Ecclesiology

Session 41



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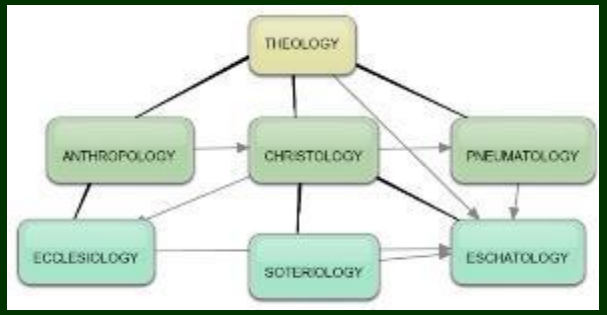
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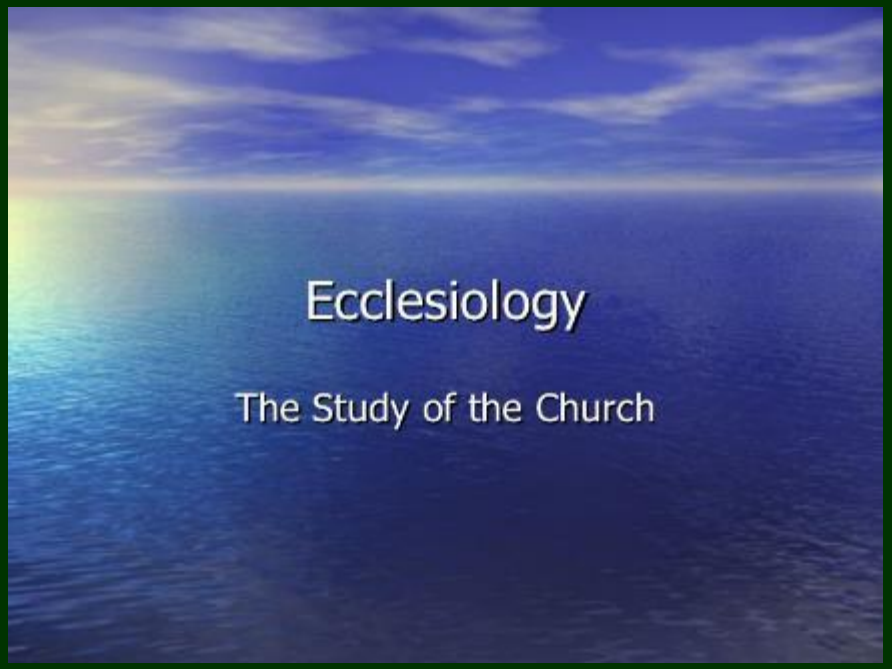


- Prolegomena – Introduction
- Theology – Study of God
- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology – Study of Man
- Hamartiology – Study of sin
- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- Angelology – Study of angels
