

# Ecclesiology

## Session 41



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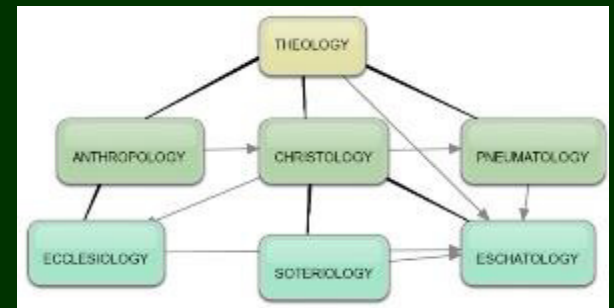
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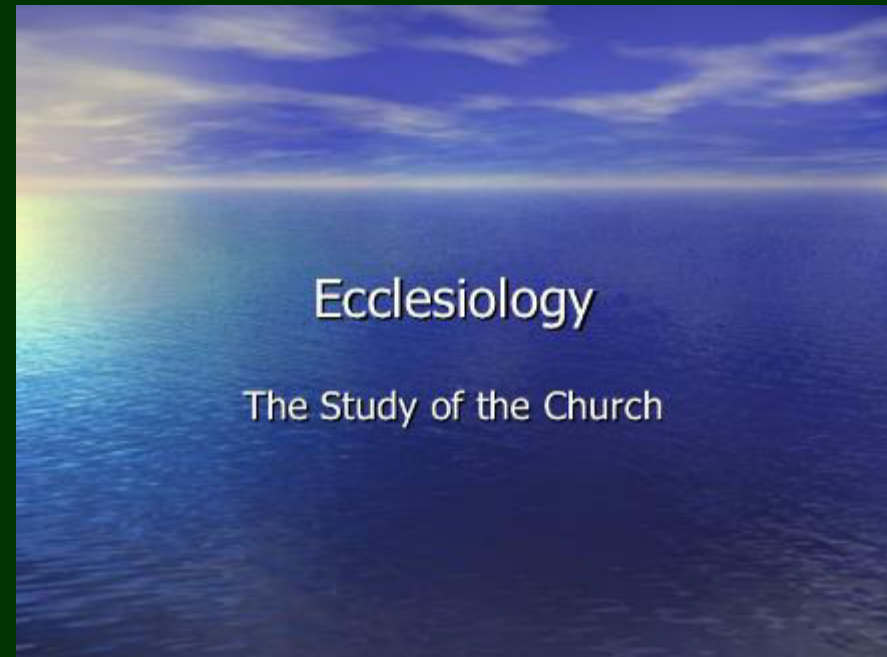
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## Systematic Theology



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Ecclesiology

The Study of the Church

# Activities of the Local Church

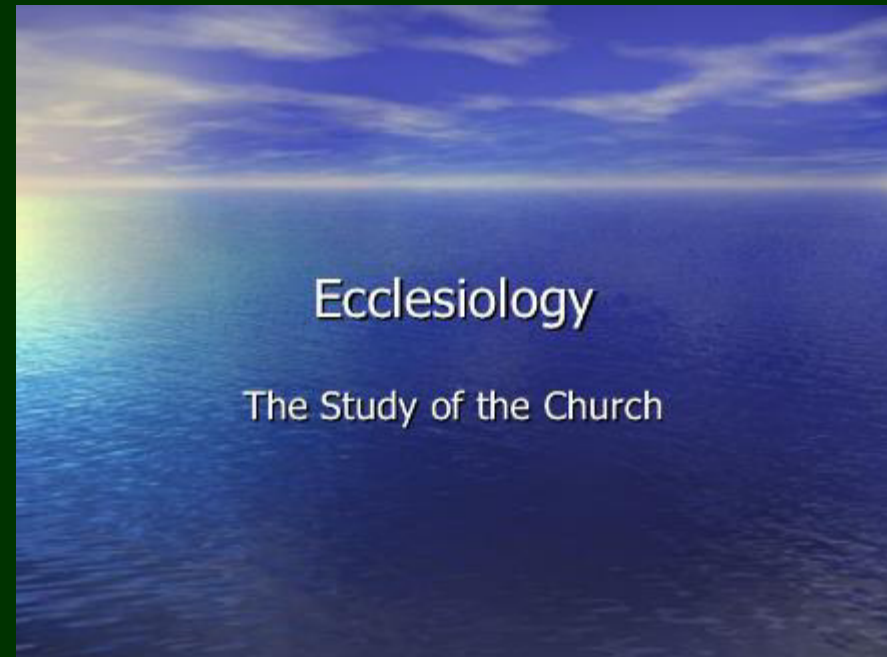
(Acts 2:41-47)

