

Systematic Theology

Part 6: Doctrine of the Church

Chapter 44: The Church: Its Nature, Its Marks, and Its Purposes

What is necessary to make a church? How can we recognize a true church? The purposes of the church.

Introduction & Review

Note: The primary textbook for the structure of this series is Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology*. The primary text for the substance of this series is the Bible.

Grudem: What is systematic theology? *Systematic theology is any study that answers the question, "What does the _____ Bible teach us today?" about any given topic.*

Explanation and Scriptural Basis

A. Grudem: The nature of the church

Every time you see the word 'church' in the New Testament, it is the Greek word *ekklesia*

1. Grudem: Definition: the church is the community of all true _____ for all time
Is the church important? [Ephesians 5:25](#)

Who builds the church? _____. [Matthew 16:18](#)

2. Grudem: The church is invisible, _____ visible
Grudem: The invisible church is the church as God sees it. [2 Timothy 2:19b](#); [Hebrews 12:23](#)
Grudem: The visible church is the church as Christians on earth see it. [Acts 20:29-30](#);
[Matthew 7:15-16](#)

3. Grudem: The church is local _____ universal
[Romans 16:5](#); [1 Corinthians 1:2](#); [Acts 9:31](#); [Ephesians 5:25](#)

4. Grudem: _____ for the church
[1 Timothy 5:1-2](#); [Ephesians 3:14](#); [2 Corinthians 6:18](#); [Matthew 12:49-50](#); [1 John 3:14-18](#);
[Ephesians 5:32](#); [2 Corinthians 11:2](#); [John 15:5](#); [Romans 11:17-24](#); [1 Corinthians 3:6-9](#); [1](#)
[Corinthians 3:9](#); [Matthew 13:1-30](#); [John 4:35](#); [1 Peter 2:5](#); [Hebrews 3:3, 6](#); [1 Timothy 3:15](#); [1](#)
[Corinthians 12](#); [Ephesians 1:22-23](#); [4:15-16](#); [Colossians 2:19](#)

B. Grudem: The “marks” of the church (distinguishing characteristics)

1. Grudem: There are _____ churches and _____ churches
1 Corinthians 10:20; 12:2; Revelation 2:9; 3:9

Summary: a true church preaches the gospel and practices the ordinances

2. Grudem: True and false churches today

C. Grudem: The purposes of the church

1. Grudem: Ministry to God: _____
Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 1:12; 5:16-19
2. Grudem: Ministry to believers: _____
Colossians 1:28; Ephesians 4:12-13
3. Grudem: Ministry to the world: _____ and _____
Matthew 28:19; Acts 11:29; 2 Corinthians 8:4; 1 John 3:17; Luke 6:35-36
4. Grudem: Keeping these purposes in _____

Grudem: Questions for Personal Application (abbreviated)

1. When you think of the church as the invisible fellowship of all true believers throughout all time, how does it affect the way you think of yourself as an individual Christian?
2. Would you consider the church that you are now in to be a true church? Have you ever been a member of a church that you would think to be a false church? . . . Viewed from the perspective of the final judgment, what good and what harm might come from our failure to state that we think unbelieving churches are false churches?
3. Did any of the metaphors for the church give you a new appreciation for the church that you currently attend?
4. To which purpose of the church do you think you can most effectively contribute? Which purpose has God placed in your heart a strong desire to fulfill?

Scripture Memory Passage

Ephesians 4:11-13: 11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation” (Samuel J. Stone, 1866)

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Chapter 45: The Purity and Unity of the Church

What makes a church more or less pleasing to God? What kinds of churches should we cooperate with or join?

Scripture Memory Passage Review: Ephesians 4:11-13

Explanation and Scriptural Basis

B. Grudem: Definitions of purity and unity

Grudem: The purity of the church is its degree of freedom _____ wrong doctrine and conduct, and its degree of conformity _____ God's revealed will for the church.

The unity of the church is its degree of freedom from _____ among true Christians.