- **Ecclesiology – Study of the Church**
- Eschatology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



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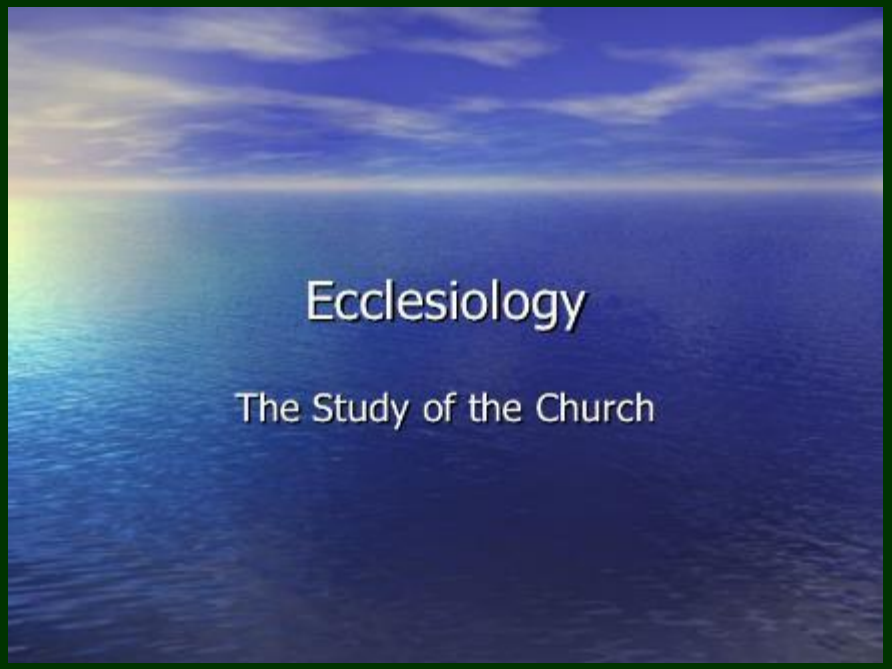


Activities of the Local Church
(Acts 2:41-47)

1. Doctrine (Acts 2:42)
2. Ordinances (Acts 2:41-42, 46)
3. Prayer (Acts 2:42)
4. Evangelism (Acts 2:47)
5. Worship (Acts 2:47)
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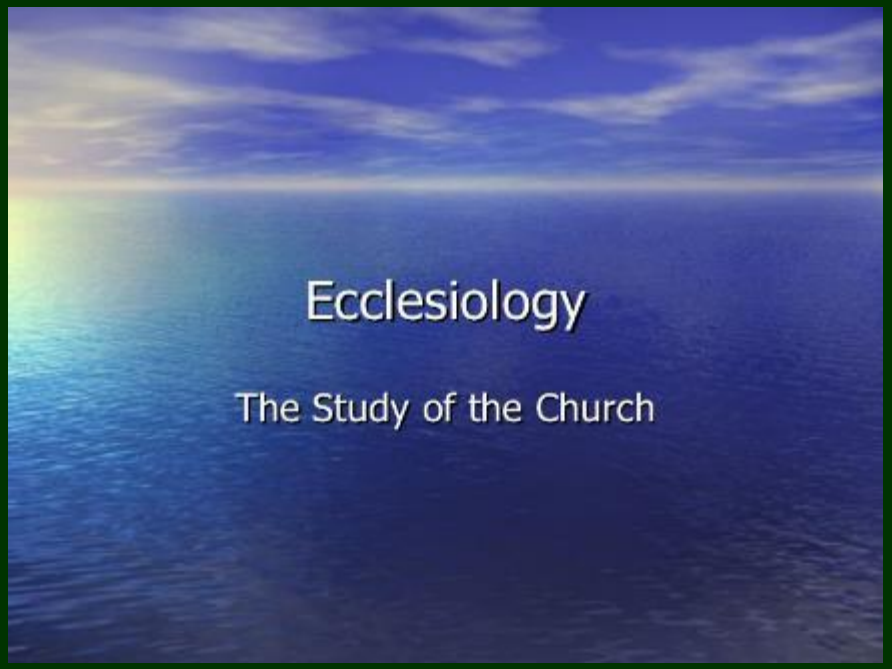
