

# Ecclesiology

## Session 51



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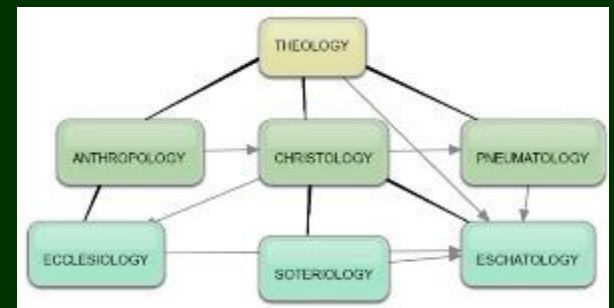
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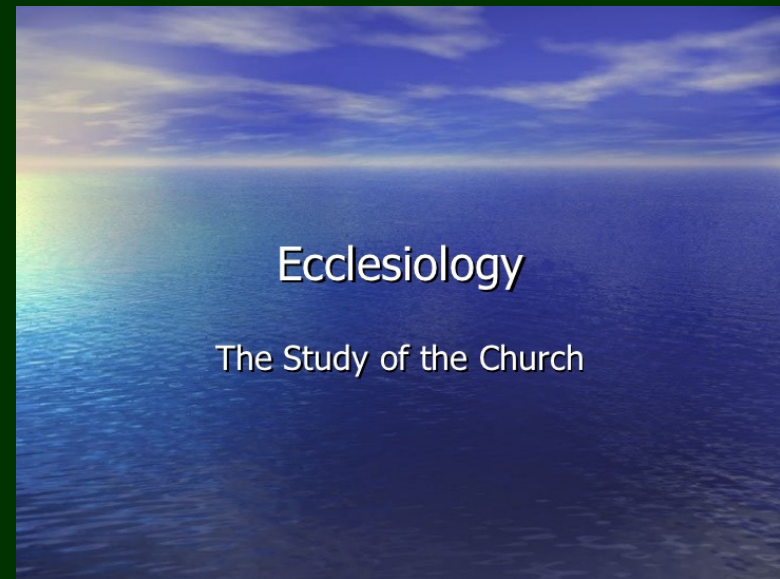
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- Hamartiology – Study of sin
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- Angelology – Study of angels
- ■ Ecclesiology – Study of the Church
- Eschatology – Study of the end

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1. Not hatred
2. Gives world a false sense of security
3. Loss of distinctiveness and power



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## B. Biblical Basis for Separation?

1. 2 Thess. 3:6, 14
2. 1 Cor. 5:11
3. 2 Cor. 6:14-18
4. Rom. 16:17
5. Eph. 5:11
6. Titus 3:9-11
7. 2 John 9-11



## 2 John 7-11

“<sup>7</sup> For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. <sup>8</sup> Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. <sup>9</sup> Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup> If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; <sup>11</sup> for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.”





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# Fundamentals of the Faith

1. Creation/Fall – Rom. 5:14
2. Inspiration/inerrancy of the Scripture – Matt. 5:18; John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21
3. Salvation by faith alone
4. Eternal existence of heaven/hell – Dan. 12:2; Matt. 25:46
5. Trinity
6. Virgin birth of Christ
7. Deity of Christ
8. Atoning death of Christ – Isa. 53:3-6; 1 Pet. 2:24
9. Bodily Resurrection of Christ – John 20:27-28; 1 Cor. 15:14
10. Bodily Second Advent of Christ – Job 19:25; Zech. 14:4; Acts 1:9-11



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## Romans 16:17

“Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.”

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## Titus 3:9-11

“<sup>9</sup> But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. <sup>10</sup> Reject a factious (hairetikos) man after a first and second warning,<sup>11</sup> knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.”





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## Ephesians 5:11

“Do not participate (*synkoinōneō*) in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them.”

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# Jim Wallis

Mary Danielson, *The Dangerous Truth About the Social-Justice "Gospel,"* n. 21

“Abomination is a pretty strong word . . . there is a debate and questions over the meaning of the word ‘abomination.’” (Referring to Leviticus 18:22; as heard on Moody Christian Radio Network, in Chicago, Feb.19, 2008, when asked about government sanctions on civil unions for gays.)