C. Grudem: Signs of a more pure church

Grudem: Factors that make a church "more pure" include:

1. **Biblical doctrine (or right preaching of the Word)** (Colossians 1:28; Titus 1:9, 11)
2. **Proper use of the sacraments (or ordinances)** (1 Corinthians 11:17-34)
3. **Right use of church discipline** (1 Corinthians 5:6-7, 12-13)
4. **Genuine worship** (Ephesians 5:18-20; Colossians 3:16-17)
5. **Effective prayer** (1 Timothy 2:1)
6. **Effective witness** (Matthew 28:19-20; John 13:34-35; Acts 2:44-47)
7. **Effective fellowship** (Hebrews 13:16)
8. **Biblical church government** (1 Timothy 3:1-13)
9. **Spiritual power in ministry** (Acts 1:8; Romans 1:16; Galatians 3:3-5; James 5:16)
10. **Personal holiness of life among members** (1 Thessalonians 4:3; Hebrews 12:14)
11. **Care for the poor** (Acts 4:32-35; Romans 15:26; Galatians 2:10)
12. **Love for Christ** (1 Peter 1:8; Revelation 2:4)

Grudem: Churches can be _____ pure in some areas and _____ pure in others.

Ephesians 5:25-27; 1 Corinthians 14:12

D. Grudem: New Testament teaching on the unity of the church

John 10:16; John 17:21, 23; 1 Corinthians 1:2, 10, 13; Philippians 2:2; Ephesians 4:3, 12-13

Grudem: Paul can *command* the church to live in unity because there already is an _____ spiritual unity in Christ which exists among genuine believers. Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 Corinthians 10:17; 12:12-26. Grudem: Warnings against those who cause divisions (Romans 16:17-18; Galatians 2:11-14; 5:19-21; Jude 19)

Grudem: Grudem: There are _____ direct New Testament commands to separate from Christians with whom one has doctrinal differences (unless those differences involve such serious heresy that the Christian faith itself is denied).

Grudem: Unity does not actually require _____ worldwide church government over all Christians. Galatians 2:7

F. Grudem: Reasons for separation

Grudem: We can find *both right and wrong reasons for separation*.

1. Grudem: Doctrinal reasons

What about churches teaching a false gospel? _____

What about true churches with false non-salvific doctrines? _____

2. Grudem: Matters of conscience

3. Grudem: Practical considerations

Grudem: Questions for Personal Application (abbreviated)

1. What . . . should [you] be doing in order to work for greater purity in your own church?
2. In what ways do you think your own local church could grow in unity among its members?
3. In what ways could your church demonstrate greater unity with other true churches?
4. Do you think it hinders evangelism and witness to society generally when the popular culture thinks of unbelieving or false churches and believing churches both as “Christians”? Can anything be done to change that impression?

Scripture Memory Passage: Ephesians 4:14-16

14 That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Hymn: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (John Fawcett, 1782)

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Chapter 46: The Power of the Church

What kind of authority does the church have? How should church discipline function?

Scripture Memory Passage Review: Ephesians 4:14-16

Explanation and Scriptural Basis

Grudem: *The power of the church is its God-given authority to carry on _____ warfare, proclaim the _____, and exercise church _____.*

A. Grudem: Spiritual warfare

2 Corinthians 10:3-4; Ephesians 6:10-18; Romans 10:17; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23; Acts 13:8-11; 16:16-18; 12:1-17, 20-24; 1 Corinthians 4:19-20; Acts 5:1-11; 13:8-11; 2 Corinthians 10:8-11; 13:2-4, 10; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5

B. Grudem: The keys of the kingdom

Grudem: Elsewhere in the New Testament a key always implies *authority to _____ a door and give _____ to a place or realm*. Luke 11:52; Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 9:1; 20:1; Isaiah 22:22; Matthew 16:16; Acts 2:14-42; **Matthew 18:17-18**; 16:19; 18:18

Grudem: Christians should _____ to this discipline and not run from it

C. Grudem: The power of the church and the power of the state

John 18:36; **2 Corinthians 10:4**; Romans 13:1-7; Matthew 22:21; John 18:36; 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

D. Grudem: Church discipline

1. Grudem: The purpose of church discipline

- a. **Grudem:** _____ and _____ of the believer who is going astray. **Matthew 18:15-17**; Galatians 6:1; James 5:20; 1 Timothy 1:20; 1 Corinthians 5:5
- b. **Grudem:** To keep sin from _____ to others. **Hebrews 12:15**; **1 Corinthians 5:1-8**; **1 Timothy 5:20**; Galatians 2:11
- c. **Grudem:** To protect the purity of the church and the honor of Christ. Romans 2:24; 1 Corinthians 6:6