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- Mental qualifications
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- Domestic qualifications
- Christian experience qualifications
- Reputation qualifications
- Knowledge qualifications

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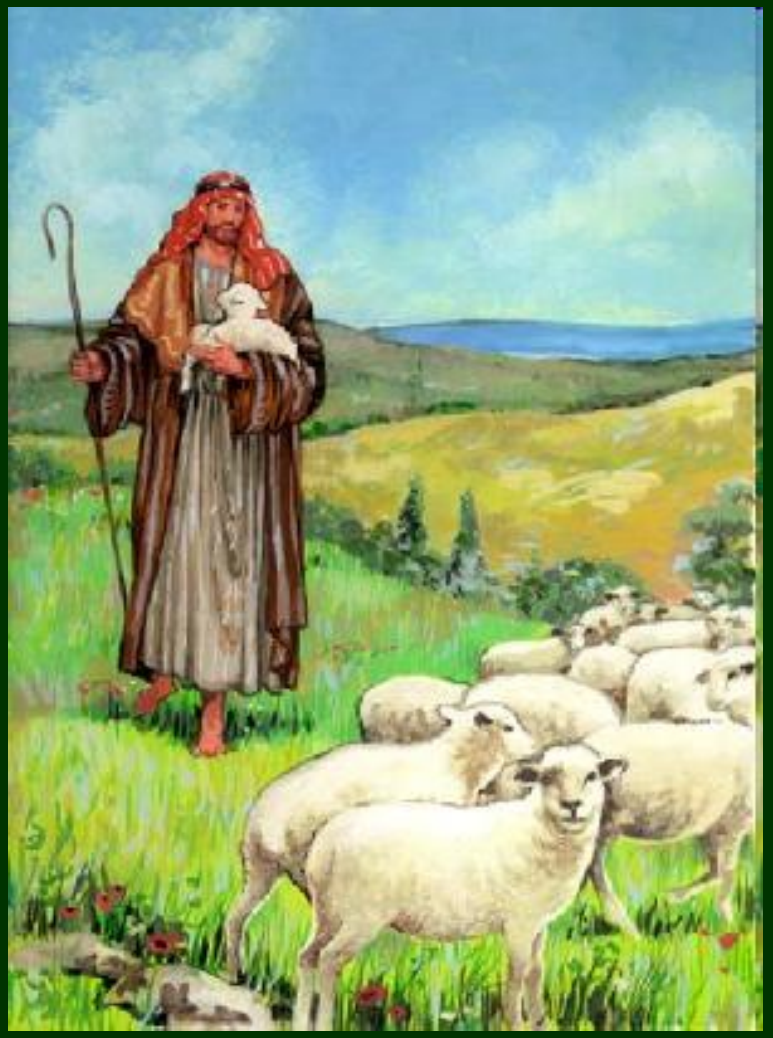
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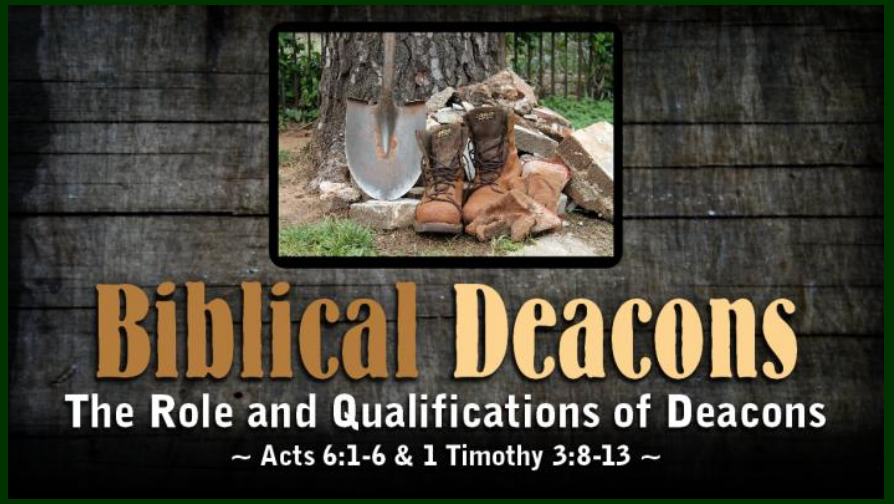
