Ecclesiology

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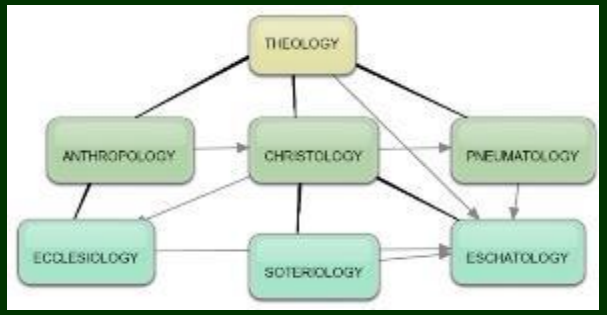
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Areas of Systematic Theology

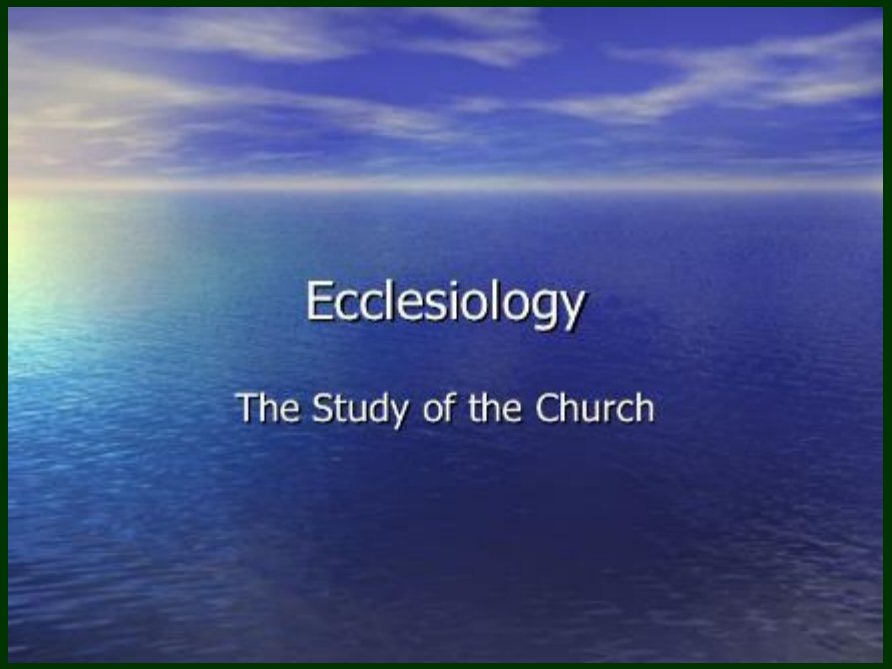


- Prolegomena – Introduction
- Theology – Study of God
- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology – Study of Man
- Hamartiology – Study of sin
- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- Angelology – Study of angels
- **Ecclesiology – Study of the Church**
- Eschatology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



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A. Foot Washing?

1. Scriptural support: John 13:5-7, 12-15
2. Not mandatory:
    a. Epistles?
    b. Example: John 13:15
    c. Take some time to grasp: John 13:6-7



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Transubstantiation



- Roman Catholic View
- Problems
  - Christ's 1x sacrifice – Heb. 10:10, 14
  - Christ's metaphorical language – Luke 22:19
  - Lack of scriptural support – John 6:53-58

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Emir Caner, "Balthsar Hubmaier and His Theological Participation in the Reformation: Ecclesiology and Soteriology," *Faith and Mission* 21, no. 1 (2003): 42.



Caner explains, “Luther denied the doctrine of Transubstantiation, rejecting any molecular change of the elements. **Consubstantiation**, a term never employed by Luther, is used to explain his view that **the body and blood are present ‘in, with, and under’ the bread and wine**.” (the real presence view).