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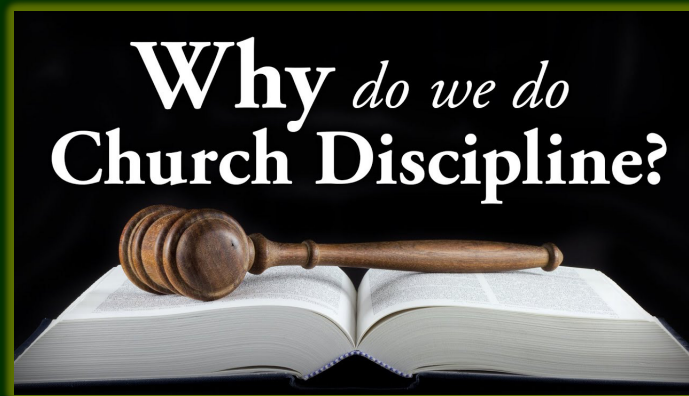
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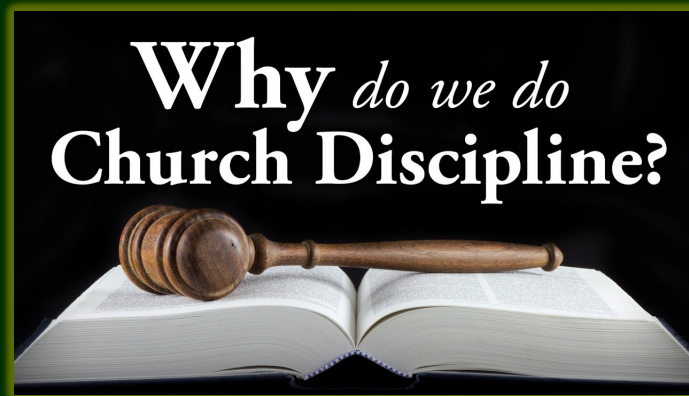
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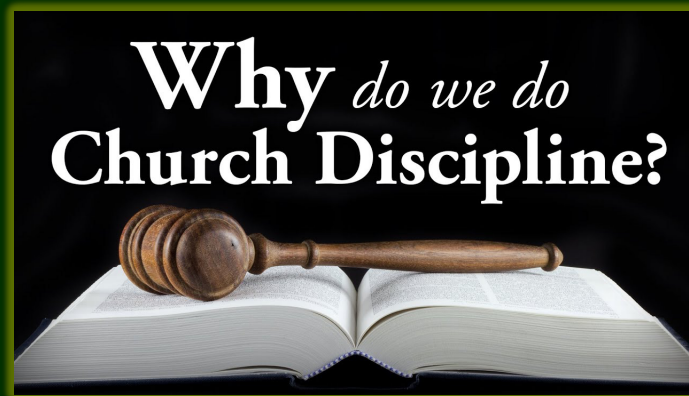
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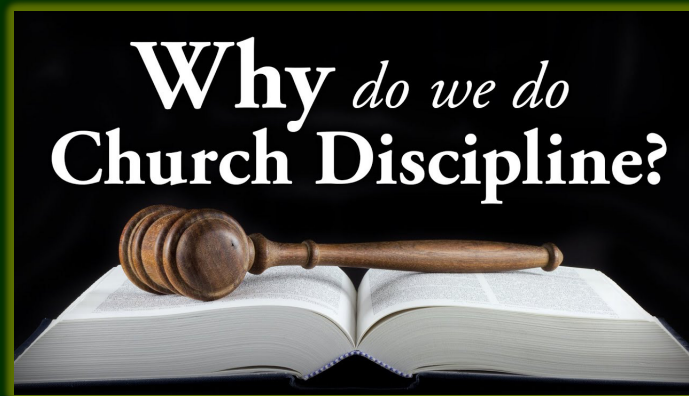
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# Offenses Meriting Discipline

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2. Immorality – 1 Cor. 5:9-11, 13
3. Divisiveness – Rom. 16:17-18



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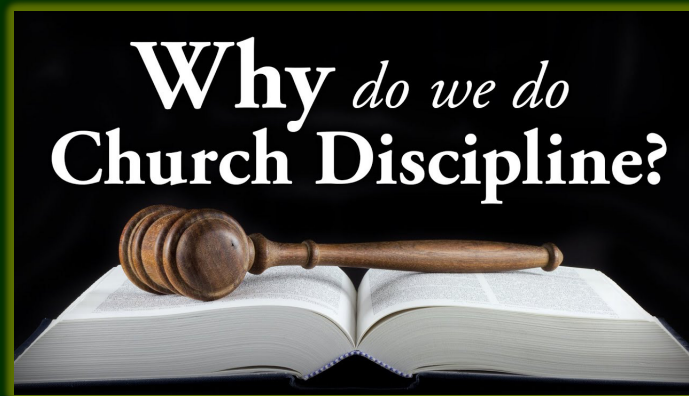
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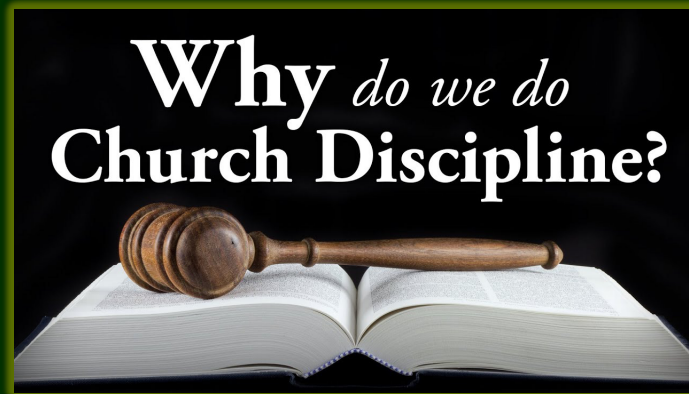
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