

# Ecclesiology

## Session 33



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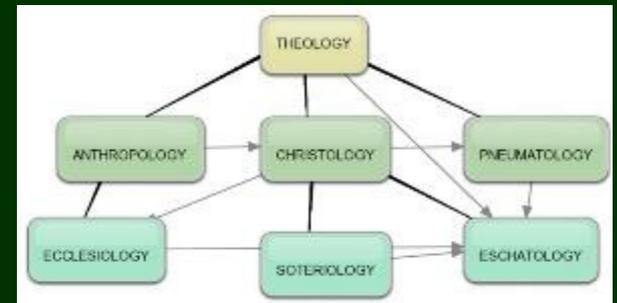
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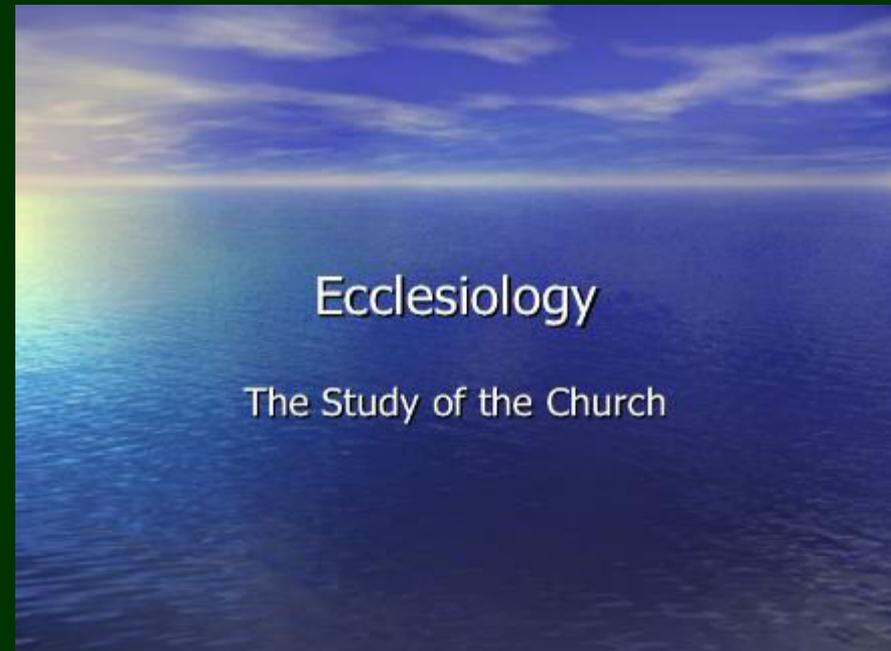
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- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
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- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- Angelology – Study of angels
- ■ Ecclesiology – Study of the Church
- Eschatology – Study of the end

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# Ecclesiology Overview

- I. Definition
- II. Universal vs. local
- III. Word pictures
- IV. Origin
- V. Israel – Church differences
- VI. Intercalation
- VII. Purposes**
- VIII. Activities
- IX. Government
- X. Officers
- XI. Ordinances
- XII. Purity



# VII. Purposes of the Local Church



- Glorify God (Eph 3:21)
- Edify the saints (Eph 4:11-16)
- Fulfill the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20)



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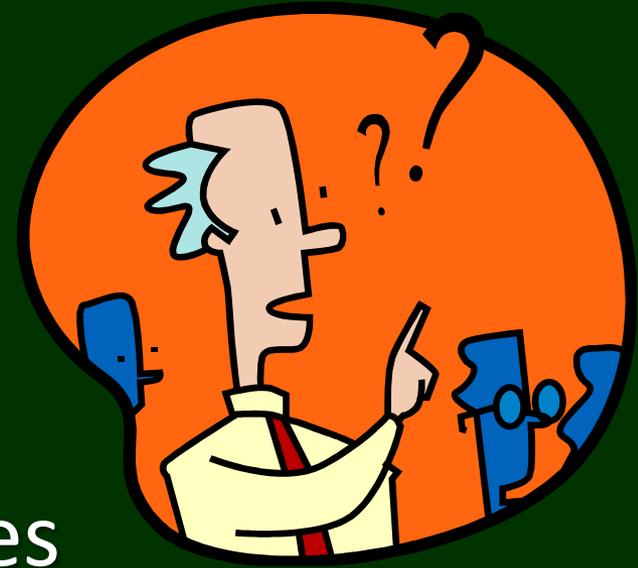
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# The 7 Disputed Gifts