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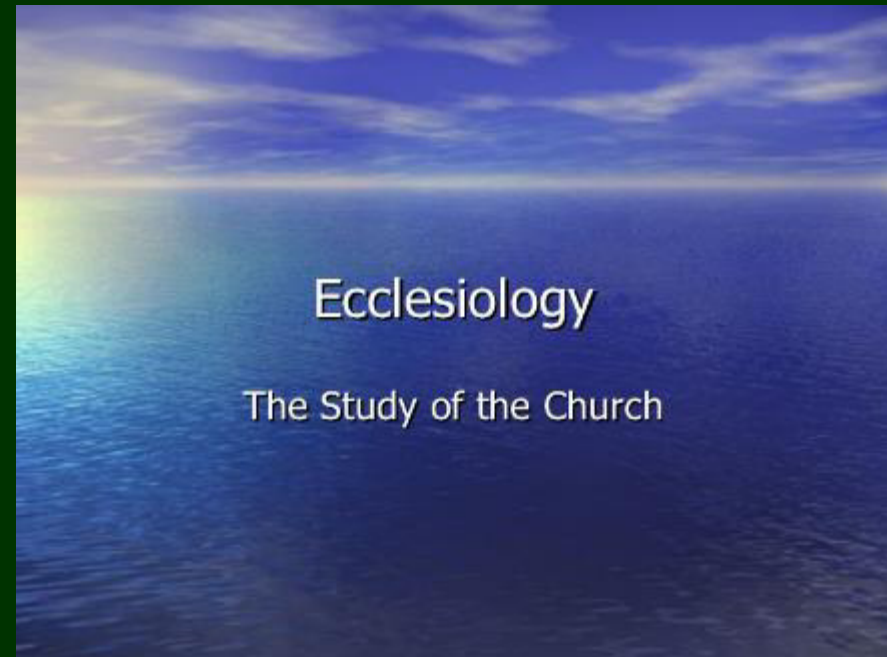
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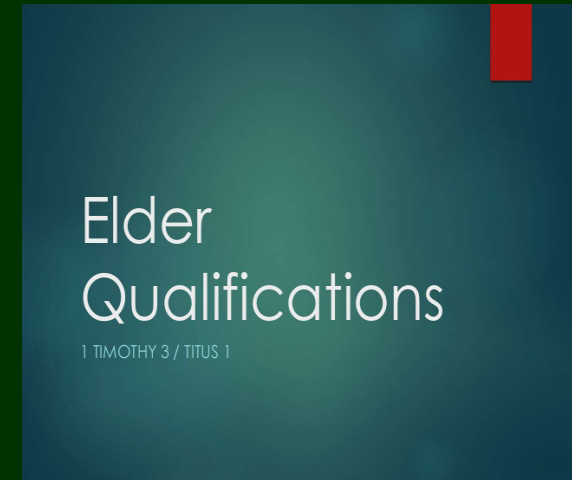
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- Moral qualifications
- Mental qualifications
- Personality qualifications
- Domestic qualifications
- Christian experience qualifications
- Reputation qualifications
- Knowledge qualifications





