


Ecclesiology
Session 50



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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. Why Separate?

1. Not hatred
2. Gives world a false sense of security
3. Loss of distinctiveness and power



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B. Biblical Basis for Separation?


1. 2 Thess. 3:6, 14
2. 1 Cor. 5:11
3. 2 Cor. 6:14-18
4. Rom. 16:17
5. Eph. 5:11
6. Titus 3:9-11
7. 2 John 9-11



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2 John 7-11

"⁷For **many deceivers** have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. ⁹ Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, **do not receive him into your house**, and do not give him a greeting; ¹¹ for the one who gives him a greeting **participates** in his evil deeds."



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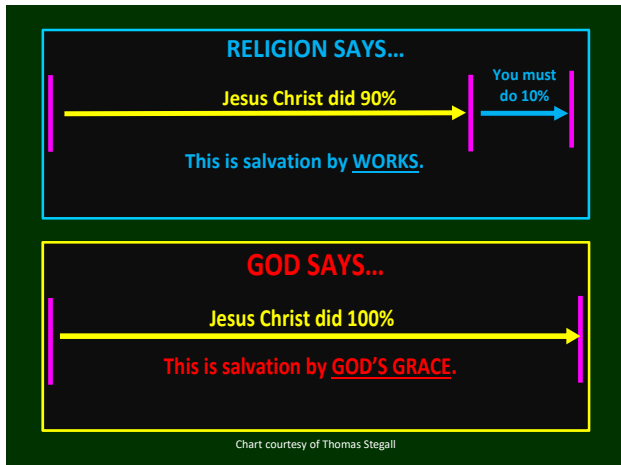
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Romans 4:4-5




“Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.” (cf. Gen. 15:6)

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Galatians 1:6-9

“⁶ I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; ⁷ which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed (anathema)! ⁹ As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed (anathema)!”



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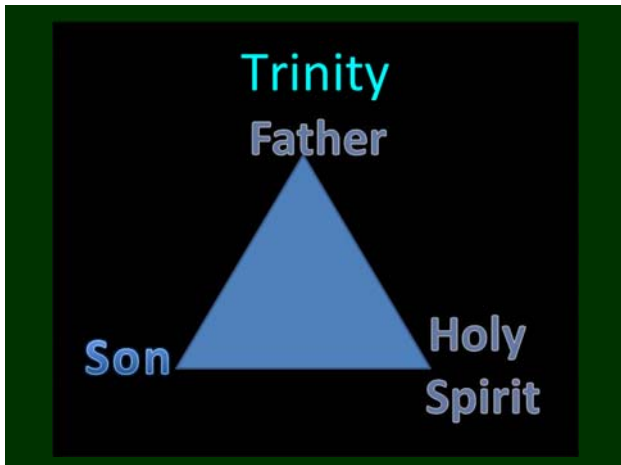
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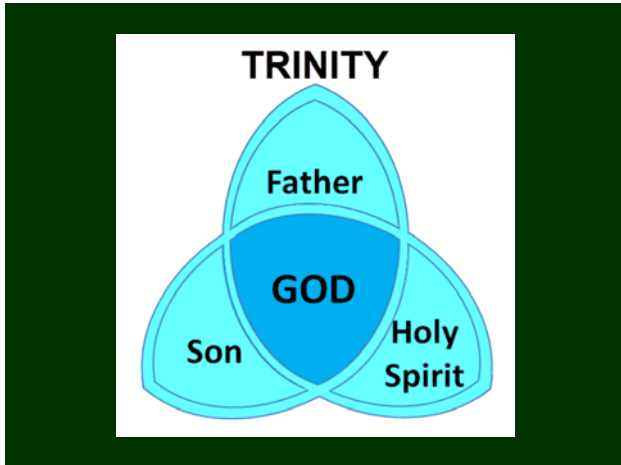
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Why the Virgin Birth?


- ❑ To fulfill OT prophecy
- ❑ To emphasize Christ's humanity and deity
- ❑ To emphasize Christ's eternality
- ❑ To maintain Christ's sinlessness
- ❑ To protect the bodily atonement
- ❑ To circumvent the curse of Jeconiah
- ❑ To vindicate the NT



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Isaiah 53:3–6


³ He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. ⁶ All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.



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"Let me give you a classic example of spiritualization taken from the writings of a theologian by the name of Loraine Boettner. It has to do with his interpretation of Zechariah 14:1-9. That passage says that in the end times Jerusalem will be surrounded by enemy forces and will be ready to fall to them when the Lord will suddenly return to the Mount of Olives. When His feet touch the Mount, it will split down the middle. The Lord will then speak a supernatural word that will instantly destroy all the enemy forces. And on that day, the Lord will become King over all the earth. In his commentary on this passage, Boettner completely spiritualized it. **He argued that the Mount of Olives stands for the human . . .**

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... heart. The enemy forces symbolize the evil in this world that surrounds and attacks the heart. The Lord's return represents what happens when a person accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior. Thus, when Jesus comes into a person's heart, their heart (the Mount of Olives) splits in contrition, and all the evil influences in the person's life are defeated, and Jesus becomes king of that person's heart. That's what I call an exercise in imagination!"

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Romans 16:17

"Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them."



turn away



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Titus 3:9-11


“⁹ But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰ Reject a **factious (*hairetikos*) man** after a first and second warning,¹¹ knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.”

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Ephesians 5:11

“Do not **participate (*synkoinōneō*)** in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them.”


turn away



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Jim Wallis
 Mary Danielson, *The Dangerous Truth About the Social-Justice "Gospel,"* n. 21


"Abomination is a pretty strong word . . . there is a debate and questions over the meaning of the word 'abomination.'" (Referring to Leviticus 18:22; as heard on Moody Christian Radio Network, in Chicago, Feb.19, 2008, when asked about government sanctions on civil unions for gays.)



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