

Ecclesiology

Session 39



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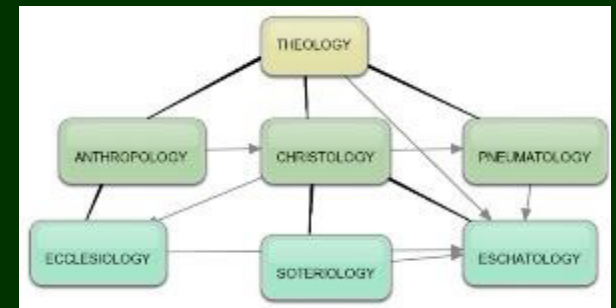
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Areas of Systematic Theology

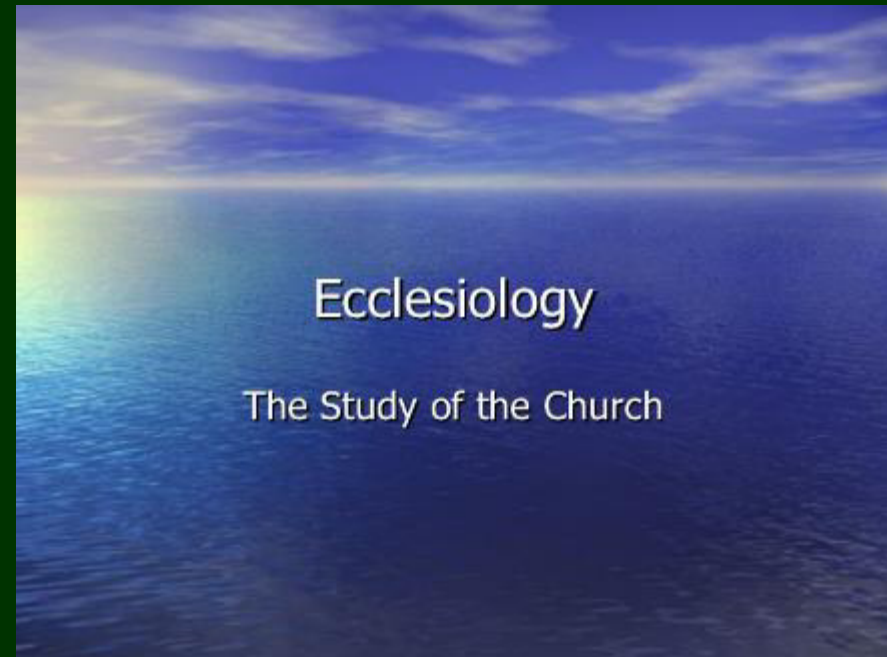
- Prolegomena – Introduction
- Theology – Study of God
- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology – Study of Man
- Hamartiology – Study of sin
- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- Angelology – Study of angels
- **Ecclesiology – Study of the Church**
- Eschatology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

Systematic Theology



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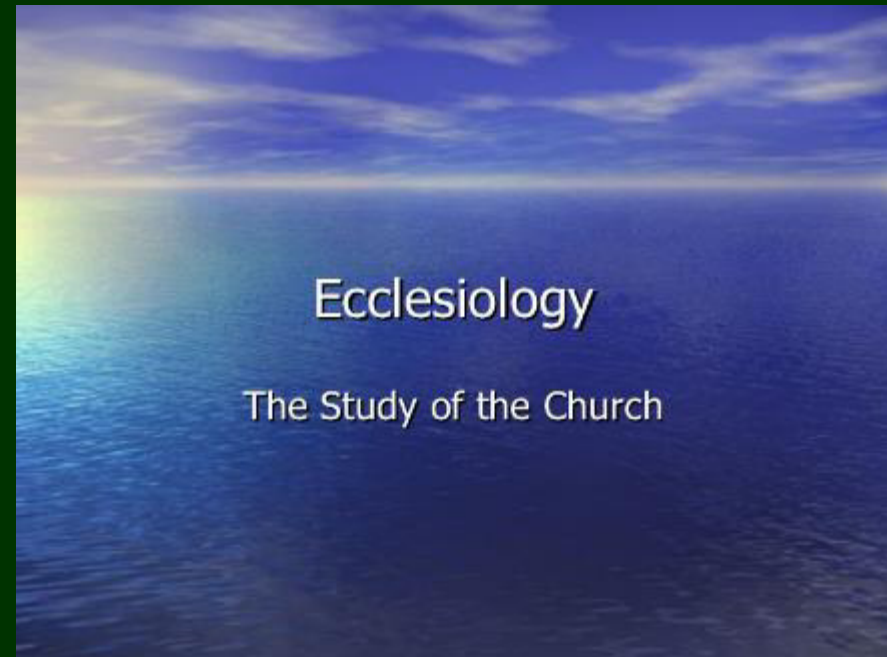
Four Questions

1. What are some general observations about spiritual gifts?
2. Are all the spiritual gifts for today?
3. What are the spiritual gifts?
4. How do we discover our own unique area of gifting?