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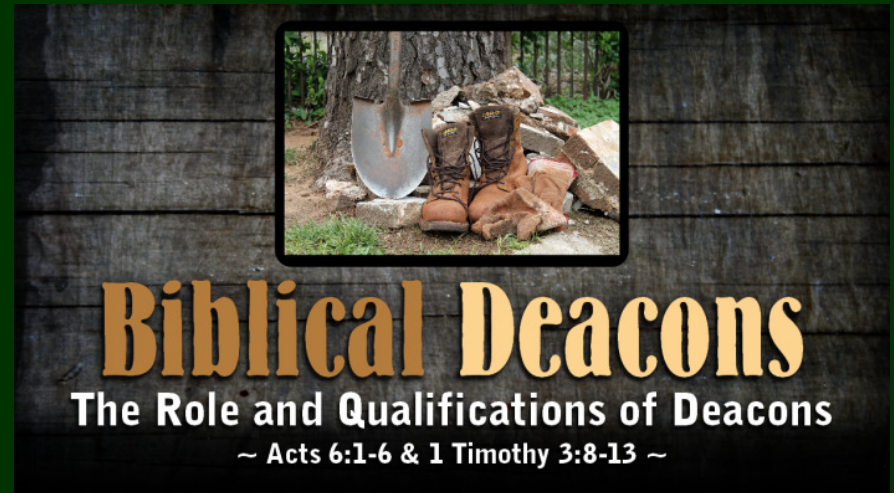
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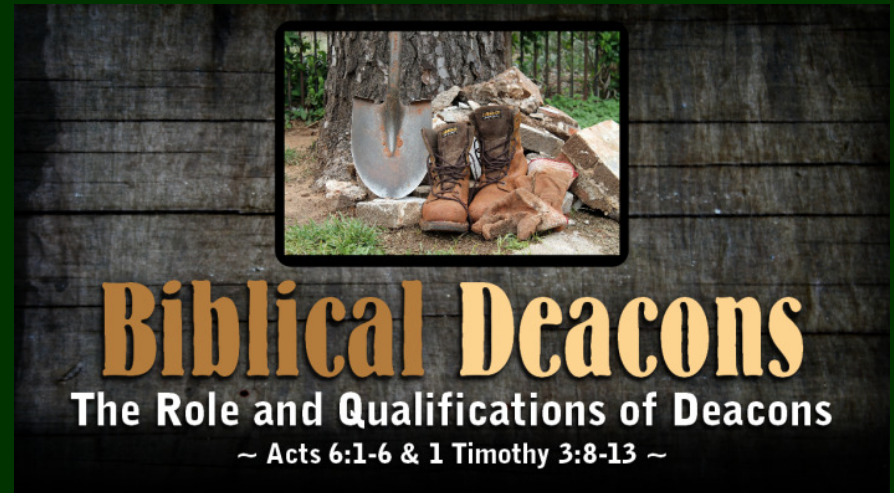
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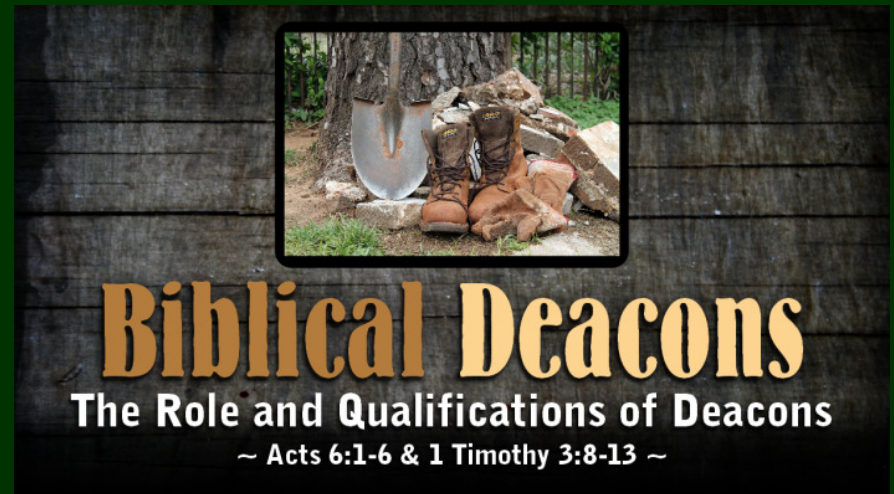