2. Grudem: For what sins should church discipline be exercised?
Romans 16:17; Titus 3:10; 1 Corinthians 5:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10; 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15; 1 Timothy 1:18-20; 2 John 10-11. Grudem: A definite principle appears to be at work: all sins that were explicitly disciplined . . . were _____ known or _____ evident sins, and many of them had continued over a period of time. . . . Where there are issues of conduct on which Christians legitimately disagree, Paul encourages a wide degree of _____ (Romans 14).
3. Grudem: How should church discipline be carried out?
 - a. Grudem: Knowledge of the sin should be kept to the _____ group possible. **Matthew 18:15-17**
 - b. Grudem: Disciplinary measures should increase in strength until there is a _____. **Matthew 18:15-17; 5:23; 18:18-20; 1 Corinthians 5:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15; 2 John 10-11**
 - c. Grudem: Discipline of church leaders. **1 Timothy 5:19-21; 3:2; 4:12**
 - d. Grudem: Other aspects of church discipline. **How do we restore?** Quickly (2 Corinthians 2:3-11), gently (Galatians 6:1), repeatedly (**Matthew 18:21-35**)

Grudem: Questions for Personal Application (abbreviated)

1. Have you previously thought of yourself as holding any of the “keys of the kingdom of heaven”? . . . What are you doing with them?
2. If you accept the principles that the church should not rule the state and the state should not rule over or restrict the freedom of the church, are these principles being played out effectively in your own country or local situation?
3. Are you aware of situations where a gentle word of admonition has resulted in a positive change in your own behavior or the behavior of another Christian?
4. If a church refuses to carry out church discipline at all for a number of years, even though there is an evident need for it, what will be the harmful results in the church?
5. Have there been times when you wished that someone would have come to you earlier with a word of admonition or counsel concerning an area of sin that you were unaware of?
6. **Are there now any relationships in your life where Matthew 5:23 and Matthew 18:15 . . . tell you that you have an obligation to go to another person and seek to make the situation right?**

Scripture Memory Passage

2 Corinthians 10:3-4: **3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds**

Hymn: “Onward Christian Soldiers” (Sabine Baring-Gould, 1865)

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Chapter 47: Church Government

How should a church be governed? How should church officers be chosen? Should women serve as pastors of churches?

Scripture Memory Passage Review: 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

Explanation and Scriptural Basis

A. Grudem: Church officers

Grudem: A church officer is someone who has been _____ recognized as having the right and responsibility to perform certain functions for the benefit of the whole church.

1. Grudem: Apostle

Acts 1:22; Matthew 10:1-7; Acts 1:8, 24-26; 26:16-17

2. Grudem: Elder (pastor/overseer/bishop)

a. *Grudem: Plural elders: The pattern in all New Testament churches.* Acts 14:23; 20:17; Titus 1:5; 1 Timothy 4:14; James 5:14; 1 Peter 5:1-2; Acts 11:30; 15:2; Hebrews 13:17

b. *Grudem: Other names for elders: pastors, overseers, bishops.* Ephesians 4:11; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2, 4; Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Timothy 3:1-2; Titus 1:5-7; Philippians 1:1

c. *Grudem: The functions of elders. Elders, then, had the responsibility to rule* [1 Timothy 5:17; 1 Peter 5:2-5] *and to teach* [Ephesians 4:11; 1 Timothy 3:2; 5:17; Titus 1:9]

d. *Grudem: Qualifications for elders.* 1 Timothy 3:2-7; 4:12; Titus 1:6-9; 2:7

3. Grudem: Deacon

Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:8-13; Acts 6:1-6

B. Grudem: How should church officers be chosen?

Acts 6:3; Matthew 18:17; 1 Corinthians 5:4

C. Grudem: Forms of church government

1. Grudem: _____
2. Grudem: _____
3. Grudem: _____
 - a. Grudem: Single elder (or single pastor)
 - b. Grudem: _____ elders
 - c. Grudem: Corporate board
 - d. Grudem: Pure democracy
 - e. Grudem: “No government but the Holy Spirit”
4. Grudem: Conclusions
 Grudem: The form of government adopted by a church is _____ a major point of doctrine

D. Grudem: Should women be church officers?

Grudem and John Piper wrote *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* for more on this.
[1 Timothy 2:11-14](#); [1 Corinthians 14:33b-36](#); [1 Timothy 3:1-7](#); [Titus 1:5-9](#)

Grudem: Questions for Personal Application (abbreviated)

1. Are there ways in which you could be more encouraging and supportive to the current leaders in your church?
2. If you are currently an officer in your church, or if you someday would like to be one, is your pattern of life such that you would like to see it imitated by others in the church?
3. Whether or not your church has officers who are called “elders,” who are the people who carry out the functions of elders in your church?
4. Before reading this chapter, what was your view on the question of women serving as teaching pastors or elders in a church? How has this chapter changed your view, if at all?

