

“The Study of Ecclesiology and Eschatology: A Review of The Church and God’s Kingdom”

1. Church **Membership**

a. Biblical **Foundation** for Membership

1 Corinthians 12:12 ESV “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”

b. Unity and Diversity in the **Body**

1 Corinthians 12:26 ESV “If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.”

1 Corinthians 1:10-13 ESV “I appeal to you, brothers,^[a] by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?”

c. Commitment and Active **Participation**

Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

2. Church **Discipline**

a. The Biblical **Purpose**

Matthew 18:15 ESV “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.”

b. The Biblical **Process**

1. Careful **Examination**

2. **Private** Meeting

3. **Group** (Corporate) Meeting

4. **Excommunication**

c. **Attitudes** Required with Church Discipline

Matthew 18:12-14 ESV “What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that

never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

Galatians 6:1 ESV “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.”

Matthew 18:6-10 ESV “but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷ “Woe to the world for temptations to sin!^[b] For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell^[c] of fire. ¹⁰ “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.”

Luke 15:7 ESV “Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

3. Spiritual **Gifts**

a. Definition and **Categories**

b. Source and **Purpose**

1 Corinthians 12:7 ESV “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

Ephesians 4:12 ESV to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, “”

c. Discovering and **Using** Spiritual Gifts

4. The **End** Times (Eschatology)

a. The **Church** Age

b. The Rapture and the Great **Tribulation**

c. The Millennial **Reign** and Final Judgment

d. The **Eternal** State

5. The **Kingdom** of God

a. **Old** Testament Perspectives

b. **New** Testament Perspectives

6. Concluding **Application**

a. **Commitment**

b. **Unity**

c. **Discipline**

d. **Hope**