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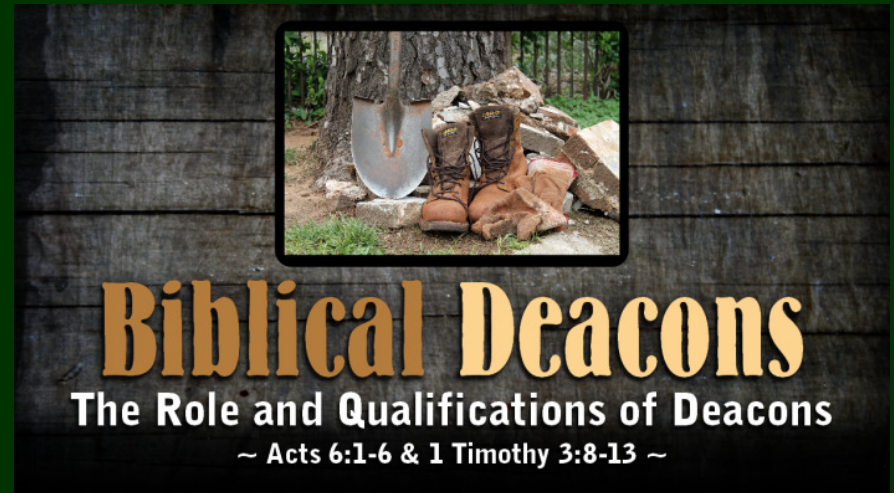
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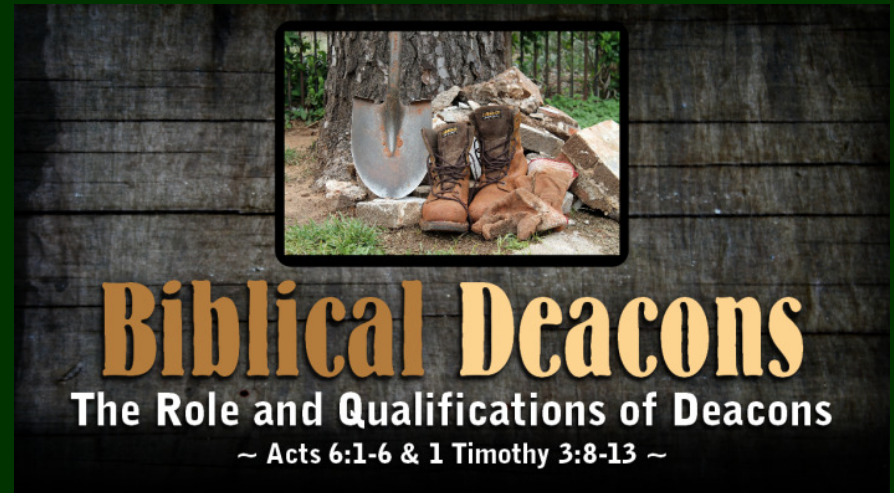
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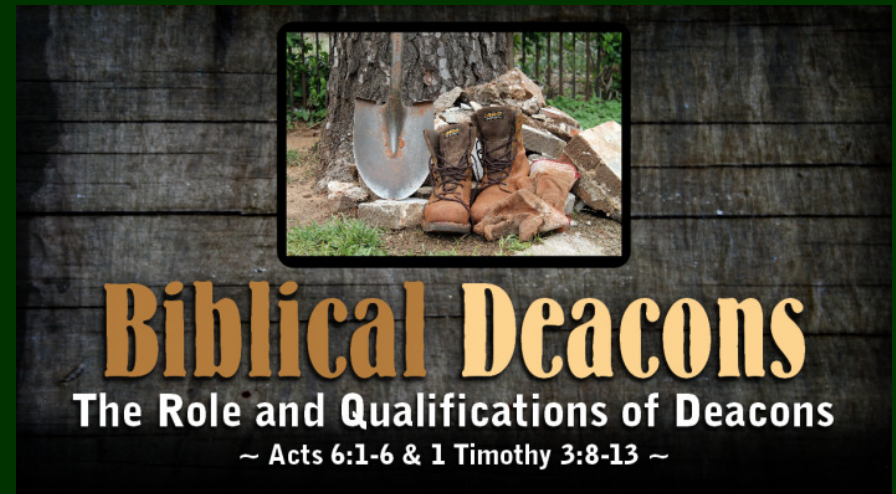
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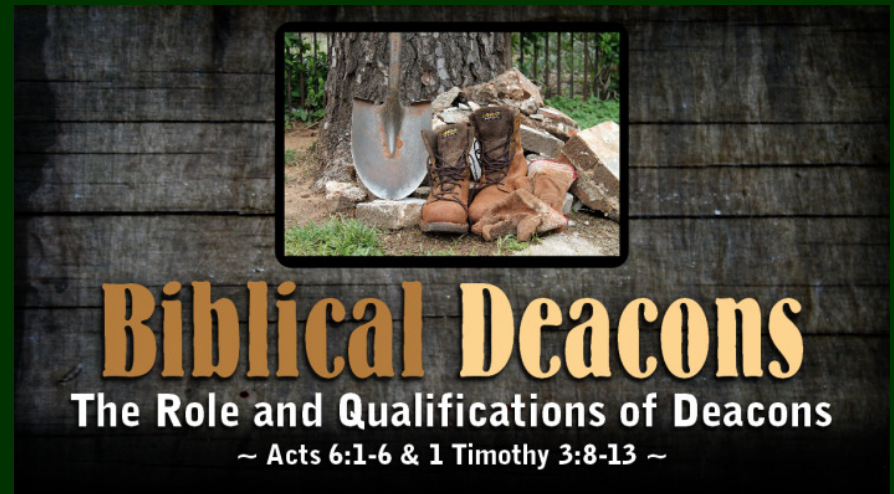
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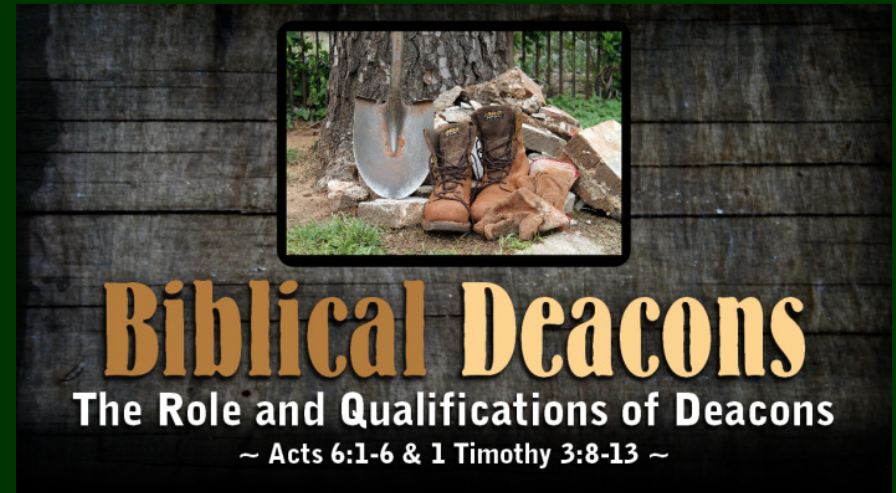
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# The Bible's Many Raptures

