

Ecclesiology

Session 1



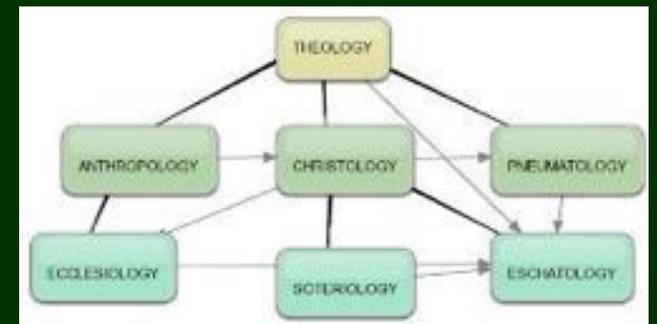
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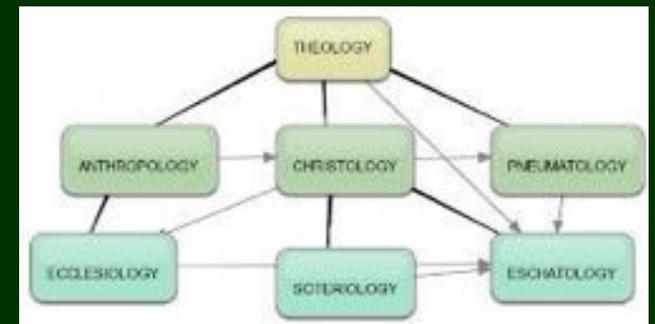
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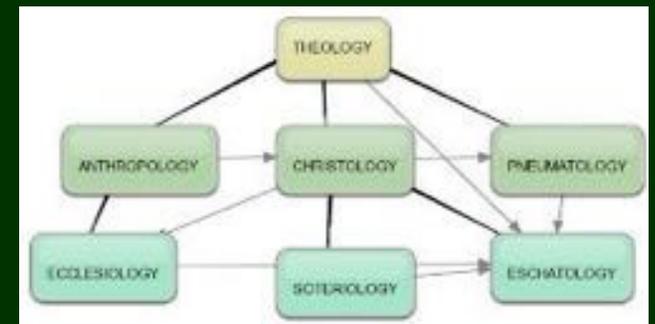
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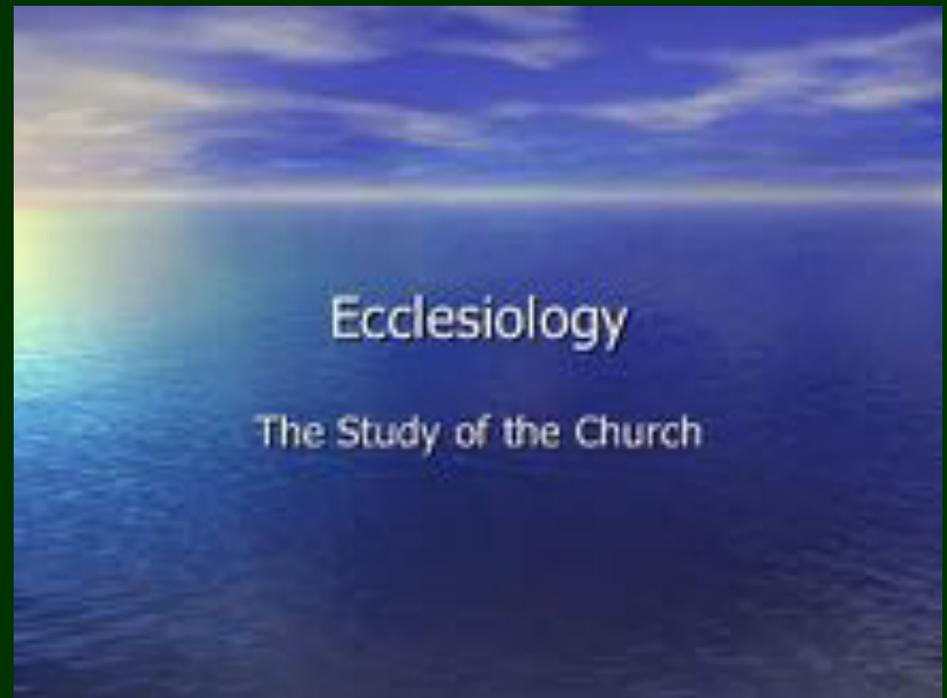
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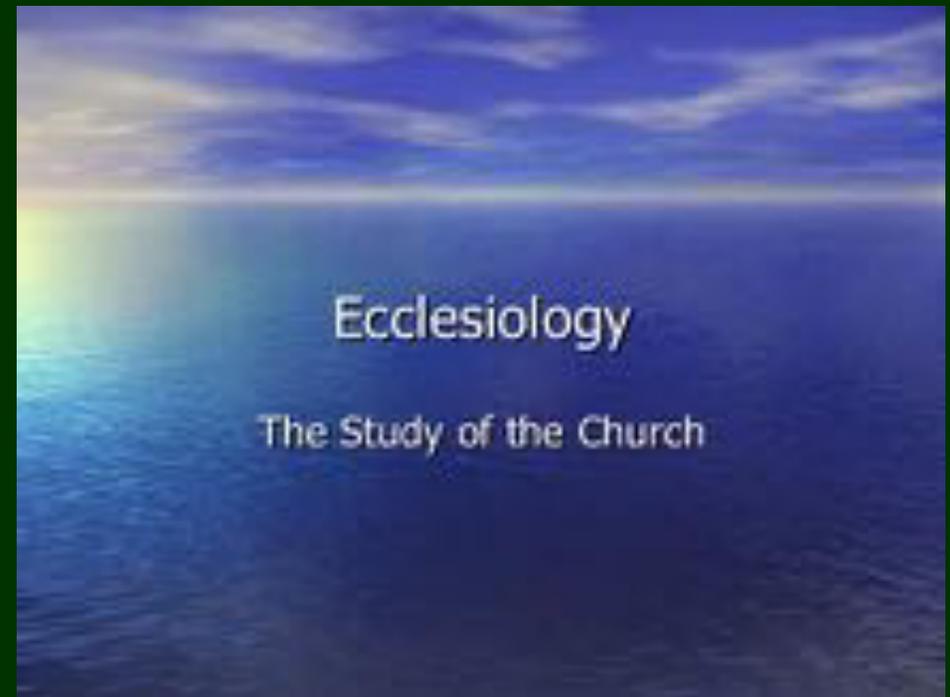
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Acts 15:14 (NASB)

“Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name.”



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Genesis 3:15 (NASB)

“And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”



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1 Timothy 2:5 (NASB)

“For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus.”



Matthew 13:55 (NASB)

“Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?”



Luke 1:46-47 (NASB)

“And Mary said: “My soul exalts the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.”



Romans 3:23 (NASB)

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”



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Joshua 24:2-3 (NASB)

“² Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘From ancient times your fathers lived beyond the River, *namely*, Terah, the father of **Abraham and the father of Nahor, and they served other gods.**’ ³ Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him through all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac.”





1 Samuel 8:5 (NASB)

“and they said to him, ‘Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations.’”



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Jeremiah 7:18 (NASB)

“The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and *they* pour out drink offerings to other gods in order to spite Me.”



Jeremiah 44:17 (NASB)

“But rather we will certainly carry out every word that has proceeded from our mouths, by burning sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, just as we ourselves, our forefathers, our kings and our princes did in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; for *then* we had plenty of food and were well off and saw no misfortune.”



Ezekiel 8:14-15 (NASB)

“Then He brought me to the entrance of the gate of the LORD’s house which *was* toward the north; and behold, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.¹⁵ He said to me, “Do you see *this*, son of man? Yet you will see still greater abominations than these.”



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Ephesians 3:11 (NASB)

This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord.”



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)

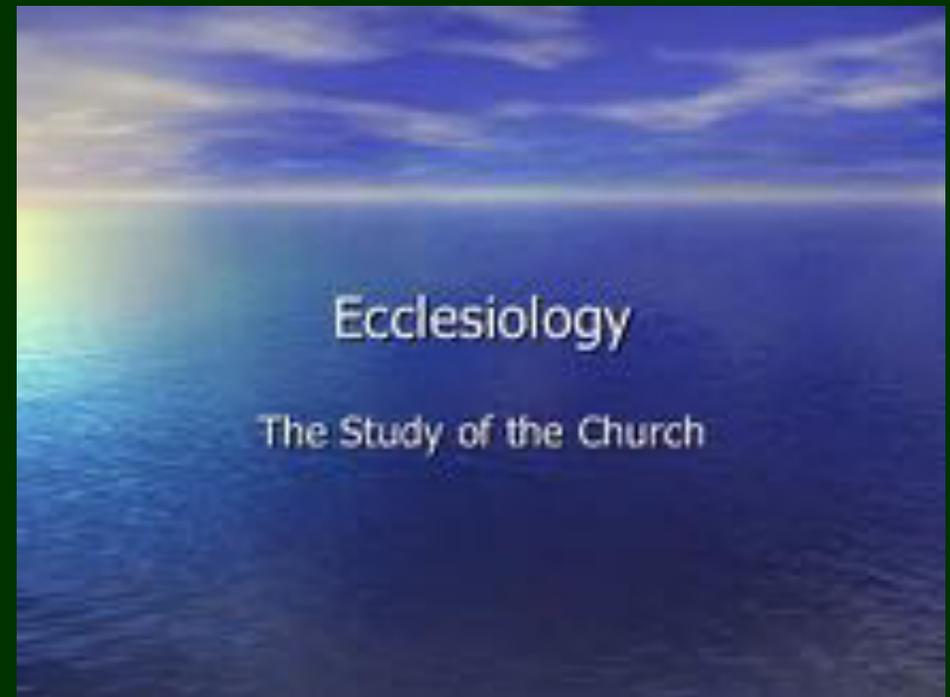
b. Intercalation

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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