


**Ecclesiology**  
Session 4



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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




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### Definition of Ecclesiology

- Ekklēsia (ἐκκλησία)
- ěk (ἐκ) / kaleo (καλέω)
- Acts 15:14
- Logos
- 1 Cor 10:32

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### 1 Corinthians 10:32

“Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God.”








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### 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
<b>Number</b>	One	Many
<b>Members</b>	All believers from Pentecost to the Rapture	Local gathering
<b>Spiritual status</b>	Believers only	Believers and unbelievers
<b>Living or dead</b>	Living and dead	Living only
<b>Assembly</b>	Cannot assemble at one place and time	Can assemble at one place and time
<b>Visibility</b>	Invisible	Visible
<b>NT Material</b>	Minority	Majority
<b>Joining</b>	Faith alone	Unique requirements
<b>Denomination</b>	All believers	Specific denomination

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**2 Cor. 11:2-3 (NKJV)**  
**Betrothal Period**

“For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you *as* a pure virgin. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted by the simplicity that is in Christ.”




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Jewish Marriage Analogy		
1. Marriage covenant	Groom initiated; Covenant established upon payment for bride; drank same cup	Christ initiated; Christ's sacrificial death (1 Cor. 6:19-20; 11:25)
2. Bride set apart	Bride set apart exclusively for groom	Church's positionally sanctified (1 Cor. 1:2; 6:9-11)
3. Bridal chamber prepared	Groom separates from bride and returns to his father's house to prepare bridal chamber	Christ's 2000 year separation from church; Ascension; return to heaven to prepare dwellings (John 14:2; Acts 1:9-11)
4. Betrothal period	Loyalty test	Reward determined by orthodoxy and orthopraxy (Jas. 4:4)
5. Bride retrieved	Groom returns at unknown time preceded by a shout with escorts to retrieve bride	Rapture at unknown time (John 14:3; 1 Thess. 4:16-17)
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**ISRAEL'S FOUR TEMPLES**

- A. Solomon's pre exilic temple (966 BC, Kings and Chronicles)
- B. Zerubbabel's post exilic temple (Ezra 1-6; John 2:20)
- C. Antichrist's temple (Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15; 2 Thess 2:4; Rev 11:1-2)
- D. Millennial temple (Ezek 40-48)

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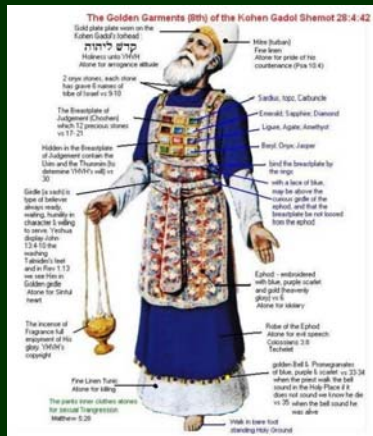
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**Revelation 1:6**

“and He [God] has made us [Church] *to be a kingdom, priests* to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”





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**Spiritual Sacrifices**

- Body – Rom 12:1
- Praise – Heb 13:15
- Good works – Philip 2:17
- Financial giving – Heb 13:16

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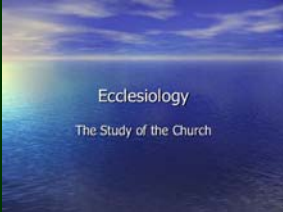
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