Scripture Memory Passage

1 Peter 5:1-4: 1 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: **2** Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; **3** nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; **4** and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

Hymn (“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken,” John Newton, 1779)

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Chapter 48: Means of Grace Within the Church

What are the different activities within the life of the church that God uses to bring blessing to us? What do we miss if we neglect involvement in a local church?

Scripture Memory Passage Review: **1 Peter 5:1-4**

Explanation and Scriptural Basis

A. Grudem: How many means of grace are available to us?

1 Peter 5:12. Grudem: *The means of grace are any activities within the fellowship of the church that God uses to give more grace to _____.*

B. Grudem: Discussion of specific means

1. Grudem: Teaching of the _____
Before salvation: **Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:24; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23; 2 Timothy 3:15.**
After salvation: **Acts 20:32; Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 32:47; 2 Timothy 3:16;** Psalm 119:105; **2 Peter 1:19; Psalm 19:7; Romans 15:4; Isaiah 55:10-11; Jeremiah 23:29; Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12; Acts 6:7; 12:24; 13:49**
2. Grudem: Baptism. **Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:2-5; Colossians 2:12;** Acts 2:38; 8:39; 16:34
3. Grudem: The Lord's supper. **1 Corinthians 10:16-17;** 11:29-30; **Matthew 26:26; John 6:55-56)**
4. Grudem: _____. **Acts 4:24-31;** 12:5; **Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20; Hebrews 4:16**
5. Grudem: Worship. **2 Chronicles 5:13-14; Acts 13:2;** John 4:23-24; **Philippians 3:3**
6. Grudem: Church _____. **2 Corinthians 7:10; 1 Corinthians 5:1-7; 4:19-20; Matthew 16:19; 18:18-20; 1 Timothy 5:20**
7. Grudem: _____. **2 Corinthians 8:5; 9:6-15**
8. Grudem: Spiritual gifts. **1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 14:12; 12:7-11**

9. Grudem: Fellowship. **Hebrews 10:24-25**; Acts 2:42, 46-47

10. Grudem: Evangelism. Acts 2:4, 14-36; 4:8, 31; 9:17, 20; 13:9, 52

11. Grudem: Personal ministry to individuals

Grudem: This means of grace operates when one or more Christians within the church take time to minister, in various ways, to very specific needs of another individual in the church.

- **Grudem:** _____ of encouragement or exhortation or wise counsel (**Colossians 3:16**; Ephesians 4:29; James 5:20; Hebrews 10:24-25)
- **Grudem:** _____ to assist the material needs of a brother or sister (James 2:16; **1 John 3:17**; Acts 4:34; Galatians 2:10)
- **Grudem:** Anointing with _____ (Mark 6:13; **James 5:14**)
- **Grudem:** Laying on of _____ (Luke 4:40; Matthew 8:3; Mark 1:41; 6:5; 8:23-25; Luke 5:13; 13:13; Matthew 9:18; Mark 5:23; 7:32; Acts 28:8; Mark 8:22; Matthew 14:35-36; Luke 6:19; Mark 10:16; Matthew 19:13-15; Luke 18:15; Mark 6:2; Acts 14:3; 19:11; 4:29-30; 6:6; 13:3; 8:17; 9:17; 19:6; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6; 1 Timothy 5:22; **Hebrews 6:1-2**)

C. Grudem: Conclusions. **Hebrews 10:25**

Grudem: Questions for Personal Application (abbreviated)

1. Before . . . this chapter, did you think that it made very much difference if a Christian continued to be active in the fellowship of the church or not? How has this chapter changed your perspective on that question, if at all?
2. Which of the means of grace mentioned in this chapter do you think you appreciated least before reading the chapter? How has your appreciation for that means of grace increased? How do you think this will affect your actions from now on?
3. Which of the means of grace are actually least helpful in your own life? Are there some that have become rather mechanical, and that you are performing only as an outward or physical activity, without any real participation in your heart? What could you do to increase the effectiveness of those means in your life?
4. As you look over the list of the means of grace again, name one or more in which you could begin to help the church be more effective in bringing blessing to its people.

