


**Ecclesiology**  
Session 40



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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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**Activities of the Local Church**  
(Acts 2:41-47)

1. Doctrine (Acts 2:42)
2. Ordinances (Acts 2:41-42, 46)
3. Prayer (Acts 2:42)
4. Evangelism (Acts 2:47)
5. Worship (Acts 2:47)
6. Benevolence (Acts 2:44-45)
7. Fellowship (Acts 2:42, 46-47)

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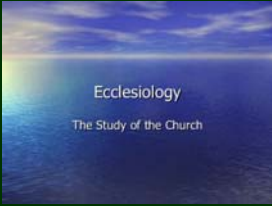
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**VII. Purposes of the Local Church**



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

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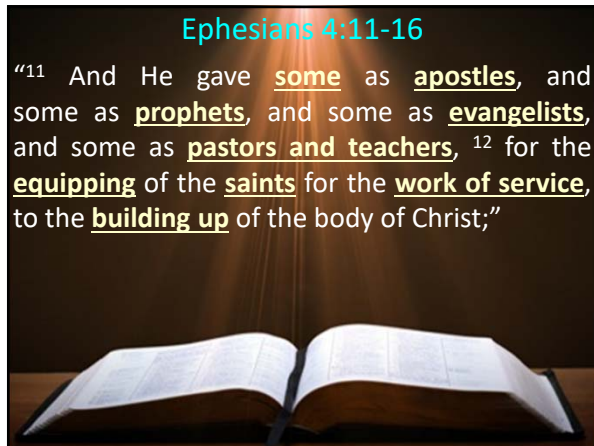
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**Ephesians 4:11-16**

“<sup>11</sup> And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;”




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**Ephesians 4:11-16**

“<sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;”




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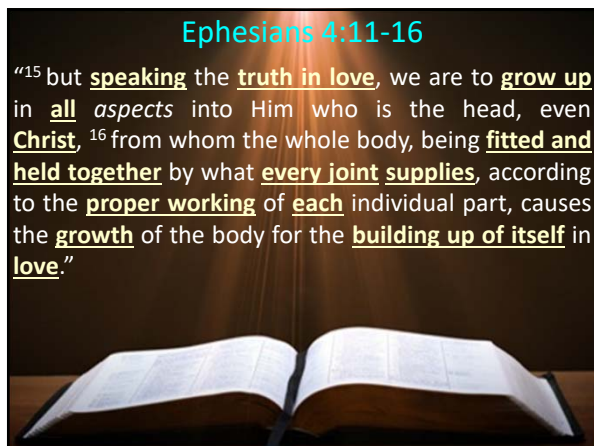
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“<sup>15</sup> but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.”




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### Shepherd/Pastor

- Guide
- Guard
- Graze




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### Gender Restrictions

- Women are the backbone of the church
- Trinitarian example
- Gender restrictions (1 Tim 3:1ff; Titus 1:5ff; 1 Tim 2:12)

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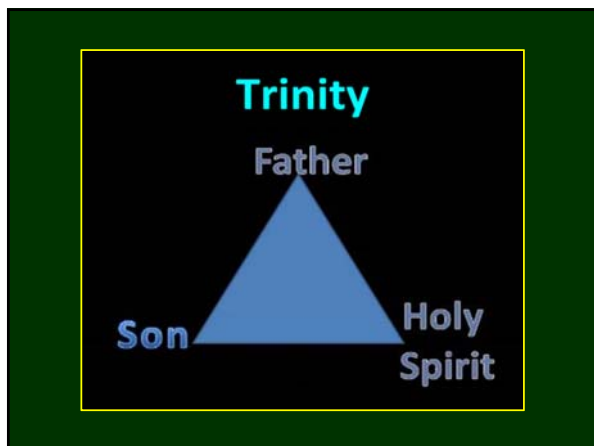
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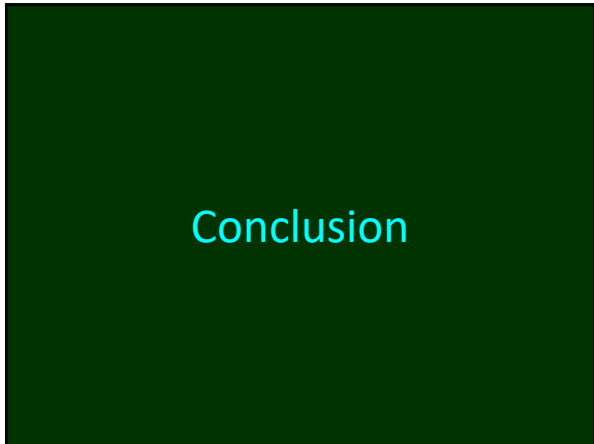
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