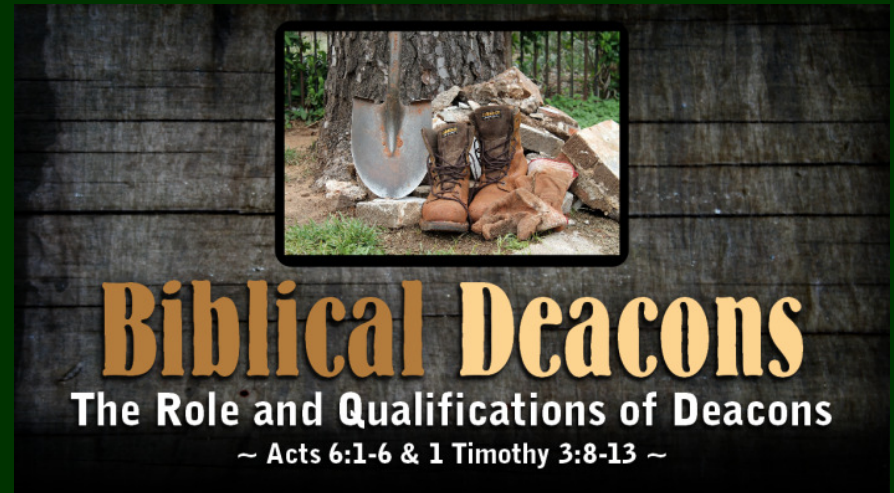
- Enoch (Gen 5)
- Elijah (2 Kings 2)
- Christ (Acts 1:11; Rev 12:5)
- Philip (Acts 8:39)
- Paul (2 Cor 12:2, 4)
- John (Rev 4:1-2)
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## Exodus 18:21

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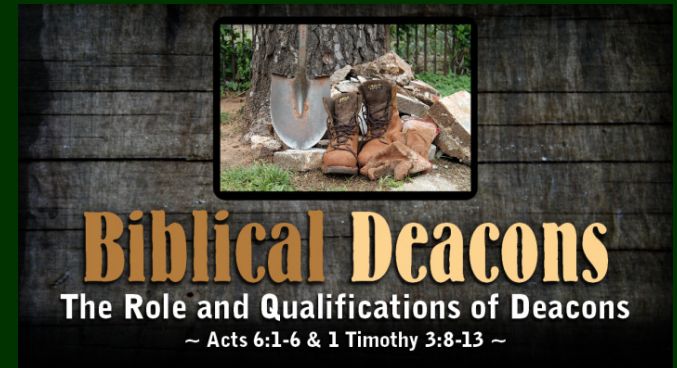




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# Meaning of *gynē* in 1 Tim. 3:11

**1 TIM. 3:11**

**WIFE OF DEACON**

**DEACONESS**

**Example**

**“Wife”: Eph. 5:22**

**“Woman”: Matt. 9:20**

**Advocate**

**Charles C. Ryrie**

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**Problem**

**No corresponding  
requirement for elder’s  
wife (1 Tim. 3:1-7)**

**Disruption of the  
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Conclusion

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