


Ecclesiology

Session 44



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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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A. Foot Washing?

1. Scriptural support: John 13:5-7, 12-15

2. Not mandatory:

a. Epistles?

b. Example: John 13:15

c. Take some time to grasp: John 13:6-7



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Transubstantiation

■ Roman Catholic View

■ Problems




◆ Christ’s 1x sacrifice-Heb. 10:10, 14

◆ Christ’s metaphorical language-Luke 22:19

◆ Lack of scriptural support-John 6:53-58

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7 “I AM” statements in John



I am the Bread of Life	6:35
I am the Light of the world	8:12
I am the Gate for the sheep	10:7; cf. v.9
I am the Good Shepherd	10:11,14
I am the Resurrection and the Life	11:25
I am the Way and the Truth and the Life	14:6
I am the true Vine	15:1; cf. v.5

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OUTLINE OF JOHN	
1:1-18	HEAVENLY GENEALOGY (Explains who Jesus is)
1:19-11:57	PUBLIC MINISTRY (7 signs & discourses)
12:1-50	TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (public national rejection of Christ-12:37)
13-17	UPPER ROOM DISCOURSE (new dispensation)
18-21	PASSION NARRATIVES (crucifixion to resurrection)

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Consubstantiation

■ Lutheran View

■ Real Presence View

■ Emergent Church mysticism


■ Lack of Scriptural support-Rom. 8:9; Matt. 18:20



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Martin Luther

Emir Caner, "Balthasar Hubmaier and His Theological Participation in the Reformation: Ecclesiology and Soteriology," *Faith and Mission* 21, no. 1 (2003): 42.




Caner explains, "Luther denied the doctrine of Transubstantiation, rejecting any molecular change of the elements. **Consubstantiation**, a term never employed by Luther, is used to explain his view that **the body and blood are present 'in, with, and under' the bread and wine.**" (the real presence view).

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Emergent Church Worship

"Post-moderns prefer to encounter Christ by using all their senses. That's part of the appeal of classical liturgical or contemplative worship: the incense and candles, making the sign of the cross, the taste and smell of the bread and wine, touching icons and being anointed with oil."



Julie B. Sevig, *The Lutheran*, 9/2001.

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Dan Kimball

The Emerging Church, 121

"Modern thinkers want things very orderly and systematic because they learn in a logical and progressive manner. They prefer, generally, to sit and listen. Emerging post-Christian generations, on the other hand, long to experience a transcendent God during a worship gathering rather than simply learn about him." (Italics added)

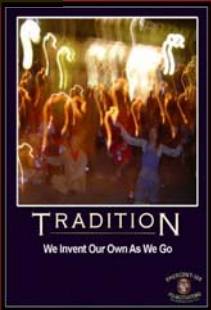
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“They want fluidity and freedom rather than a neatly flowing set program. They want to see the arts and a sense of mystery brought into the worship service, rather than focusing on professionalism and excellence. *This will shape how a worship gathering is designed*” (Italics added).




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Memorial

■ Zwingli View

■ Reformed, Presbyterian, Baptist

■ Scriptural support-Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24, 26


■ What are we remembering?



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Luke 22:19-20

“And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ ²⁰And in the same way *He* took the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.’”



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Alister E. McGrath, *Reformation Thought: An Introduction* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995), 179.



He believed that “such sacraments could generate faith; and hence baptism could generate faith of an infant.”

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