1. Apostle
2. Prophet
3. Worker of Miracles
4. Tongues
5. Interpretation of tongues
6. Healing
7. Knowledge



# Two Camps

1. Charismatics – All the spiritual gifts are in operation today
2. Cessationists (selective)– Most of the spiritual gifts are in operation today



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1. 100% accuracy (Deut. 18:20-22; Acts 11:28; 21:10-11)
2. 2 to 3 prophets at a time (1 Cor. 14:29a)
3. Prophets are in full control of their faculties (1 Cor. 14:32)
4. Listeners are to judge carefully
  - a) 1 Cor. 14:29b
  - b) Deut. 13:1-5; Isa. 8:19-20; Acts 17:11; Gal. 1:8-9; 1 Thess. 5:20-21; 1 John 4:1; Rev. 2:2

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# 1 Corinthians 14:33, 40

<sup>33</sup> “for God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints...<sup>40</sup> But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.”



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“<sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, *various* kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not *workers of miracles*, are they? <sup>30</sup> All do not have gifts of healings, do they? **All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?**”



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# Spiritual Gifts: Observation #2

- God sovereignly bestows all the Spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:11; Heb 2:4)



# 1 Corinthians 12:31

“<sup>30</sup> All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? <sup>31</sup> But earnestly desire (zēloō) the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.”



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- Spiritual gifts are given in order to edify the church (1 Cor 12:7; 14:12, 26; Eph 4:11-12; 1 Pet 4:10)



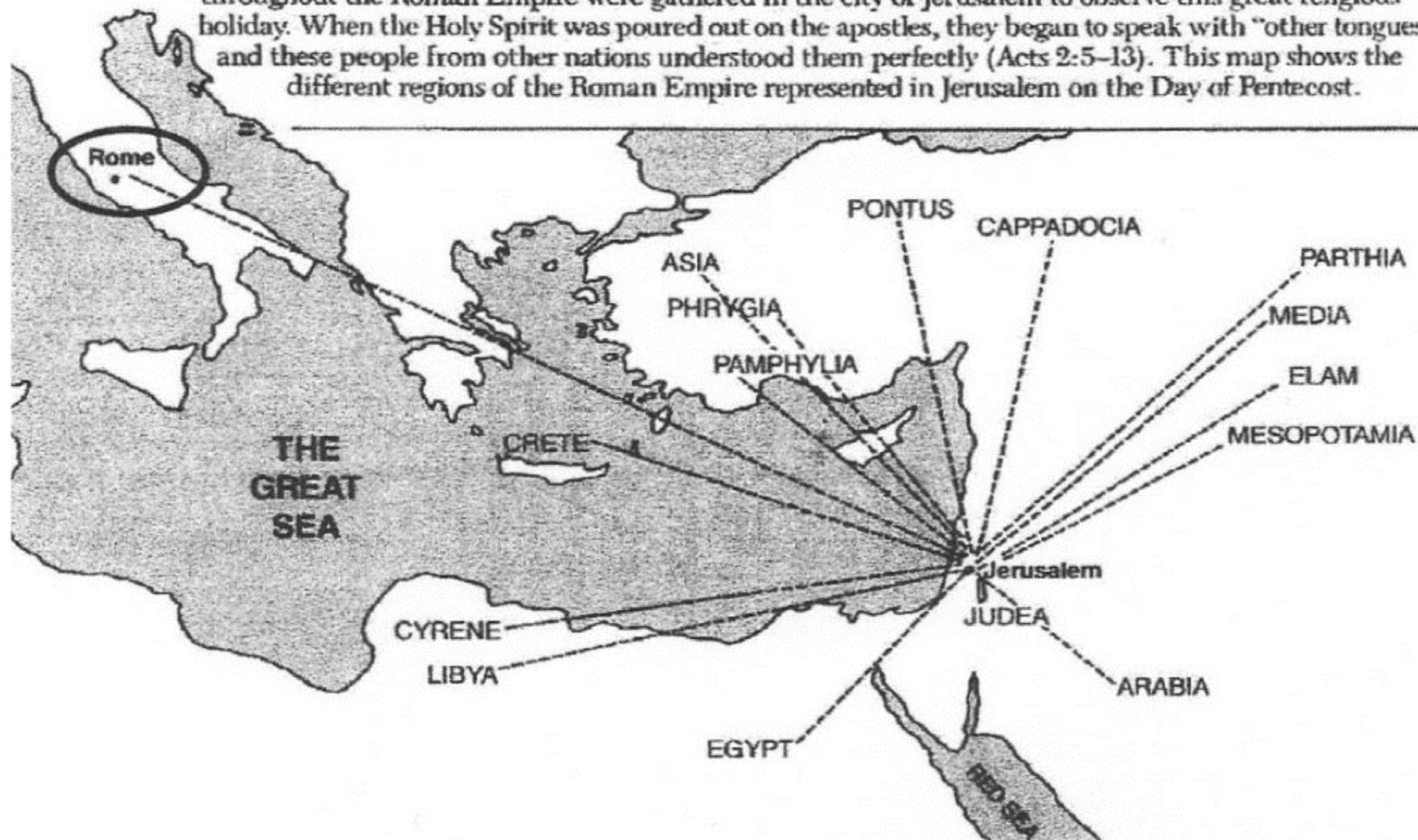
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# The Nations of Pentecost

