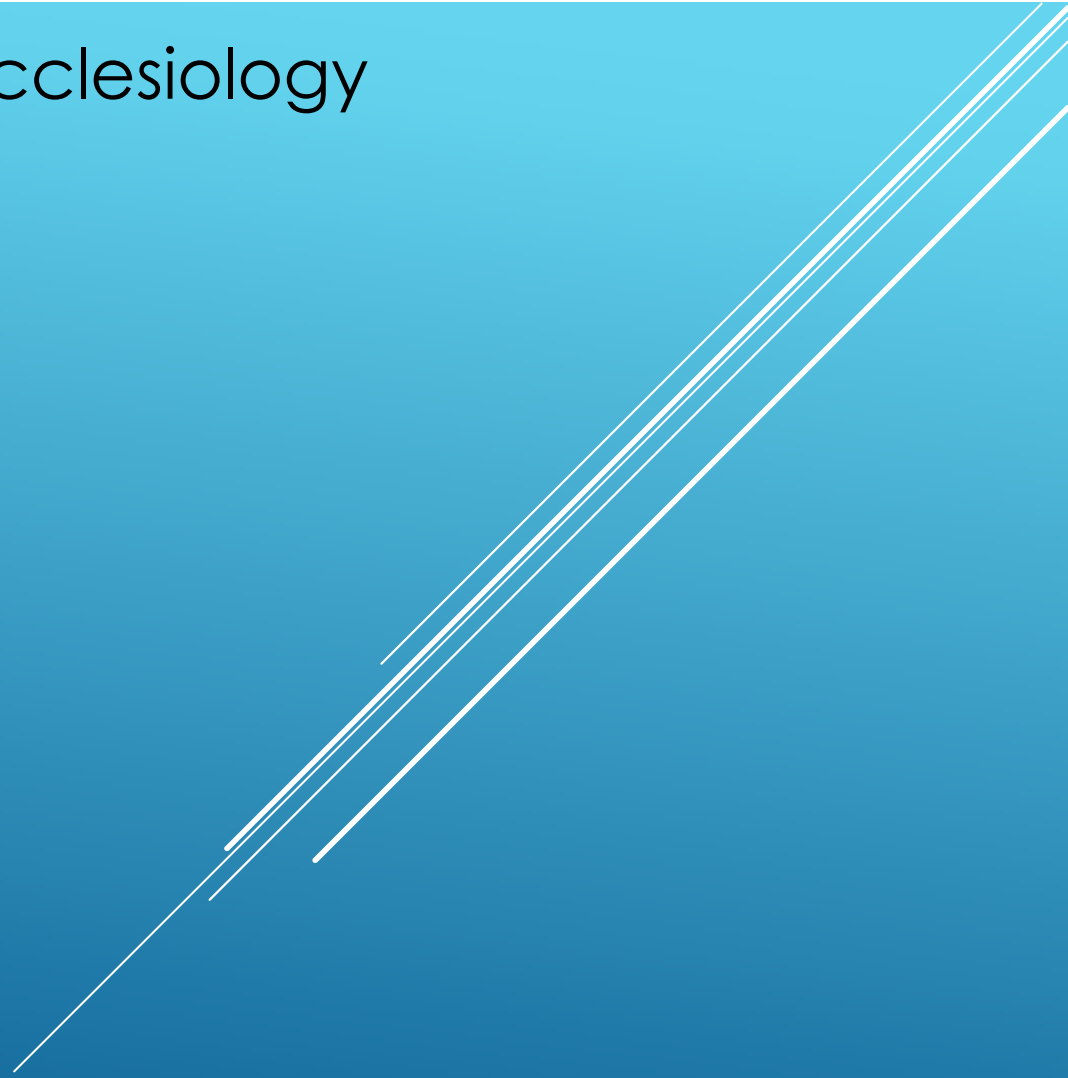


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- ▶ Training of children (home and church)
 - ▶ Marriage support
 - ▶ Family assistance
 - ▶ Family care
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Individual Growth

- ▶ Integrity
 - ▶ Accountability
 - ▶ Responsibility to others
 - ▶ Neighbors
 - ▶ My Role in the Body or as the body
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Business life

- ▶ Work – “toward those that are without”
 - Col 4:5
 - 1Th 4:12
 - ▶ Work ethic is a witness for the boss and for employees
 - ▶ Represent Christ, The Church and your church
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Social Responsibilities

Desire for all to know the common blessings (grace) of God

▶ The church collective

- Community responsibility
- Social safety net
- Jas 1:27
- 1Tim 5:3-11
- 1Cor:16, 2Cor 9

▶ The church as individuals

- First loyalty is to one's own Family
- Individual members of the church doing so from within the community

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Why do we have compassion?

- ▶ Part of God's creation
- ▶ Created in God's image Prov 14:31
- ▶ We have known such generosity Lk 6:32-36, 2Cor 8:8-9, Jas 2:13