jesus*, p. 140

"Eternal life is indeed a free gift (Rom. 6:23). Salvation cannot be earned with good deeds or purchased with money. It has already been bought by Christ, who paid the ransom with His blood. **But that does not mean there is no cost** in terms of salvation's impact on the sinner's life. This paradox may be difficult but it is nevertheless true: **SALVATION IS BOTH FREE AND COSTLY**. Eternal life brings immediate death to self. 'Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin' (Rom 6:6). Thus in a sense **we pay the ultimate price for salvation** when our sinful self is nailed to a cross. It is a total abandonment of self-will, like the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies so that it can bear much fruit (cf. John 12:24). It is an exchange of all that we are for all that Christ is. And **it denotes implicit obedience, full surrender to the lordship of Christ. Nothing less can qualify as saving faith.**"

# John MacArthur

*Faith Works*, p. 25

"Jesus is Lord of all, and the **faith** He demands involves **unconditional surrender** . . . He does not **bestow eternal life** on those whose hearts remain set against Him."





# John MacArthur

*Transcription of The Art of Self-Discipline, part 2, www.gty.org.*

"Self discipline comes when you look back to the covenant of your salvation…that is to say when you remember that **at the point of your salvation** **YOU MADE A PROMISE TO SUBMIT TO THE LORD**. **YOU MADE A PLEDGE AT THAT TIME TO BE OBEDIENT TO CHRIST**. You confessed Him as Lord…And Lord means that He is above all. It's essential then as believers to remember that **WE MADE A COVENANT OF OBEDIENCE** when we confessed Jesus as Lord. We were saved unto obedience which God had before ordained that we should walk…and obedience characterized by good works…and obedience to God's Word. That pledge was inherent in salvation. God at the time you came to Him for salvation promised you forgiveness and eternal life and all the grace necessary to fulfill His will, and the Holy Spirit, and **YOU PLEDGED OBEDIENCE**. And you need to go back and remember that and have the integrity to be faithful to **YOUR ORIGINAL PROMISE**…"

# Lordship Salvation 7 Problems




- ✓ Changes the gospel
- ✓ Places an impossible burden upon the unsaved
- ✓ Confuses justification with sanctification
- ✓ Confuses the result of with requirement for salvation
- ✓ Fails to make basic dispensational distinctions
- ✓ Ignores the reality of a carnal Christian
- ✓ Destroys the assurance of salvation

# Galatians 1:6-9

"[6] I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the **grace** of Christ, for a **different gospel**; [7] which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to **distort the gospel** of Christ. [8] But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a **gospel contrary** to what we have preached to you, he is to be **accursed (*anathema*)**! [9] As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be **accursed(*anathema*)**!"

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# Daniel 12:2

"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to **everlasting (*olam*) life**, but the others to disgrace *and* **everlasting (*olam*) contempt**."



# Psalm 90:2

"Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting ***(olam)*** to everlasting ***(olam)***, You are God."



# Matthew 25:46

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# Romans 16:26

"but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the **eternal (*aiōnios*) God**, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith



# Revelation 14:11

"And the smoke of their torment goes up **forever (*aiōn*)** and **ever (*aiōn*)**; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