Scripture Memory Passage

Acts 2:41-42: **41** Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. **42** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Hymn ("I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," Timothy Dwight, 1800)

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Chapter 49: Baptism

Who should be baptized? How should it be done? What does it mean?

Scripture Memory Passage Review: Acts 2:41-42

Introduction

Grudem: Even the most conscientious Baptist would not object to calling baptism “a testament to _____ grace” while Catholics would not object to calling baptism “a channel that _____ grace.”

Explanation and Scriptural Basis

A. Grudem: The mode and meaning of baptism

Grudem: The practice of baptism in the New Testament was carried out in one way: the person being baptized was _____ or put completely under the water and then brought back up again. **Mark 1:5, 10; John 3:23; Acts 8:36-39; Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12**

B. Grudem: The subjects of baptism

Grudem: Baptism, which is a *symbol of beginning the Christian life* should only be given to those who have *in fact* begun the Christian life. Points #1 and #2 below are _____ points.

1. Grudem: The argument from the new testament narrative passages on baptism
Acts 2:41; 8:12; 10:44-48; 16:14-15, 32-33
2. Grudem: The argument from the meaning of baptism
Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12
3. Grudem: Alternative #1: The Roman Catholic view
Grudem: The Roman Catholic Church teaches that baptism should be administered to _____. **Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 6:23**
4. Grudem: Alternative #2: The Protestant _____ view
Grudem: Baptism. . . administered to all infant children of _____ parents.

- a. Grudem: Infants were circumcised in the _____ covenant. Romans 2:28-29; 9:6
- b. Grudem: Baptism is parallel to _____
- c. Grudem: _____ baptisms. Acts 16:15, 32-34; 1 Corinthians 1:16; 16:15

C. Grudem: The effect of baptism

Grudem: There is the blessing of God's favor that comes with all _____, as well as the joy that comes through public profession of one's _____, and the reassurance of having a clear physical picture of dying and rising with Christ and of washing away sins.

D. Grudem: The necessity of baptism

Grudem: We should _____ say that baptism is necessary for salvation. Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Luke 23:43.

E. Grudem: The age for baptism

Grudem: Old enough to give a *believable* profession of _____

F. Grudem: Remaining questions

1. Grudem: Do churches need to be divided over baptism?
2. Grudem: Who can baptize?

Grudem: Questions for Personal Application (abbreviated)

1. Have you been baptized? . . . If you were baptized as a believer, what was the effect of the baptism on your Christian life (if any)?
2. What aspects of the meaning of baptism have you come to appreciate more as a result of reading this chapter (if any)?
3. When baptisms occur in your church, are they a time of rejoicing and praise to God? What do you think is happening to the person being baptized at that moment (if anything)?
4. Have you modified your own view on the question of infant baptism versus believers' baptism?

Scripture Memory Passage

Romans 6:3-4: **3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

Hymn ("Up from the Grave He Arose," Robert Lowrey, 1874)

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Chapter 50: The Lord's Supper

What is the meaning of the Lord's Supper? How should it be observed?

Scripture Memory Passage Review: Romans 6:3-4

Explanation and Scriptural Basis

A. Grudem: Background in the history of redemption

Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Exodus 24:9-11; Deuteronomy 14:23, 26; Genesis 2:15-17; Matthew 26:29; Revelation 19:9

B. Grudem: The meaning of the Lord's Supper

1. Grudem: Christ's _____
1 Corinthians 11:26
2. Grudem: Our _____ in the benefits of Christ's death
Matthew 26:26
3. Grudem: Spiritual nourishment
John 6:53-58
4. Grudem: The _____ of believers
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
5. Grudem: Christ affirms His love for me
6. Grudem: Christ affirms that all the blessings of salvation are reserved for me
7. Grudem: I affirm my _____ in Christ

C. Grudem: How is Christ present in the Lord's Supper?

1. Grudem: The Roman Catholic view: _____
 Grudem: The bread and wine actually _____ the body and blood of Christ. **John 15:1; 10:9; 6:41; Hebrews 9:25-28; John 19:30**
2. Grudem: The Lutheran view: _____
 Grudem: The physical body of Christ *is* _____ "in, with, and under" the bread of the Lord's Supper. **1 Corinthians 10:16**
3. Grudem: The rest of Protestantism: a _____ and _____ presence of Christ

