


Ecclesiology

Session 51




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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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Fundamentals of the Faith

1. Creation/Fall – Rom. 5:14

2. Inspiration/inerrancy of the Scripture – Matt. 5:18; John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21

3. Salvation by faith alone

4. Eternal existence of heaven/hell – Dan. 12:2; Matt. 25:46

5. Trinity

6. Virgin birth of Christ

7. Deity of Christ

8. Atoning death of Christ – Isa. 53:3-6; 1 Pet. 2:24

9. Bodily Resurrection of Christ – John 20:27-28; 1 Cor. 15:14

10. Bodily Second Advent of Christ – Job 19:25; Zech. 14:4; Acts 1:9-11



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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 **factionous** (*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.”

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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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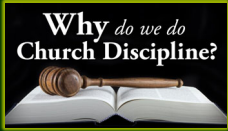
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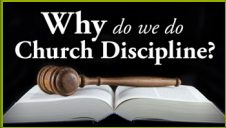


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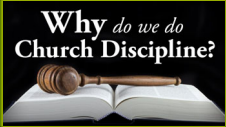


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Offenses Meriting Discipline

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2. Immorality – 1 Cor. 5:9-11, 13
3. Divisiveness – Rom. 16:17-18



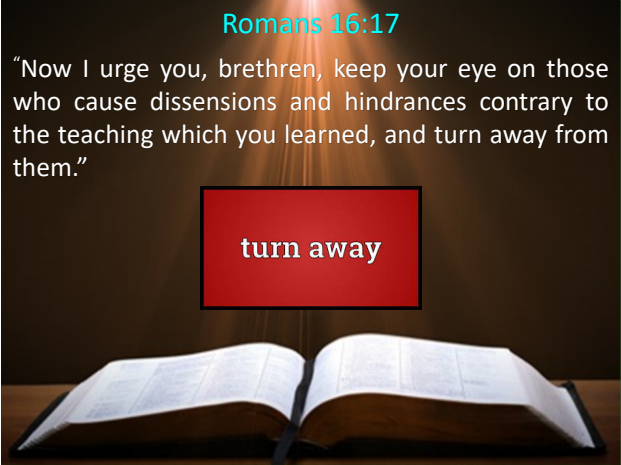
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