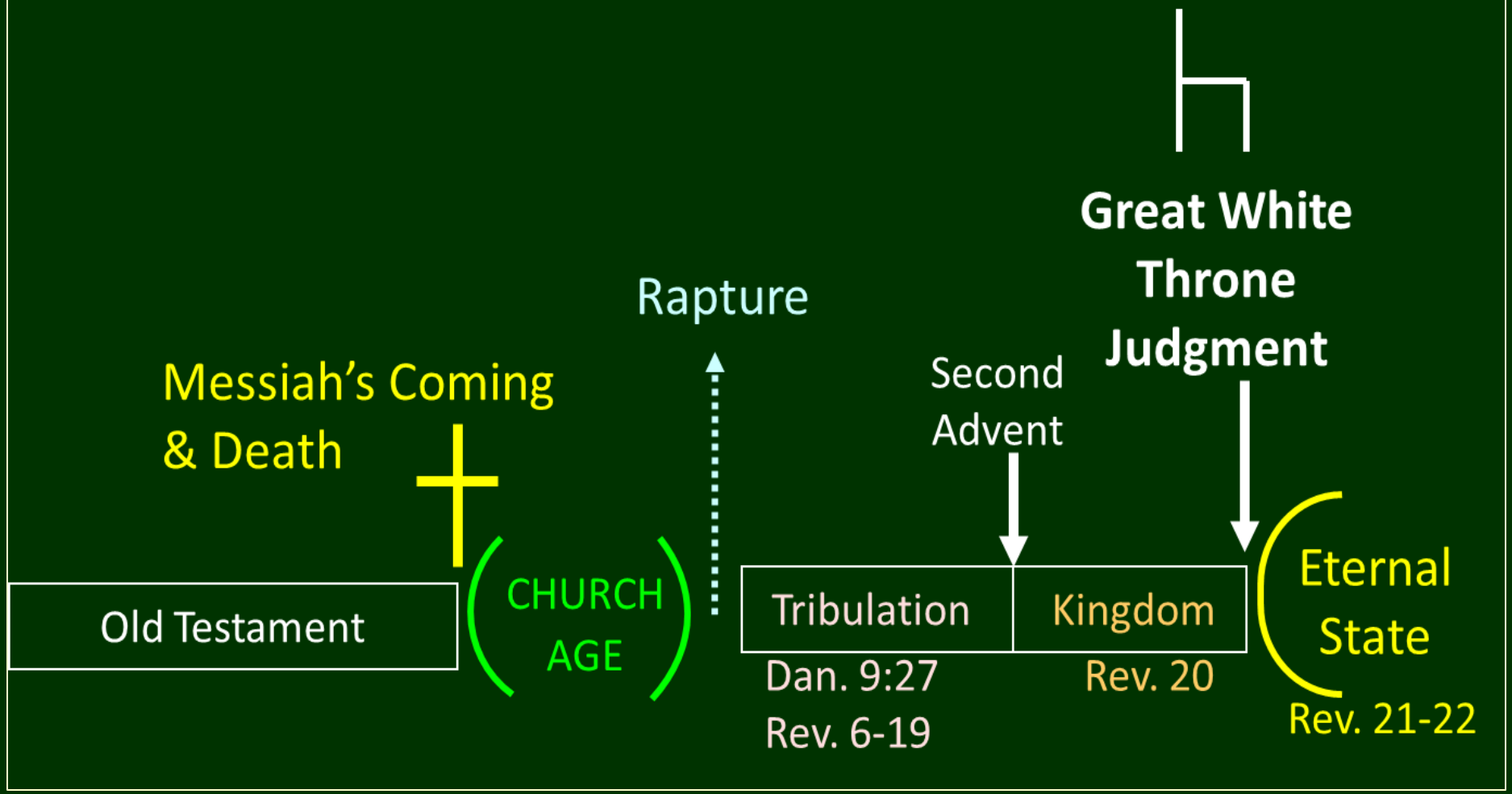


# Revelation 19:20

“And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.”



