Ecclesiology

Session 7



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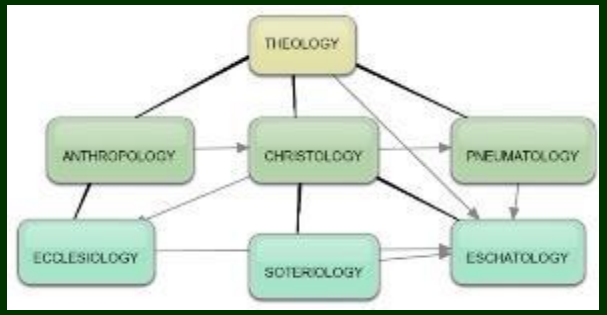
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Areas of Systematic Theology

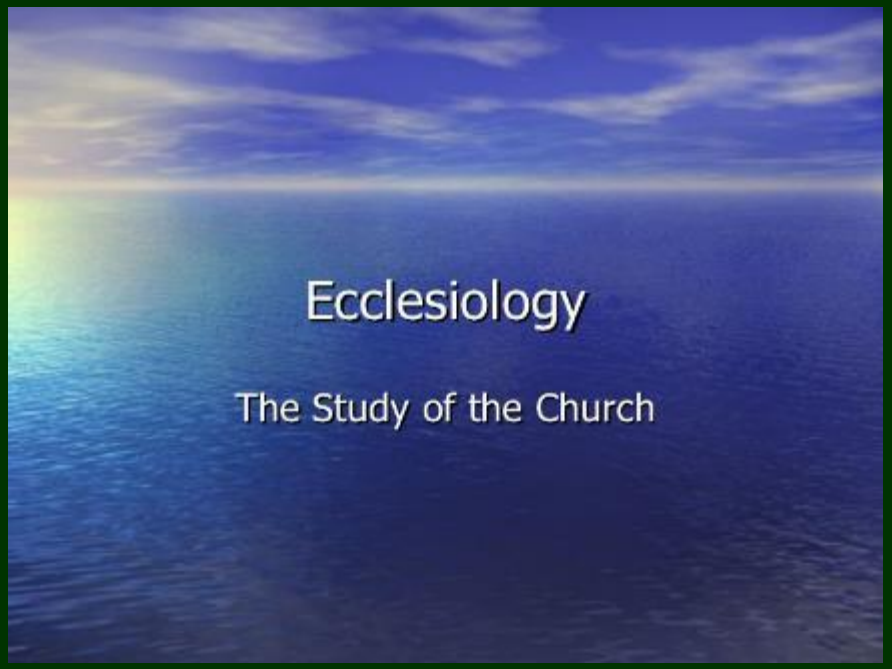


- Prolegomena – Introduction
- Theology – Study of God
- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology – Study of Man
- Hamartiology – Study of sin
- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- Angelology – Study of angels
- **Ecclesiology – Study of the Church**
- Eschatology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



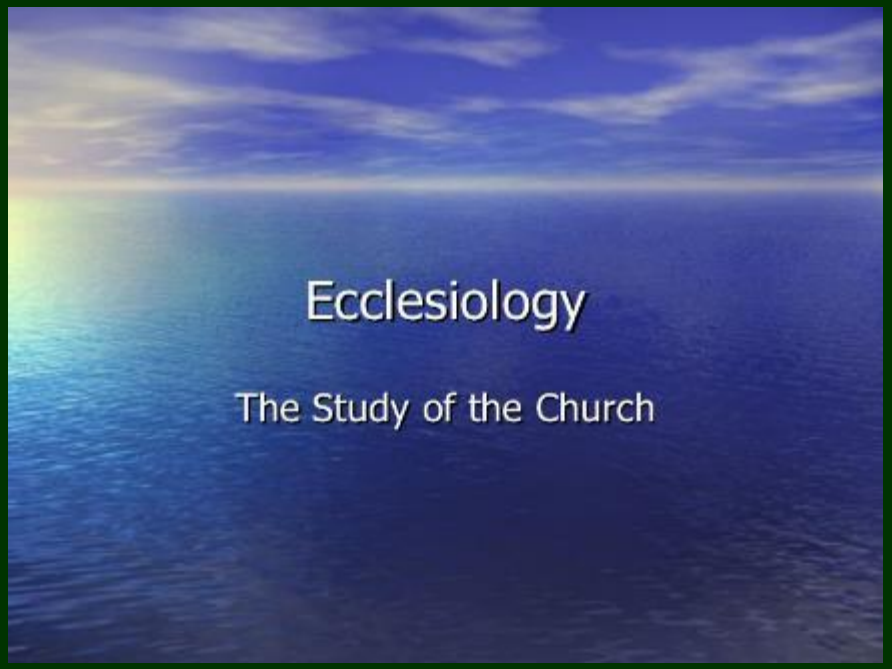
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Definition of Ecclesiology