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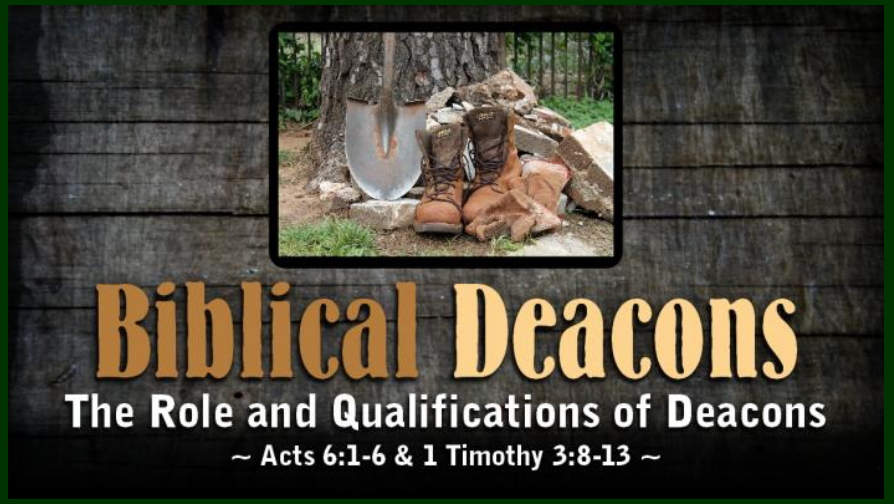
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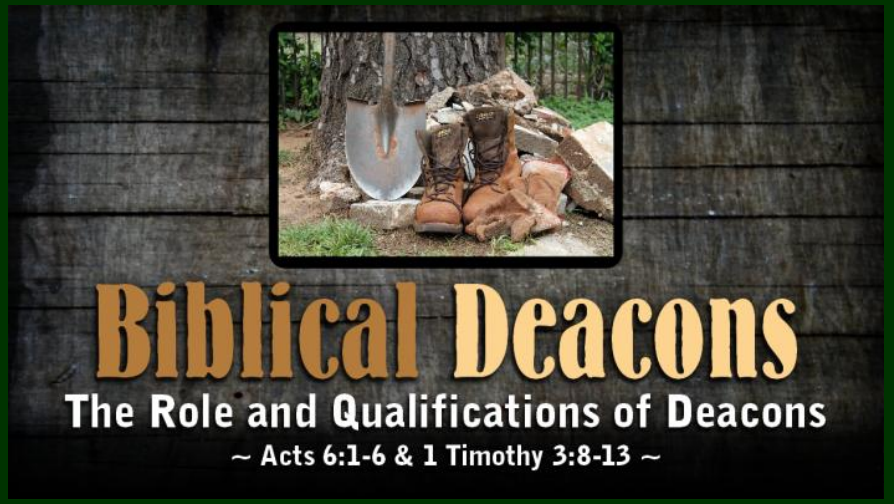
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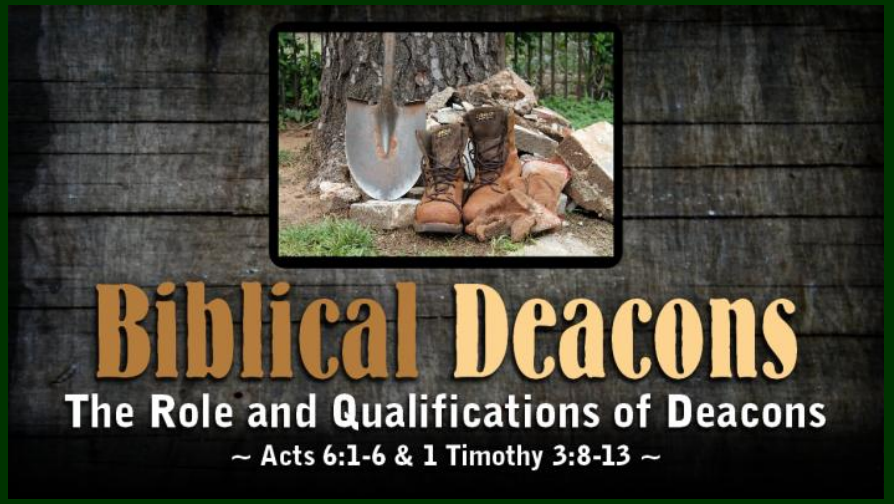
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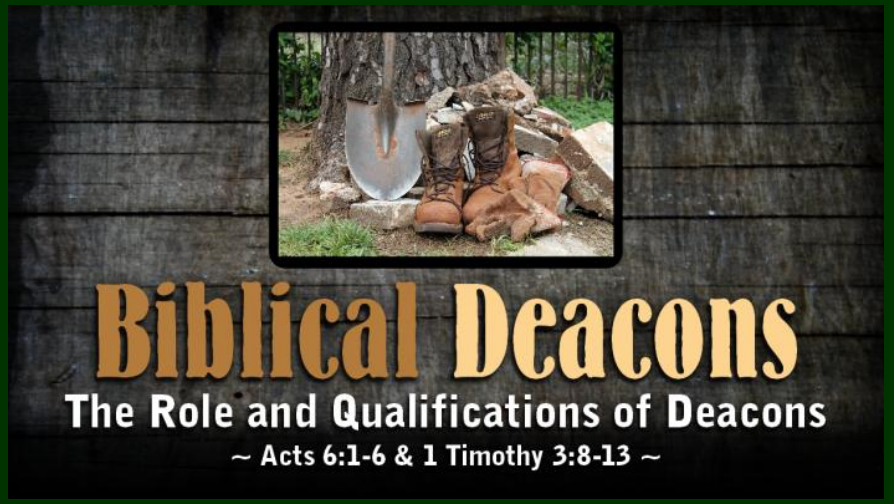
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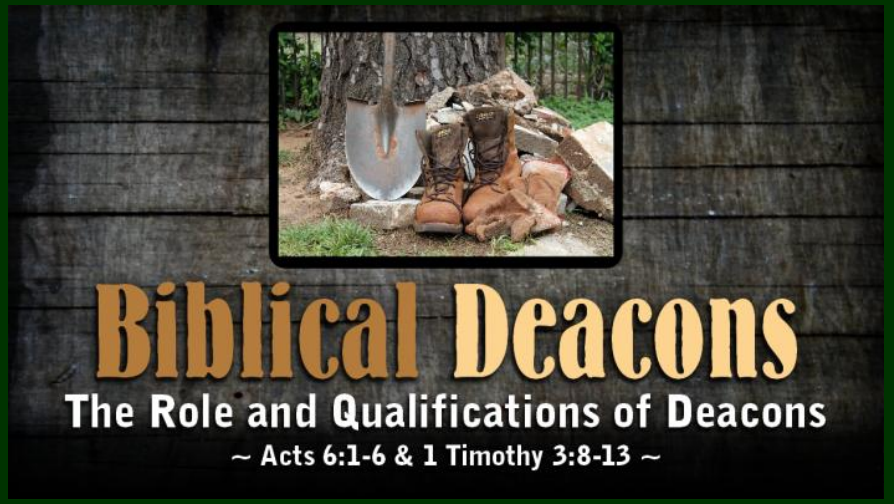