# Prophecy Panorama

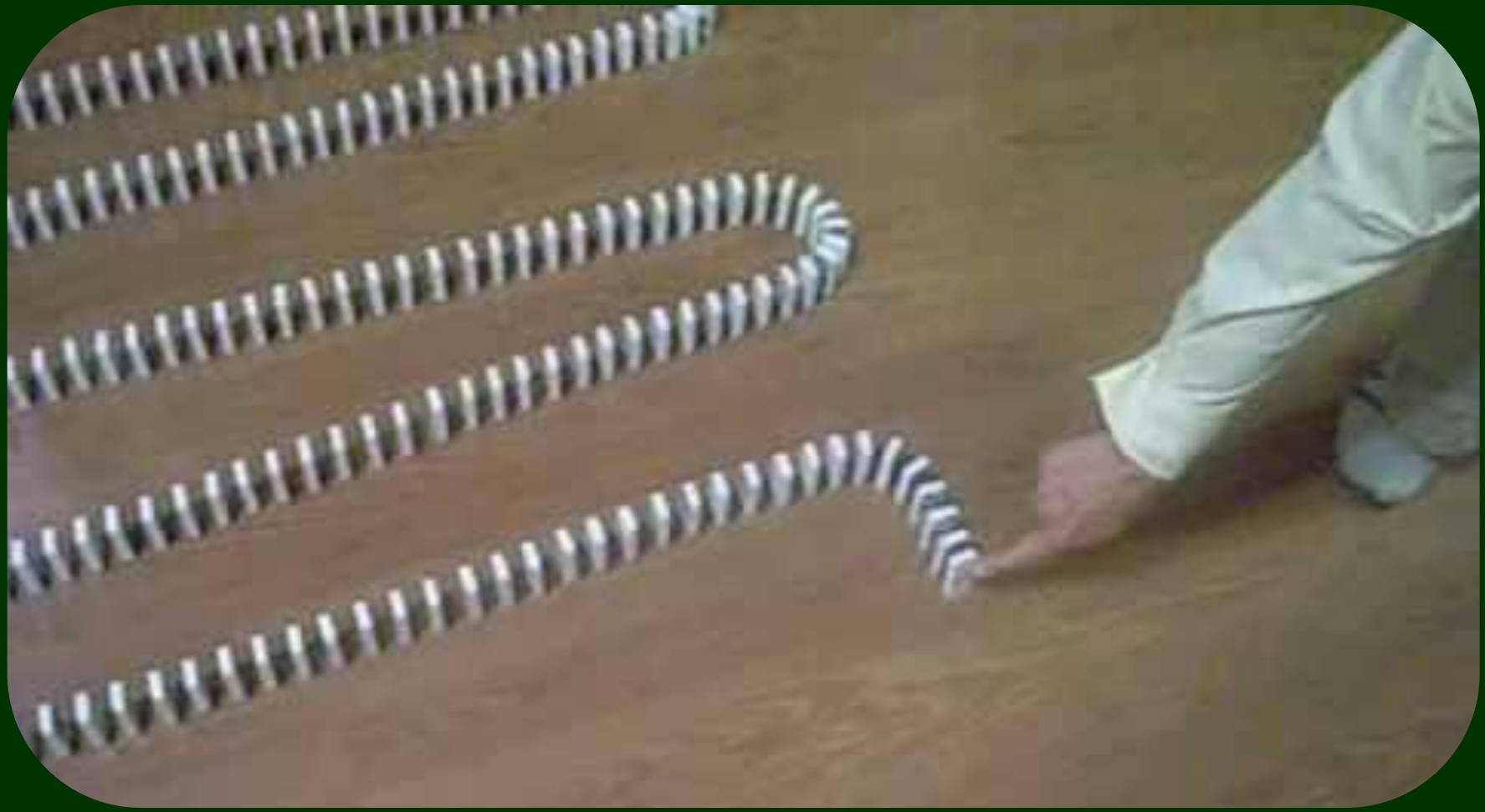


# Revelation 20:10

"And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet **are** also; and they will be tormented day and night **forever (*aiōn*)** and **ever (*aiōn*)**."



# Dominoes in a Row





# Dr. Alan W. Gomes

(Summer 1991). “Evangelicals and the Annihilation of Hell” (Part 2). In the Christian Research Journal. Page 11.