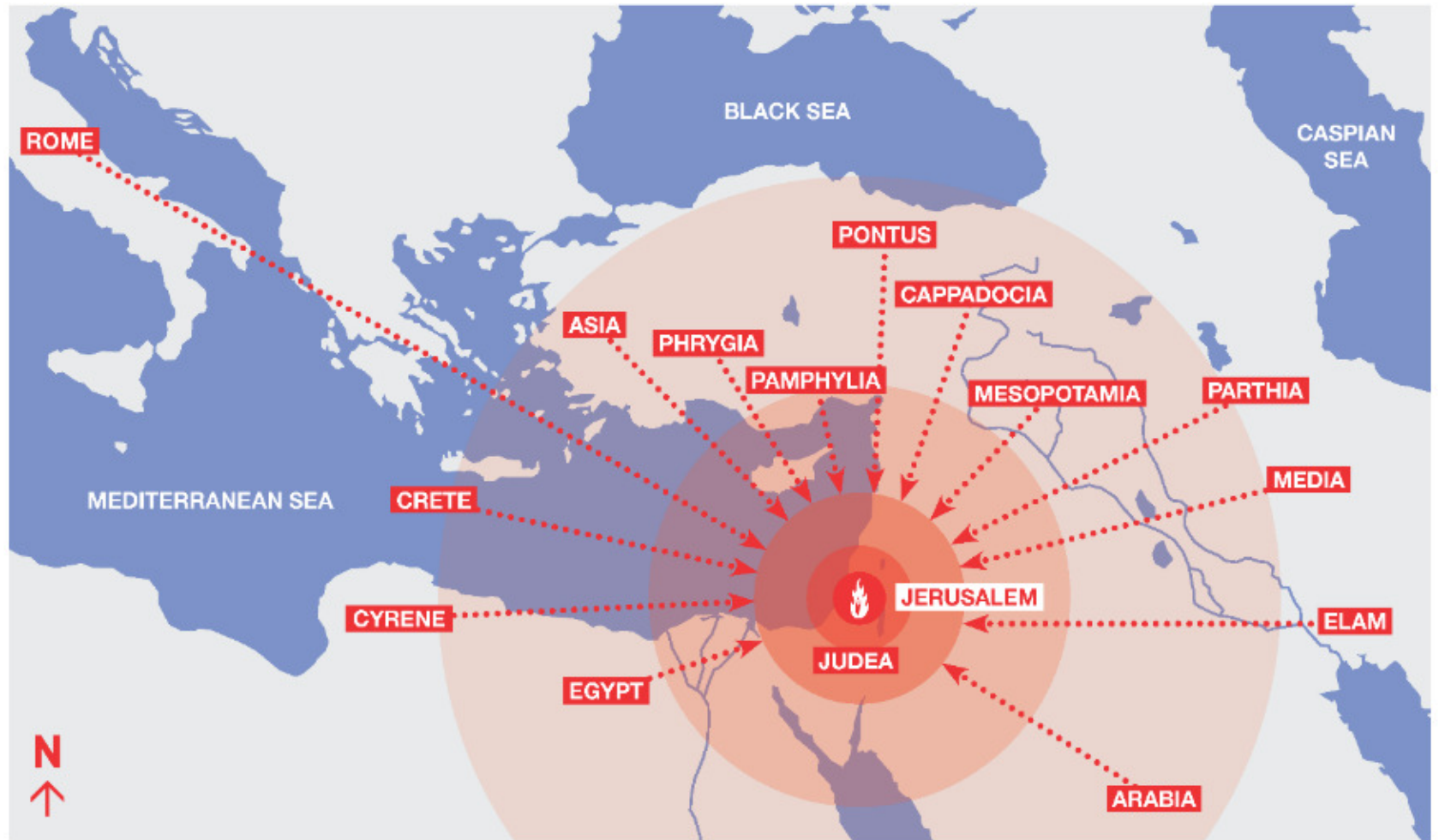
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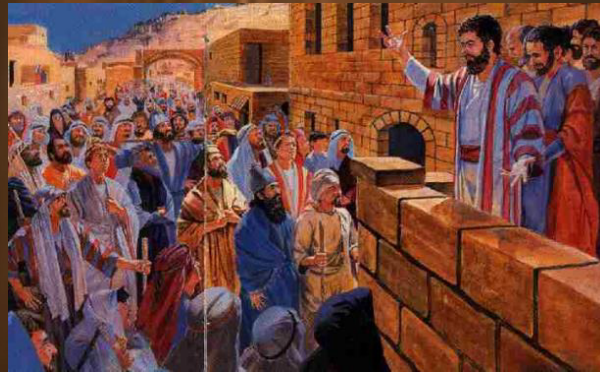
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“³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”