- Ekklēsía (ἐκκλησία)
- ĕk (ἐκ) / kaleo (καλέω)
- Acts 15:14
- Logos
- 1 Cor 10:32

The Definition of the Church

a. All (both Jew & Gentile) who have trusted in the very Messiah rejected by first-century national Israel (Gal. 3:28; Rom. 10:19; Eph. 2:14)

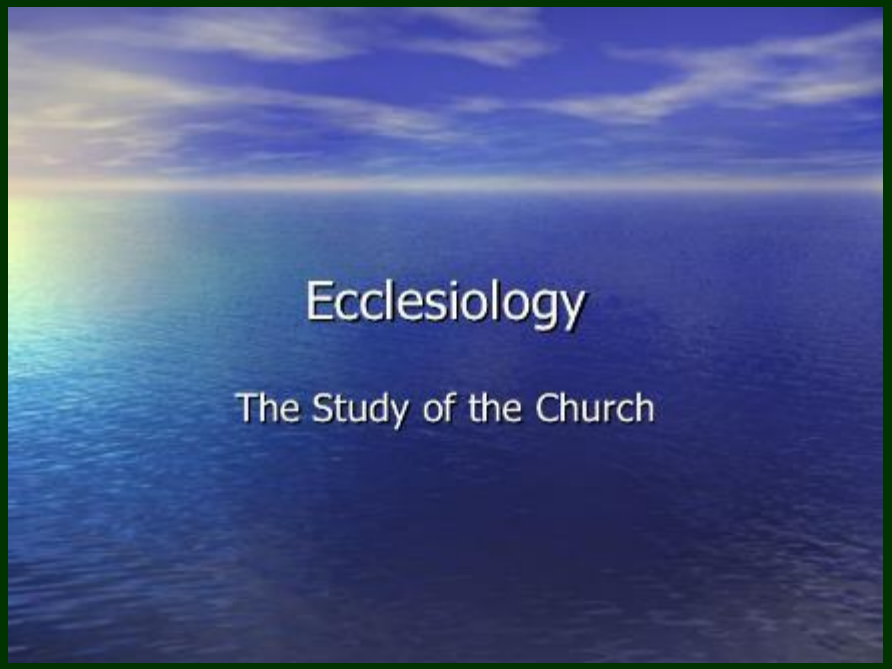
b. Intercalation

c. Does not fulfill Israel's purposes



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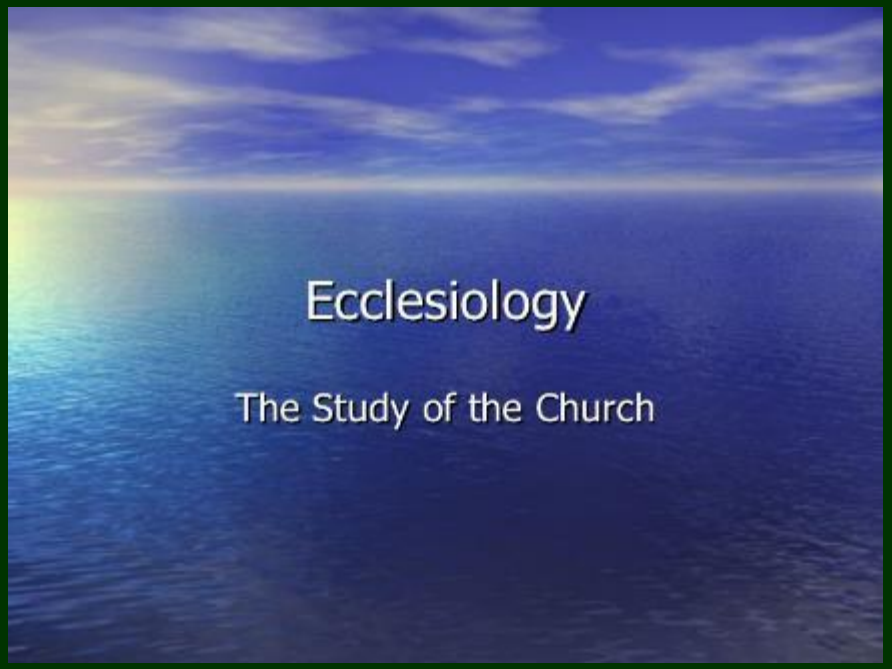


The Universal vs. Local Church

	Universal	Local
Number	One	Many
Members	All believers from Pentecost to the Rapture	Local gathering
Spiritual status	Believers only	Believers and unbelievers
Living or dead	Living and dead	Living only
Assembly	Cannot assemble at one place and time	Can assemble at one place and time
Visibility	Invisible	Visible
NT Material	Minority	Majority
Joining	Faith alone	Unique requirements
Denomination	All believers	Specific denomination

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Systematic Theology, 1:111.



"The **Upper Room Discourse**, in which the above passage is found, **is the seed-plot of that form of doctrine which is later developed in the Epistles**. It is not strange, therefore, that the Apostle Paul takes up this great theme for further elucidation."



Seed Truths (John 13–17)

1. believers' oneness in Christ (John 17:20-23; Eph 2:11-22)
2. Spirit's permanent residence in the believer (John 14:16; Eph 4:30)
3. believer's union with Christ (John 14:20; Gal 2:20; Rom 6:1-14)
4. believer's opposition to the world (John 15:18-19; Jas 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17)
5. necessity of believer to stay in fellowship with Christ (John 13:10; 15:1-17; 1 John 1:5-7, 9)



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6. abiding in Christ as a prerequisite for fruit bearing (John 15:1-7; Philip 4:13)
7. believer's election (John 15:16; Eph 1:4)
8. Christ as the ultimate model of sacrificial living and service (John 13:1-20; Philip 2:5-11)
9. necessity of divine discipline in the believer's life (John 15:2; Heb 12:5-11)
10. Satan as the god of this age (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2)