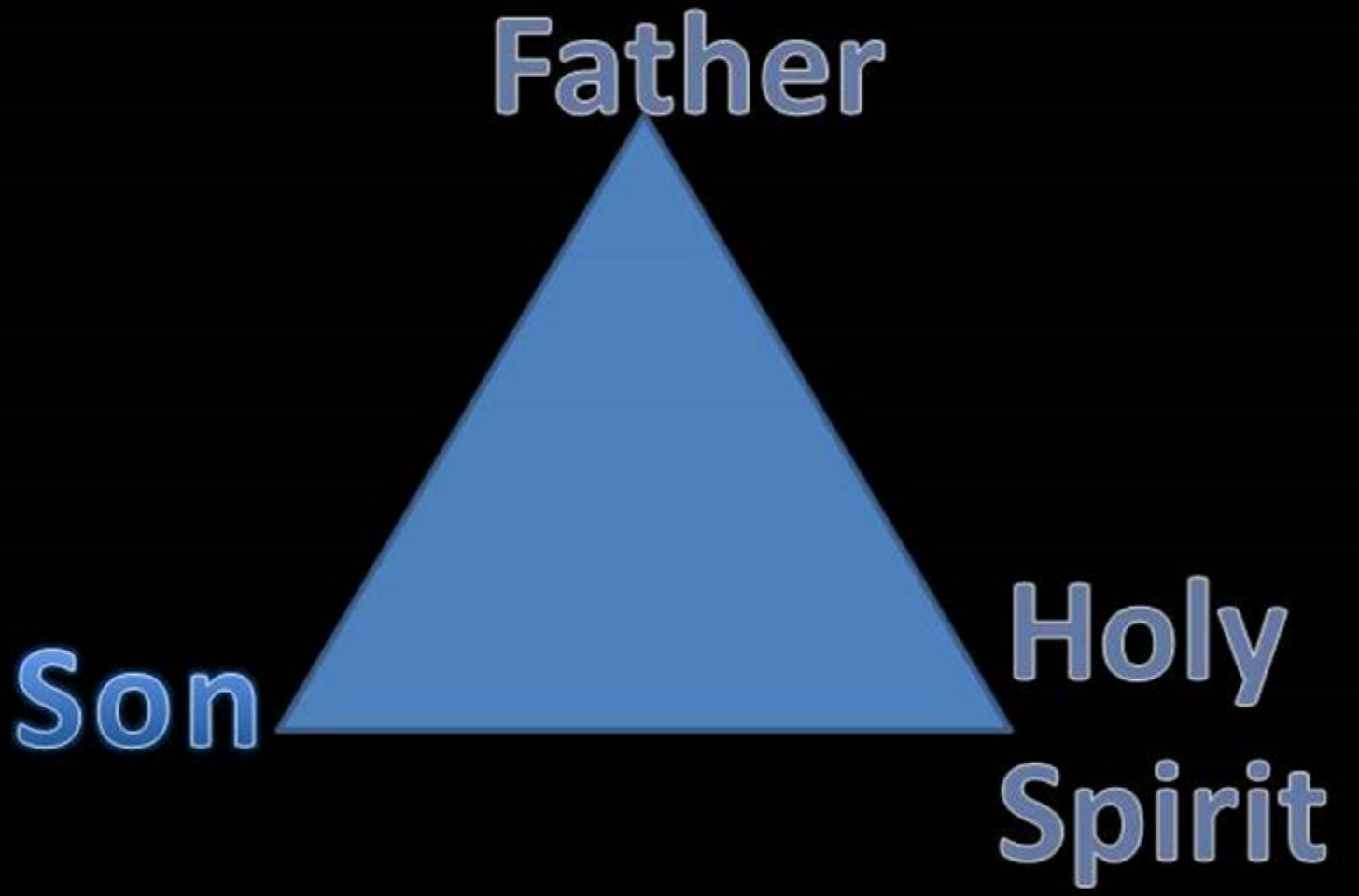
“A punishment [such as torment] that is not felt is not a punishment. It is an odd use of language to speak of an insensate state (i.e., unfeeling), an inanimate object receiving punishment. To say, ‘I punished my car for not starting by slowly plucking out it’s spark plug wires, one by one,’ would invoke laughter, not serious consideration.”