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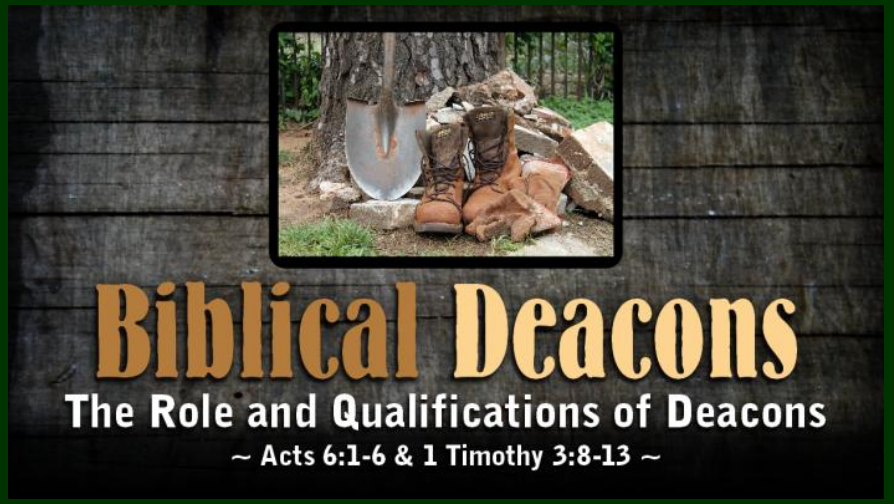
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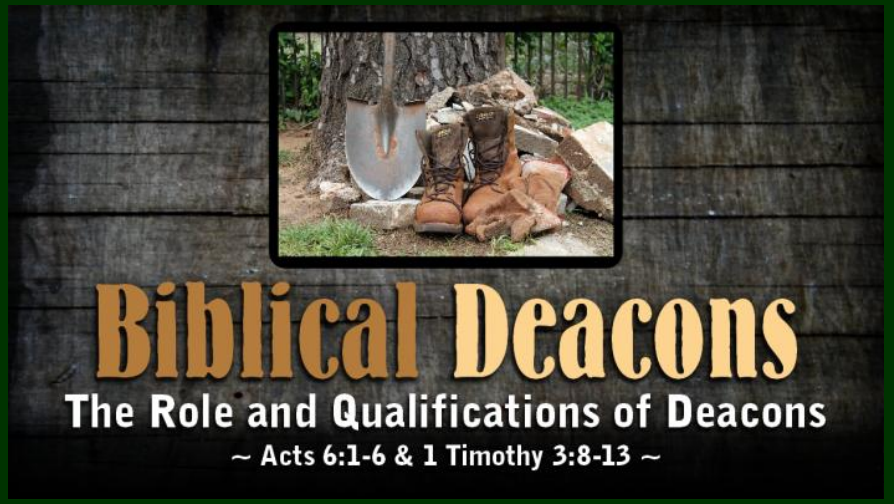
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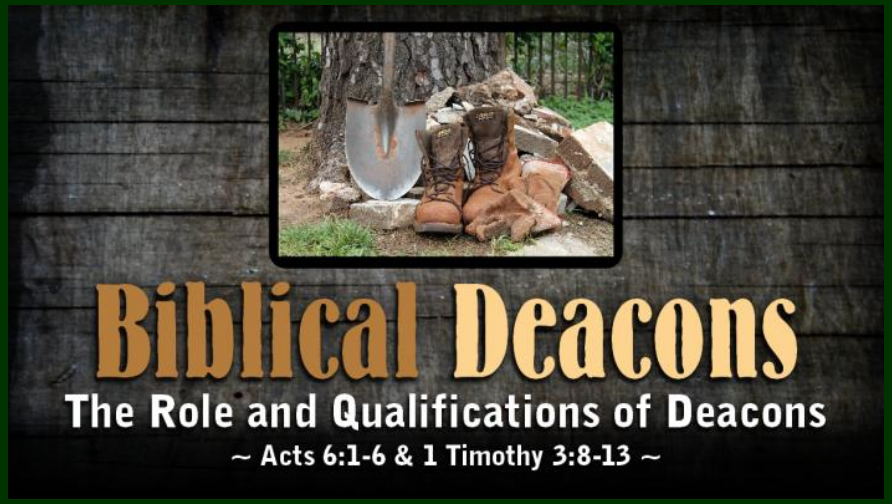
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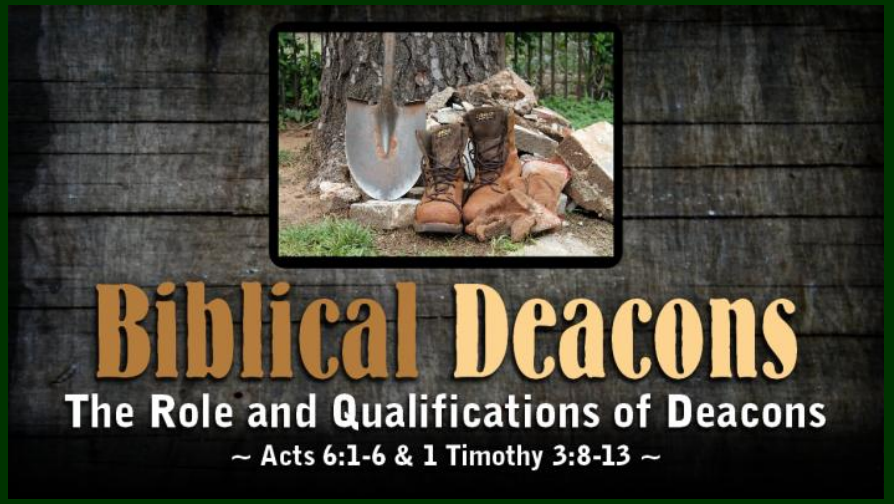
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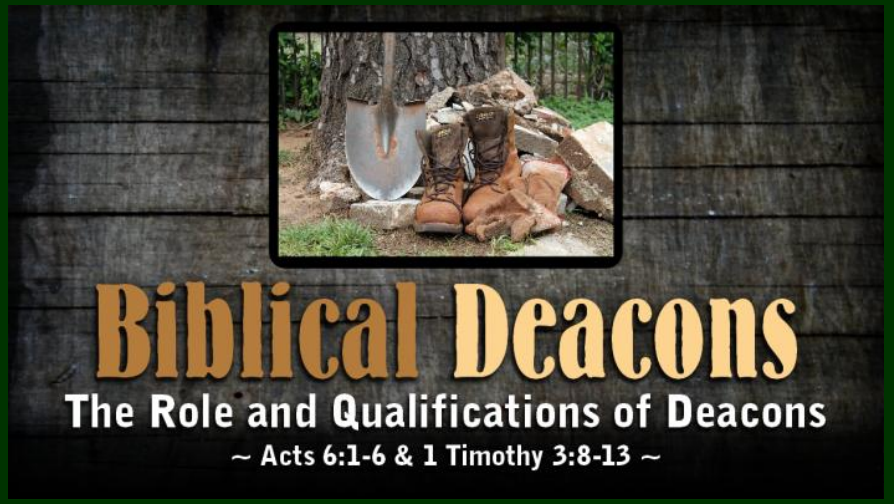