Emphasis of 2 Timothy

“By my count, there are twenty-seven explicit commands given in the body of this letter. In 27 words Paul tells pastors what to focus on. You have to be blind to miss the thrust of Paul's instructions here, because *eighteen* of those commands--fully *two-thirds*--have to do with the ministry of the *Word*.”

Daniel Wallace, “Crisis of the Word: A Message to Pastors or Would-be Pastors,”
Conservative Theological Journal 1, no. 2 (August 1997): 108.

Emergent Church Preaching

Doug Pagitt, cited in Oakland, 41-42.

“At Solomon’s porch, sermons are not primarily about my extracting truth from the Bible to apply to people’s lives...So our sermons are not lessons that precisely define belief so much as they are stories that welcome our hopes and ideas and participation” (Italics added).



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Dan Kimball, *The Emerging Church*, 116

“It *isn't* about clever apologetics or careful *exegetical or expository preaching*...Emerging generations are hungry to experience God in worship” (Italics added).



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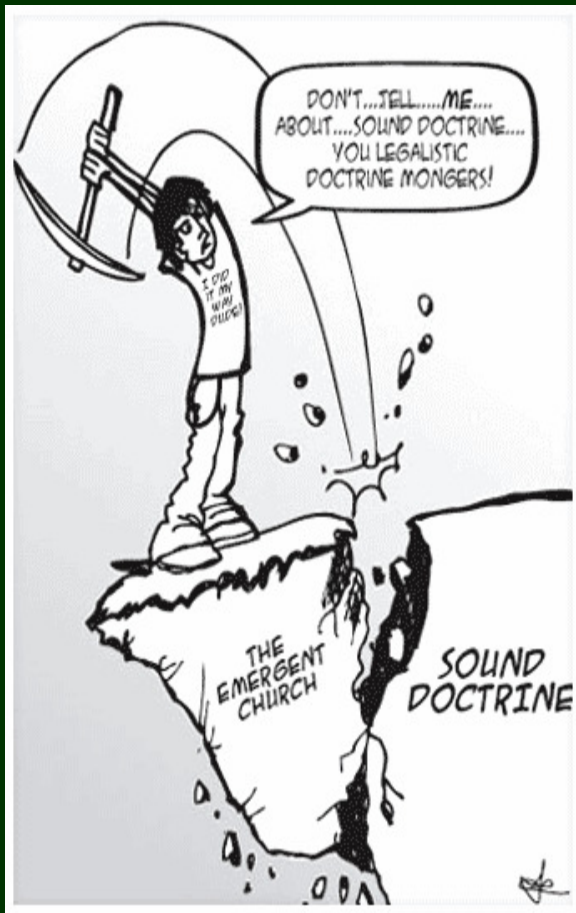
Leonard Sweet, *Soul Tsunami*, 420.

“A spiritual Tsunami has hit postmodern culture. The wave will build without breaking for decades to come. The wave is this: People want to *know* God. They want *less to know about God* ...they want new experiences, especially new experiences of the divine” (Italics added).



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Brian McLaren, *A Generous Orthodoxy*, 117-18.



“...something beyond a belief system or doctrinal array or even a practice. I mean an attitude—an attitude toward God and our neighbor and our mission that is *passionate*.”

Henry Holloman

*“Prolegomena, Bibliology, and Theology (Part 1)”**

- “Don’t give me doctrine, just give me Jesus.”
- “What really matters is Christ not creed.”
- “Devotion is important and not doctrine.”
- “What counts is our behavior, and not our beliefs.”



* Most of these slogans were originally accumulated in Henry Holloman, “Prolegomena, Bibliology, and Theology (Part 1)” (unpublished class notes in TTH511 Theology I, Talbot Theological Seminary, Spring 1998), 9.

Rick Warren

Purpose Driven Life 34, 124, 183



- “God won’t ask you about your religious background or doctrinal views.”
- “Jesus said our *love for each other* - not our doctrinal beliefs - is our greatest witness to the world.”
- “Today many assume that spiritual maturity is measured by the amount of biblical information and doctrine you know.”