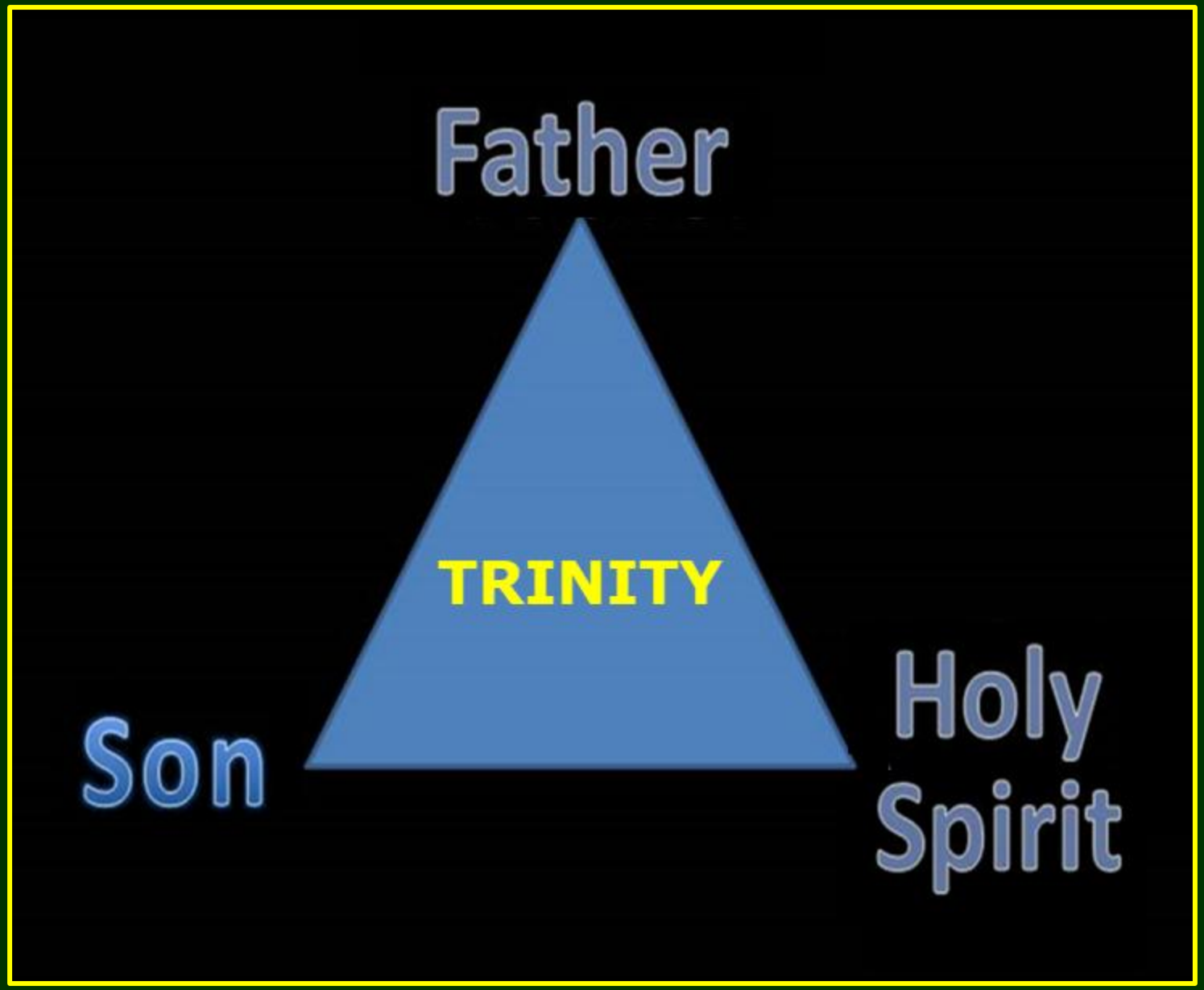
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11. defeat of Satan at the cross (John 12:31; 16:11; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14)
12. Spirit as the inspirer of all Scripture (John 14:26; 16:13; 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:20-21)
13. the Spirit as the illuminator of all Scripture (John 14:26; 16:13; 1 Cor 2:14; 1 John 2:20, 27)
14. Christ's provision of peace in the midst of adversity (John 14:27; Philip 4:7)
15. necessity of the Sprit's convicting ministry as a prerequisite for salvation (John 16:7-11; 1 Cor 2:14; 2 Cor 4:4)



Seed Truths (John 13–17)

16. normalcy of tribulations in the present age (John 16:33; Jas 1:2-4)
17. believer as the ultimate over comer (John 16:33; 1 John 4:4; 5:4-5)
18. Christ's present session at the Father's right hand (John 14:12-14; 17:5; Heb 7:3b, 25)
19. power of prayer (John 14:12-14; Eph 6:18-20; Jas 5:16)
20. inerrancy of Scripture (John 17:20; 2 Tim 3:16)
21. disclosure of Eschatology (John 16:13; 2 Thess 2:1-12)


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TRINITY
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