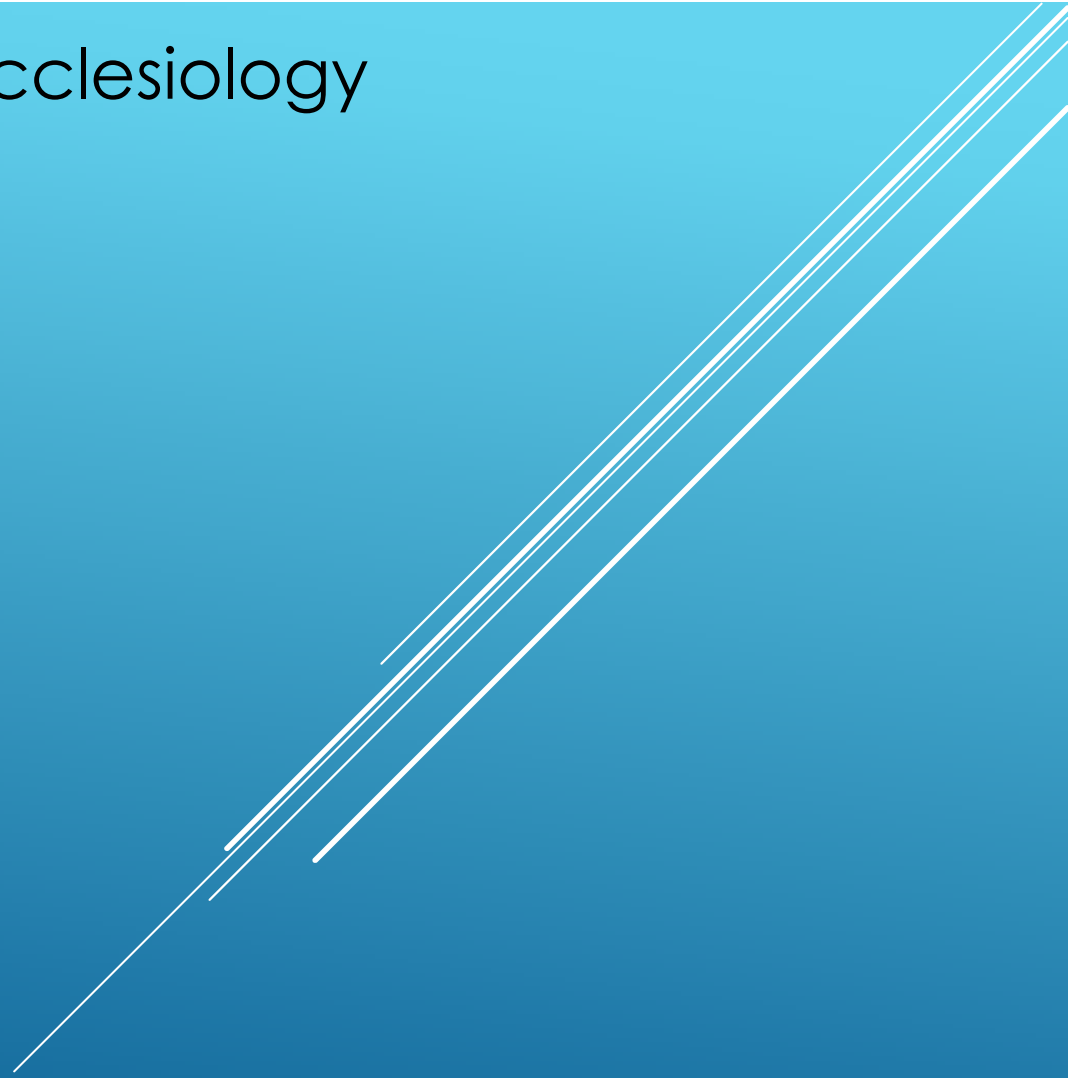


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Offices

- ▶ Elders – (Presbuteros) Synagogue leaders
Acts 11:30, Acts 14:23, Acts 15, 1Tim 5:17, Ti 1:5, Heb 11:2, Jas 5:14, 1Pt 5:1
- ▶ Overseers – (Episcopos) “superintendent, guardian”
1Tim 3:1, Ti 3:2, Ti 1:7, Phil 1:1, Acts 20:28
- ▶ Deacons – Minister, Servant
1Tim 3:10,13, Phil 1:1, 1Tim 3:8, 1Tim 3:12, Acts 6
- ▶ Pastors/Teachers – (Poimon) Shepard, (Didaskalos) instructor
Eph 4:11, Gal 1:1
- ▶ Prophets – “Tell forth” “Thus saith the Lord”
Acts 21:10, 1Cor 14:37, Eph 4:11, 2Ti 4:5
- ▶ Apostles – (Aposteleo) “Sent out ones”
Acts 1:21, 2 Cor 12:12
- ▶ Evangelists – (Euaggelista) “bearer of good news”
Acts 21:8, 2Tim 4:5

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Government

- ▶ Presbyterian – Elders
 - ▶ Episcopal - Hierarchy
 - ▶ Congregational – Acts 6
 - ▶ Hybrid/Mosaic – Ex 18
 - ▶ Boards/Ownership
 - ▶ Denominationalism (Non)
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Ordinances

- ▶ Baptism – (Baptizo) “Dip repeatedly, immerse”
Matt28:19-20, 1Pt 3:21, Acts 2:38, Rom 6
- ▶ Lord’s Supper
1Cor 11:20-29, Matt 26, Mk 14, Lk 22
Breaking bread – Acts 2:42, 10:7, 27:25
- ▶ Transubstantiation
- ▶ Consubstantiation

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Discipline

Reasons

- ▶ To remove the defilement and leavening influence that sin brings (1Cor 5:6-8)
- To protect other believers from sinning and challenge them to godliness (Gal 6:1, 1Tim 5:20)
- To produce soundness of faith (Ti 1:13)
- To reclaim and restore the erring brother (2Cor 2:5-11)

Examples

- ▶ An accused elder (1Tim 5:19-20)
- A sinning brother (Matt 18:15-20)
- An unruly brother (2Thess 3:16)
- False teachers (Ti:10-16)
- Factious people (Ti 3:8-11)
- The immoral brother (1Cor 5)

Actions

- ▶ Tell it to the church – Matt 18:17
- Excommunication – 1Cor 5:2, 7, Mat 18:17
- Marking – Rom 16:17
- Deliver to Satan – 1Tim 1:20, 2Tim 2:17-18, 1Cor 5:5

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Other Activities

- ▶ Liturgy – High and Low church
- ▶ Dealing with heresy – Acts 15
- ▶ Ordaining – Acts 6:6, 8:17, 13:3, 19:6, 1Tim 4:14, 5:22, 2Tim1:6, Heb 6:2
- ▶ Management – Delegation, Admin structure
- ▶ Outreach – God mobile, Sketch board, Good News Club, Campus Bible studies
- ▶ Benevolence – Widows, The poor, Children, Visiting the sick (Jas 1:27)
- ▶ Institutionalism – Serving the organization rather than God or the people