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Purpose Driven Life 186, 231;
Purpose Driven Church 300



- “The Bible is far *more than a doctrinal guidebook.*”
- “The *last thing* many believers need today is to go to another *Bible study.* They already know far more than they are putting into practice.”
- “My pastor has been in Daniel’s seventy weeks longer than Daniel was!”

"We don't teach from books of the Bible because it gets in the way of evangelism. We don't offer different kinds of Bible studies because it gets in the way of evangelism. We don't teach doctrine because it gets in the way of evangelism. If you want to be fed God's word or have the Bible explained to you, then you are a fat, lazy Christian, and you need to shut up and get to work, or you need to leave this church, because we ONLY do evangelism." (Pastor Steven Furtick)



Steven Furtick



Pastor

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Matthew 16:18

I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build [oikodomeō] My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.











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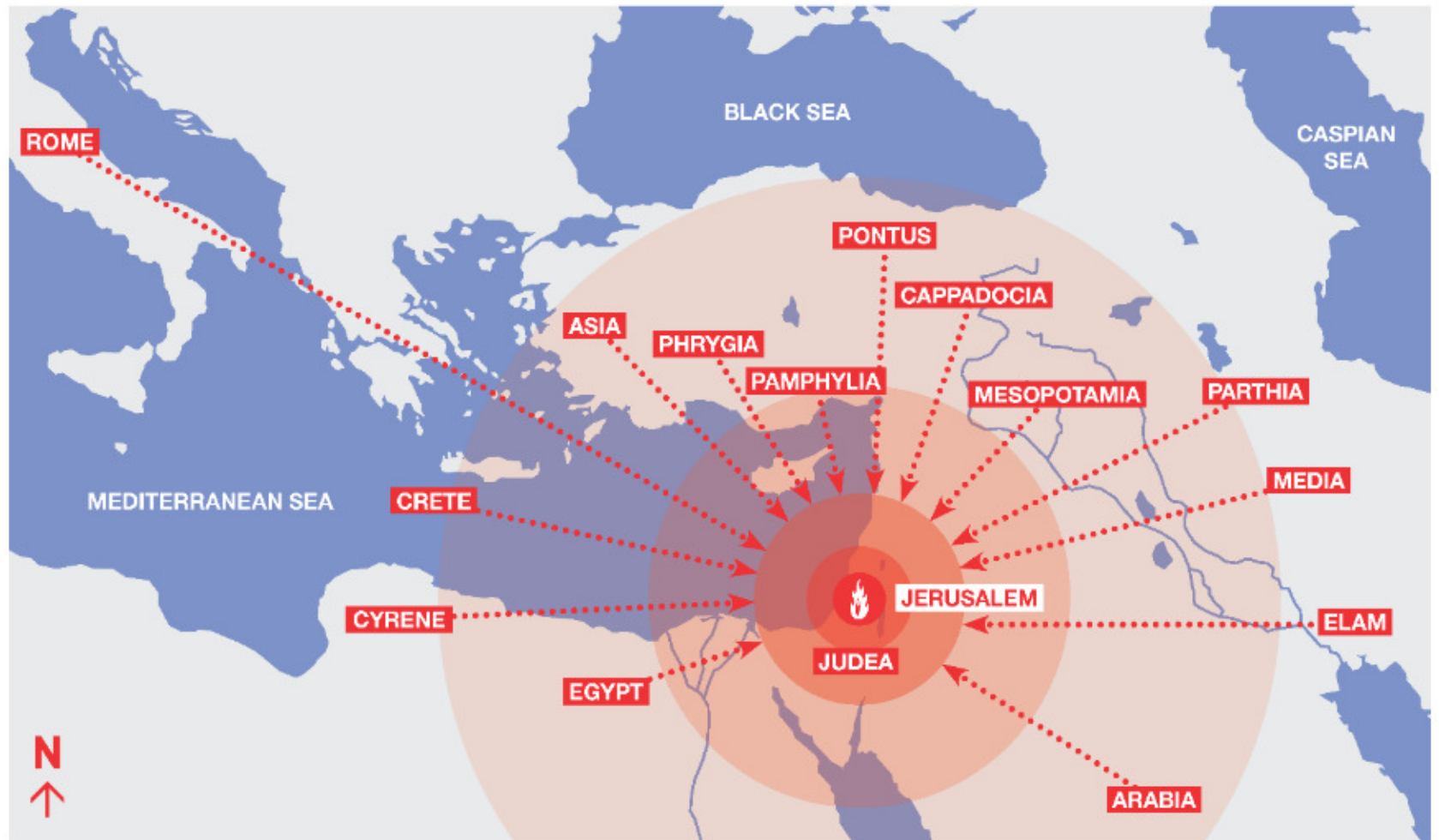
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