The Bible's Many Raptures

- Enoch (Gen 5)
- Elijah (2 Kings 2)
- Christ (Acts 1:11; **Rev 12:5**)
- **Philip (Acts 8:39)**
- **Paul (2 Cor 12:2, 4)**
- John (Rev 4:1-2)
- Two witnesses (Rev 11)



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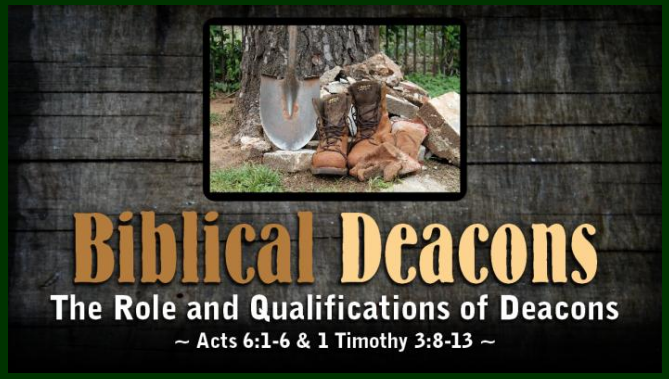
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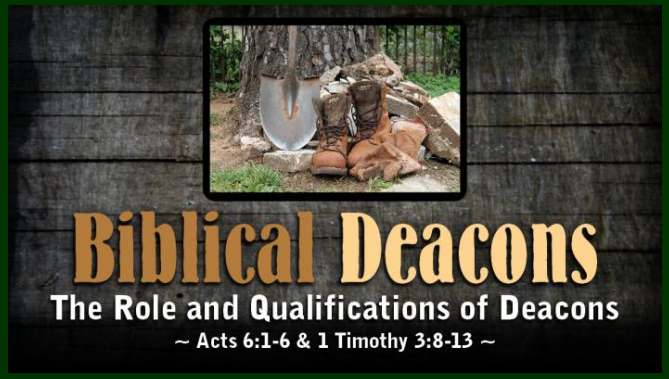
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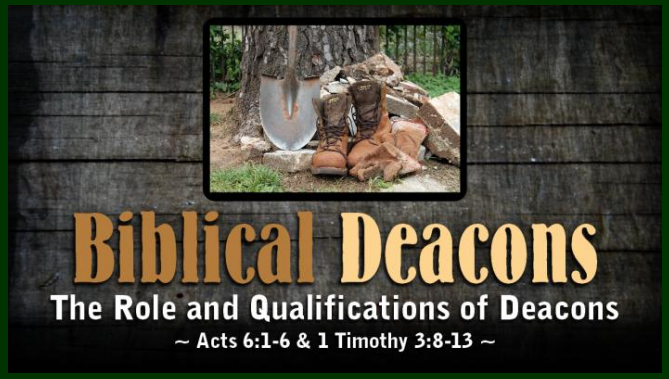