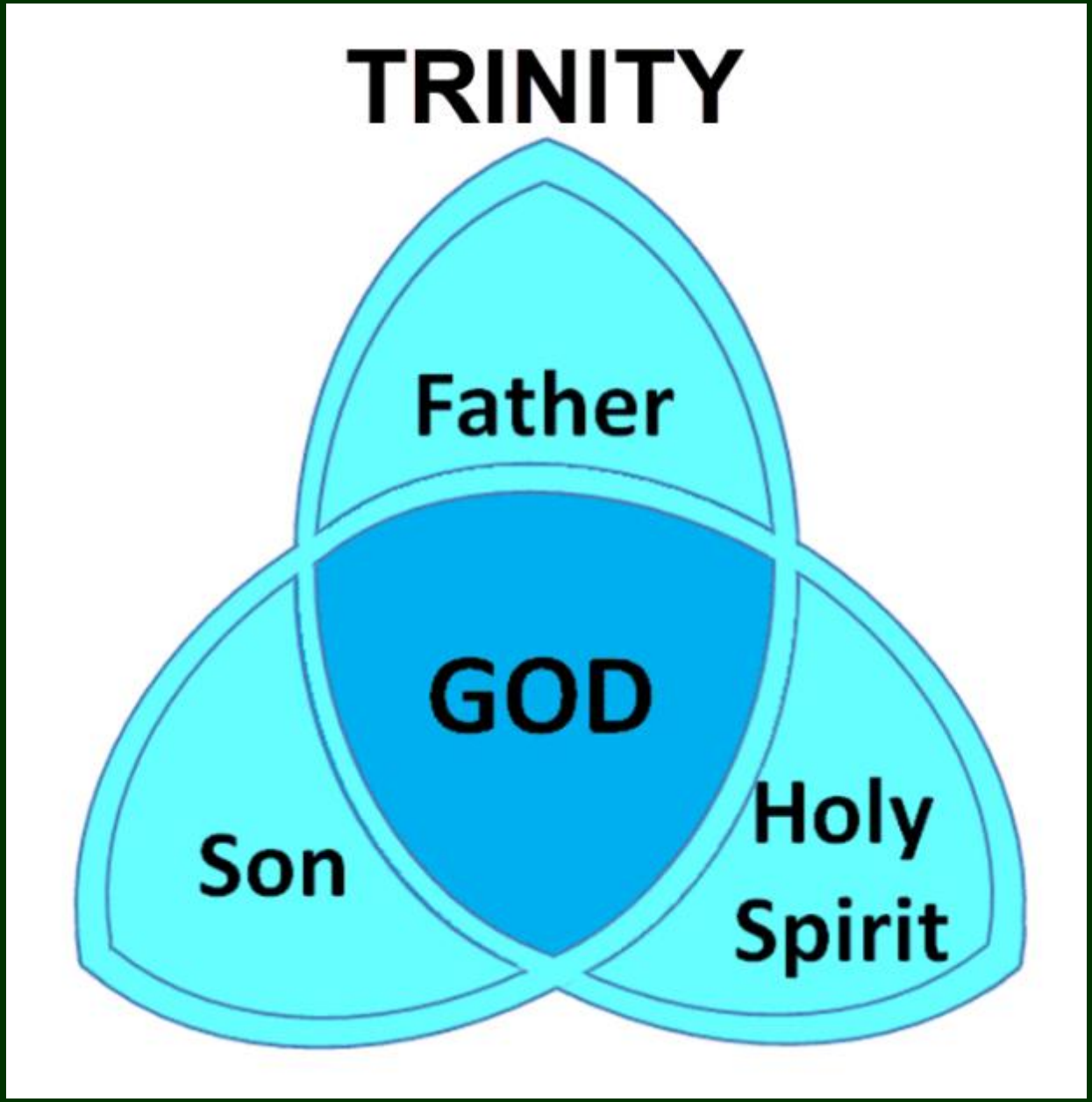
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# Andy Stanley

https://christianindex.org/andy-stanleys-approach-to-the-virgin-birth/

“One of the challenging things about the Christmas season and one of the challenging things about the Christmas story is, in fact, the Christmas story – the Christmas story as it relates to the birth of Jesus. Because there is so much miraculous, there is so much amazing, there is so much that’s really unbelievable about it and a whole lot of people just don’t believe; and I understand that. Maybe the thought is that they had to come up with some myth about the birth of Jesus to give him street cred later on. It is interesting because Matthew gives us a version of the birth of Jesus. Luke does, but Mark and John don’t even mention it; and a lot has been made of that. And you have heard me say some version of this a million times, but if somebody can predict their own death and resurrection, I’m not all that concerned about how they got into the world, because the whole resurrection thing is so amazing and, in fact, you should know this. Christianity does not hinge on the truth or even the stories about the birth of Jesus, it really hinges on the resurrection of Jesus.”



# Brian McLaren

https://juicyecumenism.com/2018/12/11/virgin-birth-not-literal-symbol-vs-patriarchy-brian-mclaren/

"Pastor Brian McLaren meditates on the virgin birth in the "Be Still and Go" podcast of The Riverside Church in New York City. In a segment titled "A Post-Patriarchal Christmas," McLaren took issue with the virgin birth as a "science-defying miracle that proved something about Jesus." He protested, "This approach never really worked for me. How can you use something you can't prove—a virgin birth long ago—to prove something else—the unique identity of Jesus?" McLaren draws a different conclusion. He says the virgin birth's "greatest value isn't in proving something, but in meaning something." McLaren said God got so tired of men "messing things up" that he said, "I'm going to work directly with women for a change. I'm taking a step to overthrow the patriarchy." Whether you believe the "virgin birth story" or not, McLaren said, its "literal factuality" is "not the point." McLaren concluded the virgin birth is "about a profound rejection of violence," the notion that peace can never come through the old, blood-stained path of patriarchy."