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Emergent Church Worship

"Post-moderns prefer to encounter Christ by using all their senses. That's part of the appeal of classical liturgical or contemplative worship: the incense and candles, making the sign of the cross, the taste and smell of the bread and wine, touching icons and being anointed with oil."

Julie B. Sevig, *The Lutheran*, 9/2001.





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The Emerging Church, 121

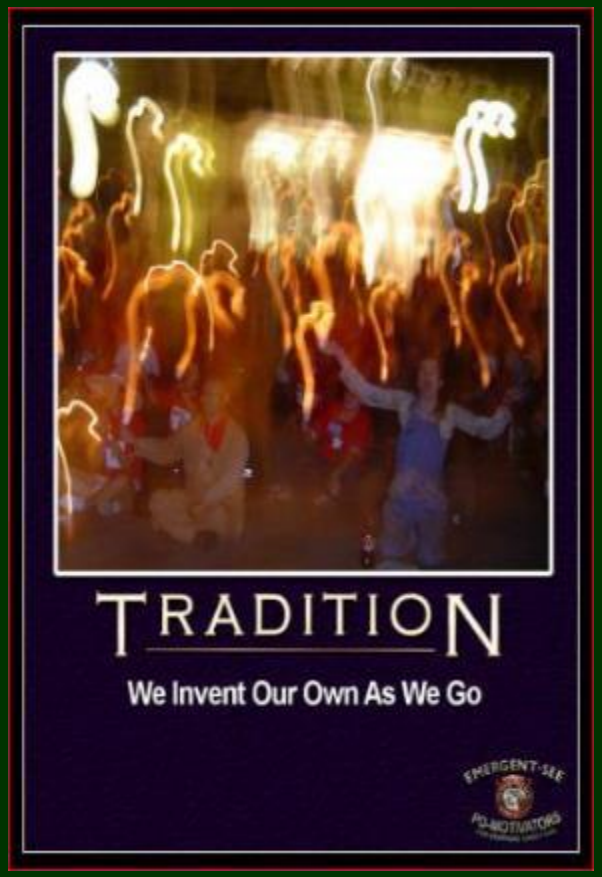
"Modern thinkers want things very orderly and systematic because they learn in a logical and progressive manner. They prefer, generally, to sit and listen. Emerging post-Christian generations, on the other hand, long to ***experience*** a transcendent God during a worship gathering ***rather than simply learn about him***." (Italics added)