Pentecost, a Jewish feast also known as the Feast of Weeks, marked the completion of the barley harvest. On this annual holiday about 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus, Jewish people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in the city of Jerusalem to observe this great religious holiday. When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles, they began to speak with "other tongues," and these people from other nations understood them perfectly (Acts 2:5-13). This map shows the different regions of the Roman Empire represented in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost.



# 1 Corinthians 14:21-22

“<sup>21</sup> In the Law it is written, ‘BY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME,’ says the Lord. <sup>22</sup> So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but *prophecy is for a sign, not to unbelievers but to those who believe.*”



# 1 Corinthians 13:1

“<sup>1</sup> If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.”



## Luke 1:26-38

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ...The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God."



## Luke 1:26-38

“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.” **Mary said to the angel**, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”



## Luke 1:26-38

The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, the bonds slave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.



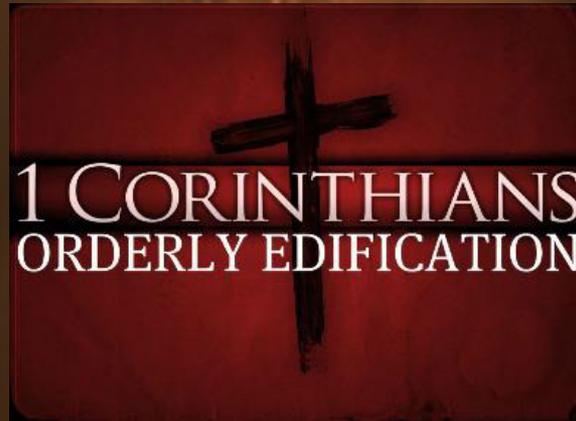
## 1 Corinthians 14:1–2

<sup>1</sup> Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup> **For** one who **speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God**; for no one understands, but in *his* spirit he speaks mysteries.



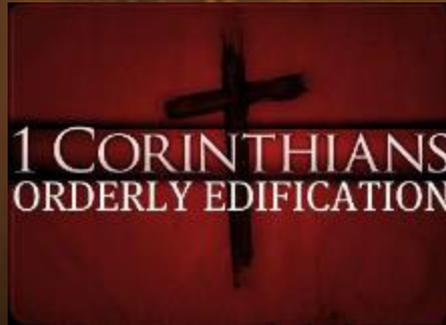
# 1 Corinthians 14:4

One who speaks in a tongue edifies (*oikodomeō*) himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church.



# 1 Corinthians 8:10

“For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol’s temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened (*oikodomeō*) to eat things sacrificed to idols?”



# 1 Corinthians 14:28

“but if there is no interpreter, he must keep silent in the church; and let him speak to himself and to God.”



## Romans 8:26-27

“<sup>26</sup> In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words; <sup>27</sup> and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God.*”



Conclusion

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