# Why the Virgin Birth?

- To fulfill OT prophecy
- To emphasize Christ's humanity and deity
- To emphasize Christ's eternality
- To maintain Christ's sinlessness
- To protect the bodily atonement
- To circumvent the curse of Jeconiah
- To vindicate the NT



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# Isaiah 53:3–6

3 He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. 6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.



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# David Reagan

"The Beginning and the Ending," online: http://christinprophecy.org/articles/the-beginning-and-the-ending/, accessed 19 April 2017, 1.

"Let me give you a classic example of spiritualization taken from the writings of a theologian by the name of Loraine Boettner. It has to do with his interpretation of Zechariah 14:1-9. That passage says that in the end times Jerusalem will be surrounded by enemy forces and will be ready to fall to them when the Lord will suddenly return to the Mount of Olives. When His feet touch the Mount, it will split down the middle. The Lord will then speak a supernatural word that will instantly destroy all the enemy forces. And on that day, the Lord will become King over all the earth. In his commentary on this passage, Boettner completely spiritualized it. **He argued that the Mount of Olives stands for the human . . .**

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**. . . heart. The enemy forces symbolize the evil in this world that surrounds and attacks the heart. The Lord's return represents what happens when a person accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior. Thus, when Jesus comes into a person's heart, their heart (the Mount of Olives) splits in contrition, and all the evil influences in the person's life are defeated, and Jesus becomes king of that person's heart.** That's what I call an exercise in imagination!"

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# Romans 16:17

"Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them."



# Titus 3:9-11

“9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. 10 Reject a **factious (*hairetikos*) man** after a first and second warning,11 knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.”



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# Jim Wallis

Mary Danielson, *The Dangerous Truth About the Social-Justice "Gospel,"* n. 21

"Abomination is a pretty strong word . . . there is a debate and questions over the meaning of the word 'abomination.'" (Referring to Leviticus 18:22; as heard on Moody Christian Radio Network, in Chicago, Feb.19, 2008, when asked about government sanctions on civil unions for gays.)



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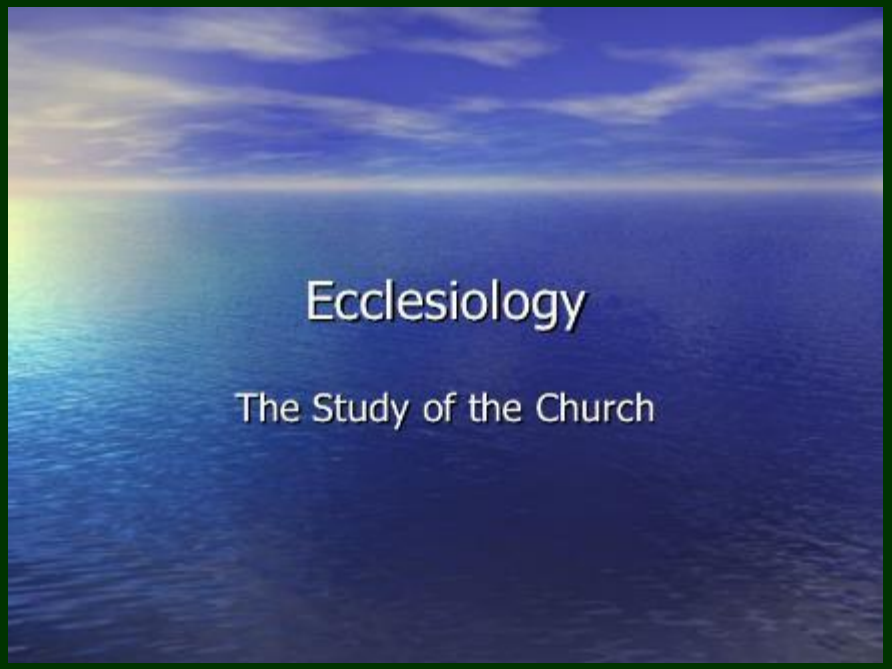
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B. Biblical basis for separation

C. What to separate from?



# Purity of the Church

- Ecclesiastical separation
- **Church discipline**