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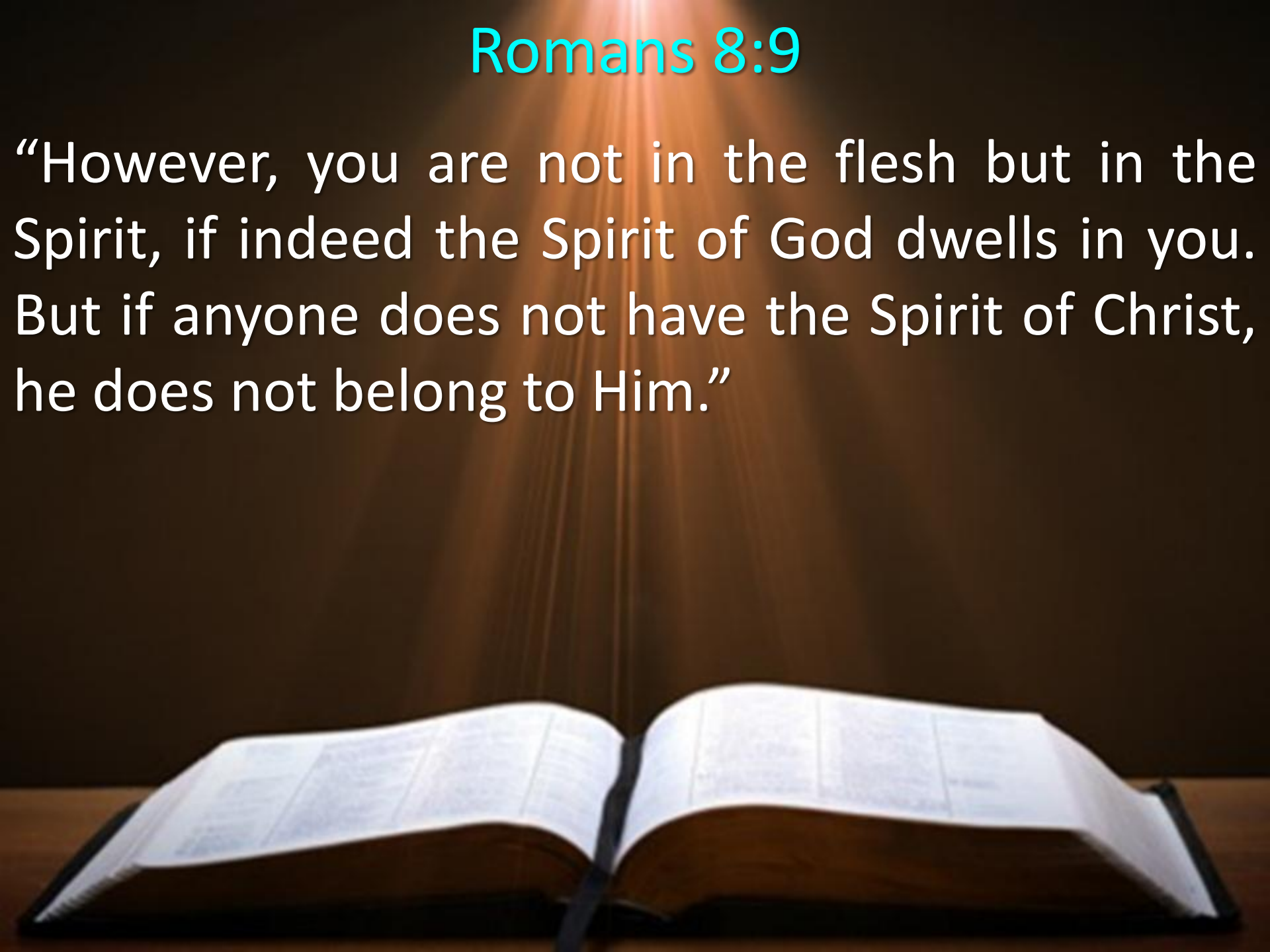
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Romans 8:9

“However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.”



Matthew 18:20

“15 If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. 16 But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. 20 **For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst**.”



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“And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in **remembrance** of Me.’ [20]And in the same way *He took* the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.’”



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- Christ's past sacrifice (John 19:30)
- Present union with Christ (Rom. 6:3)
- Present union with all believers (1 Cor. 12:13)
- Christ's promise to return (1 Cor. 11:26)
- The basic facts of the Gospel (1 Cor. 11:24-25)



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Baptismal Regeneration?

- Salvation is not by works (Eph. 2:8-9)
- Thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-43)
- Paul's personal de-emphasis on baptism (1 Cor. 1:13-17)





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Alister E. McGrath, *Reformation Thought: An Introduction* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995), 179.



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What Baptism Symbolizes

- Obedience to Christ's command (Matt. 28:19)
- Sharing in Christ's death, burial, resurrection, and ascension (Rom. 6:3)
- Holy Spirit's baptism (1 Cor. 12:13)
- Public identification with Christ's church and message
- Personal forgiveness of sins



Miscellaneous Truths About Baptism

- For believers only
- Contributes nothing to justification
- Performed in public
- Contributes to sanctification (1 Pet. 3:20-21)





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Sprinkling or Immersion?

- Sprinkling? Other words (1 Pet. 1:12; 2 Tim. 4:6)
- Immersion?
  - Christ’s baptism (Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:10)
  - Ethiopian eunuch's baptism (Acts 8:38-39)
  - Best symbolizes our union with Christ (Rom. 6:3)





Conclusion

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