


Ecclesiology

Session 41




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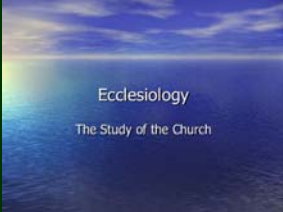
Areas of Systematic Theology

- 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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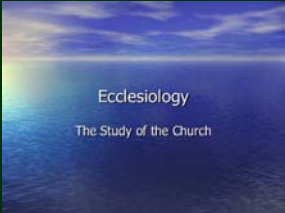
Activities of the Local Church

(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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Personality qualifications

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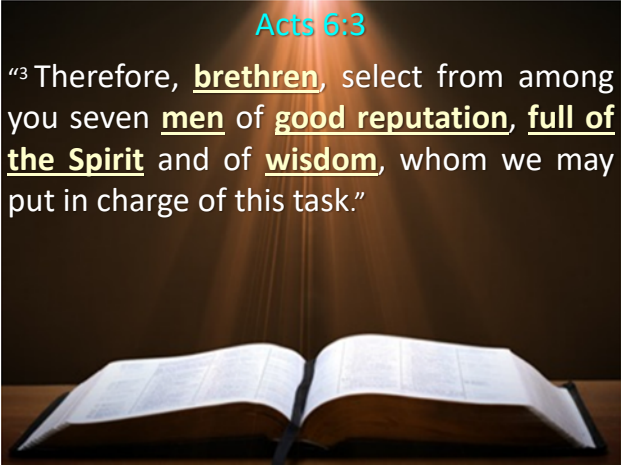
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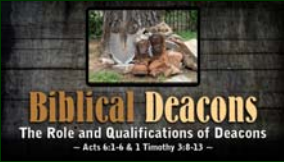
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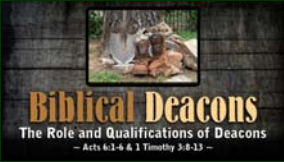
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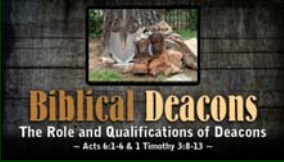
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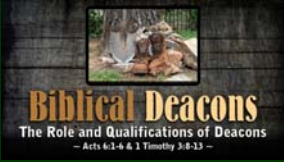
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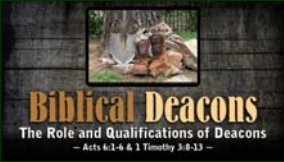
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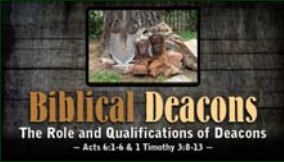
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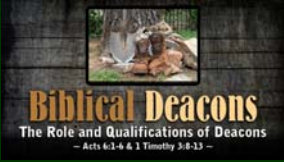
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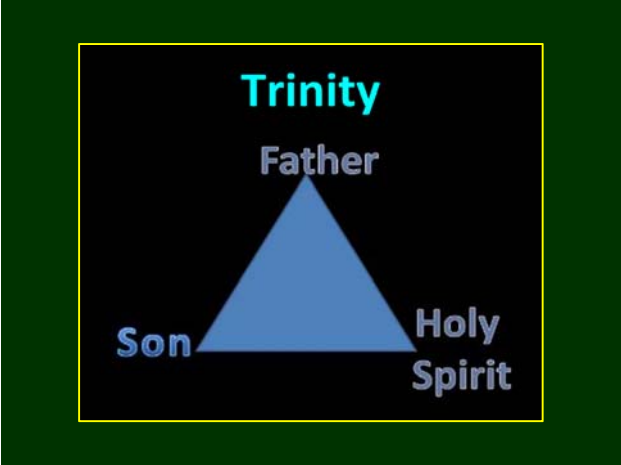
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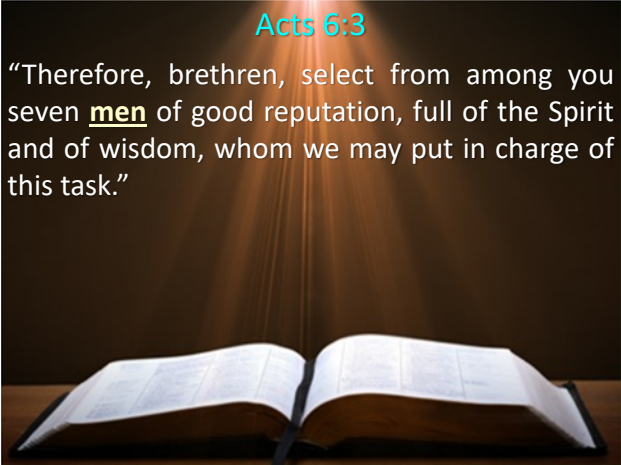
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Meaning of <i>gynē</i> in 1 Tim. 3:11		
1 TIM. 3:11	WIFE OF DEACON	DEACONESS
Example	“Wife”: Eph. 5:22	“Woman”: Matt. 9:20
Advocate	Charles C. Ryrie	Thomas L. Constable
Problem	No corresponding requirement for elder’s wife (1 Tim. 3:1-7)	Disruption of the train of thought

Conclusion

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