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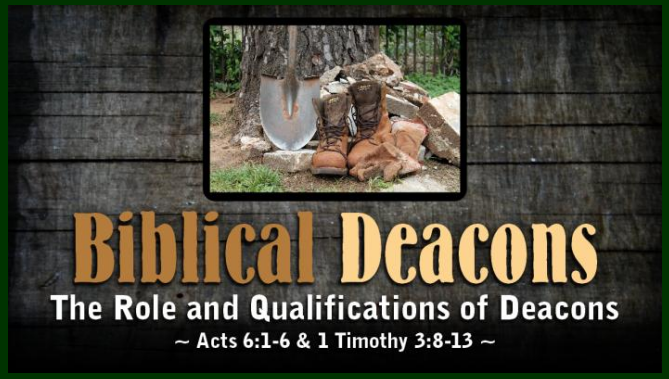
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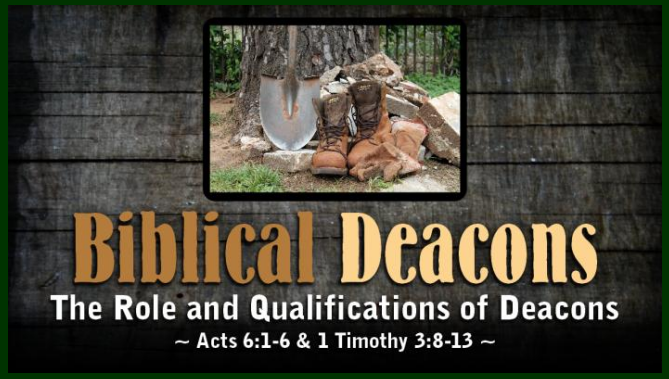
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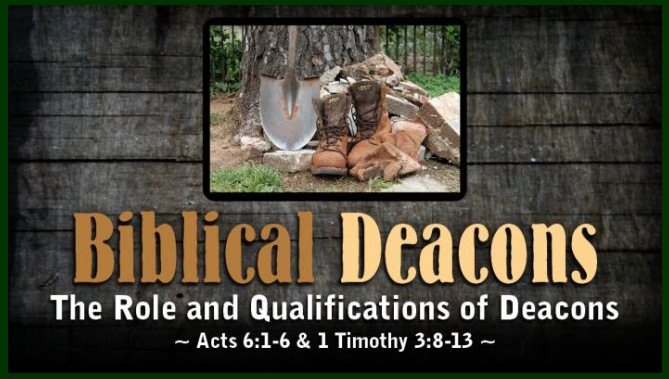
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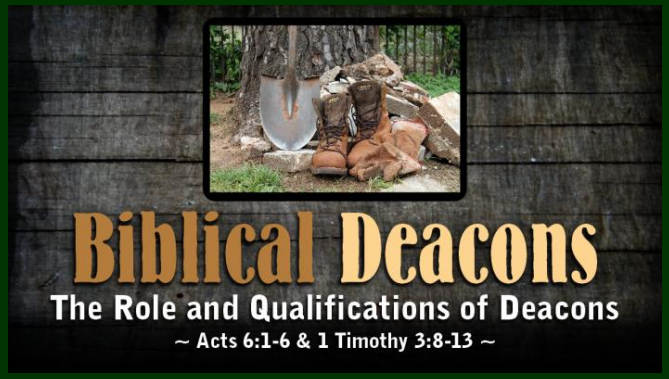
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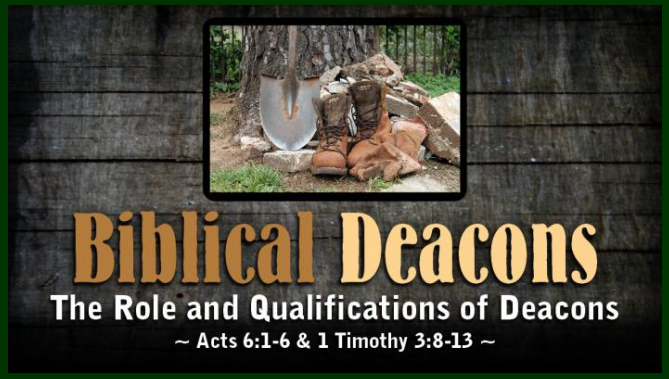
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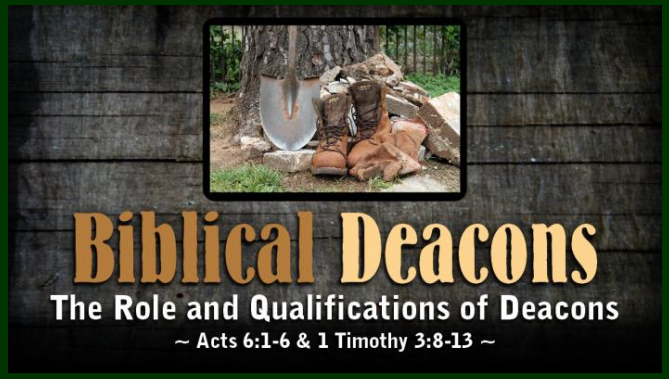
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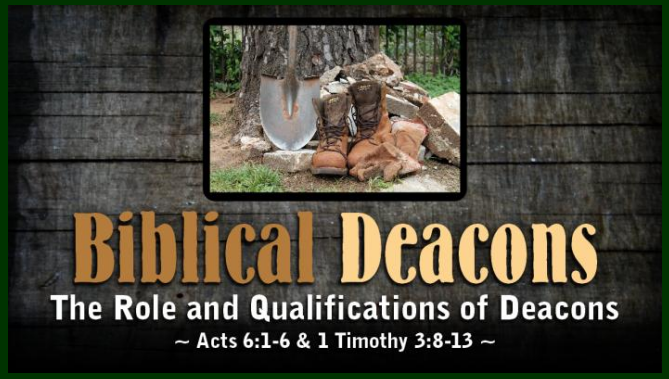
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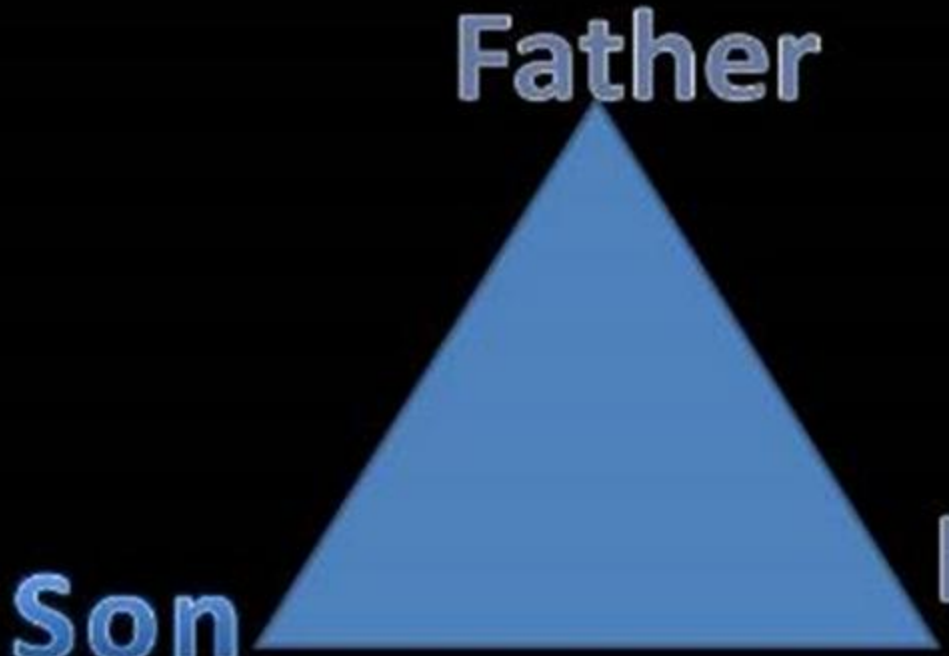
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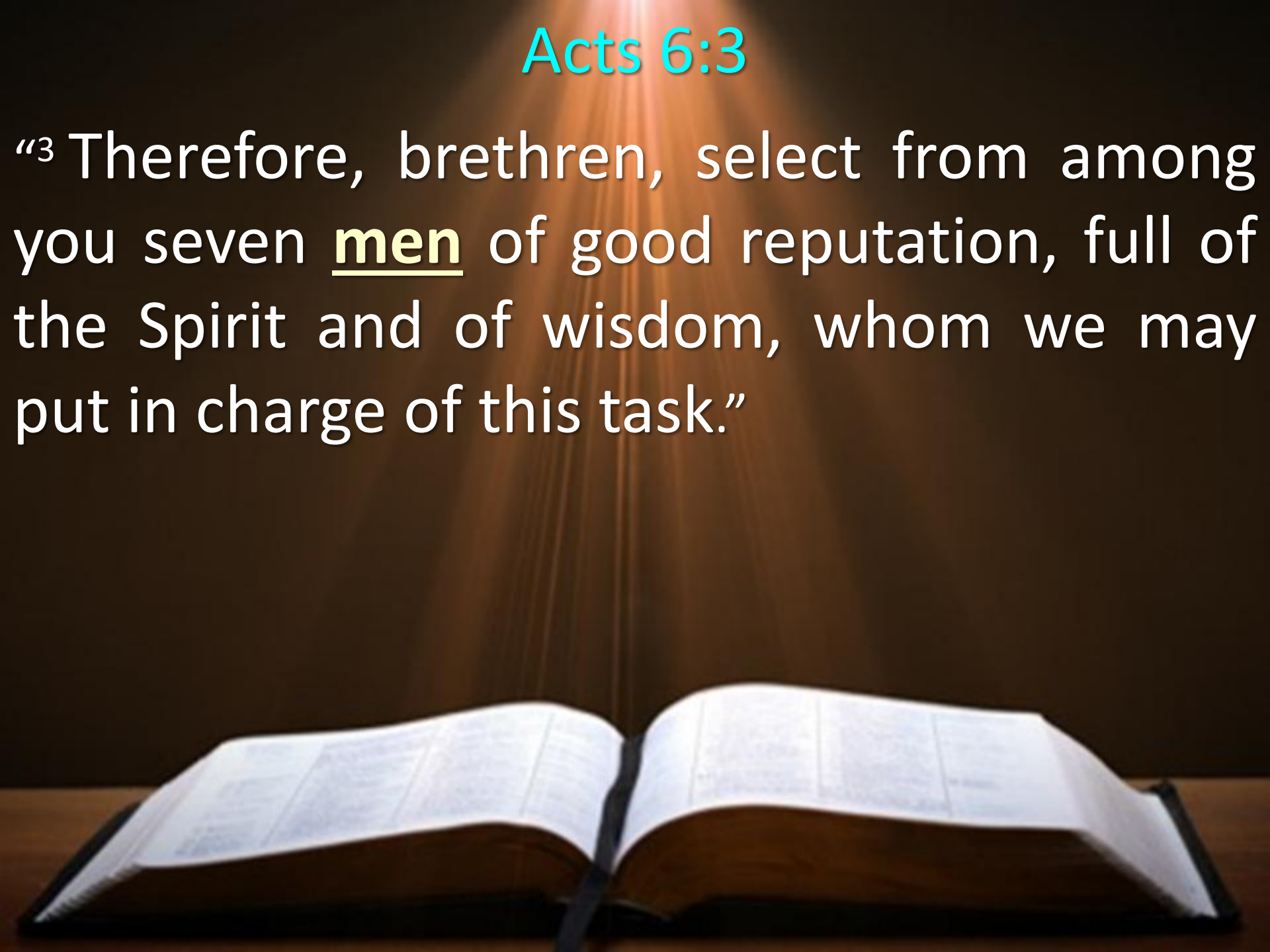
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