D. Grudem: Who should participate in the Lord's Supper?

Grudem: *Only those who _____ in Christ.* **1 Corinthians 11:29-30.** Grudem: *Only those who have been baptized. . . .* Grudem: _____ -*examination.* **1 Corinthians 11:27-29**

E. Grudem: Other questions

Grudem: Who should administer the Lord's Supper? . . . How often should the Lord's Supper be celebrated? **1 Corinthians 11:26**

Grudem: Questions for Personal Application (abbreviated)

1. What things symbolized by the Lord's Supper have received new emphasis in your thinking? . . . Do you feel more eager to participate in the Lord's Supper now?
2. In what ways (if any) will you approach the Lord's Supper differently now? Which of the things symbolized in the Lord's Supper is most encouraging to your Christian life right now?
3. What view of the nature of Christ's presence in the Lord's Supper have you been taught?
4. Are there any broken personal relationships that you need to make right before you come to the Lord's Supper again?

Scripture Memory Passage

1 Corinthians 11:23-26: 23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; **24** and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." **25** In the same manner *He* also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Hymn ("Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face," Horatius Bonar, 1855)

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Chapter 51: Worship

How can our worship fulfill its great purpose in the New Testament age? What does it mean to worship “in spirit and in truth”?

Scripture Memory Passage Review: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Explanation and Scriptural Basis

A. Grudem: Definition and purpose of worship

Grudem: *Worship is the activity of _____ God in his presence with our voices and hearts.* Colossians 3:16; Exodus 7:16

Grudem: Worship is therefore a *direct* expression of our ultimate _____ for living, “to glorify God and fully to enjoy him forever.” (from the Westminster Larger Catechism) Isaiah 43:6-7; Ephesians 1:11-12

Grudem: *God is worthy of worship and we are _____.* Revelation 22:8-9; Exodus 20:1-5; Isaiah 48:11; Revelation 4:11; 1 Peter 4:11

B. Grudem: The results of genuine worship

1. Grudem: We delight in _____
Psalm 27:4; 16:11; 73:25; 84:1-2, 4, 10; Acts 2:46-47; Luke 24:50-53; Revelation 4:8; 5:12
2. Grudem: God delights in _____
Genesis 1:31; Isaiah 62:3-5; Zephaniah 3:17
3. Grudem: We draw near to _____: the amazing unseen reality of new covenant worship
Hebrews 9:1-7; 10:19-22; 12:18-24
4. Grudem: God draws near to _____
James 4:8; 2 Chronicles 5:13-14; Psalm 22:3
5. Grudem: God ministers to us
Hebrews 4:16; Psalm 34:4-5, 8; 37:4; 1 John 3:2; Hebrews 12:2

C. Grudem: The eternal value of worship

Revelation 4:8-11; 5:11-14

D. Grudem: How can we enter into genuine worship?

Grudem: Ultimately, worship is a spiritual activity and it must be empowered by the _____ working within us. John 4:23-24

Grudem: An attitude of worship comes upon us when we begin to see God as he is and then respond to his presence. Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 14:33; Hebrews 12:18-24, 28-29

Grudem: Worship is a spiritual matter (John 4:21-24), and the primary solutions will therefore be _____ ones.

Hebrews 12:22-24; 1 Timothy 2:8; Matthew 5:24; 1 John 4:20; 1 Peter 3:7; Hebrews 12:15, 14; Matthew 5:8; James 4:8; Matthew 21:12-13; 6:6; 1 Corinthians 14:33, 40; Hebrews 12:28

Grudem: Questions for Personal Application (abbreviated)

1. How could your church take steps to strengthen and deepen its experience of worship?
2. Have you ever felt a strong sense of the presence of God in corporate worship? When was this? Can you describe it? Do you know what factors contributed to this sense?
3. During times of worship, can you describe the emotions that are most prominent in your consciousness? Is this experience similar to other experiences in daily life, or are these feelings unique to times of worship? Have you ever sensed that God is ministering to you while you are worshipping him? What made you aware of that?
4. Do you think there is enough genuine worship . . . in your life? If not, what are the hindrances?
5. How do you feel about the fact that God is jealous for his own honor and seeks his honor? Can you think of anything in the universe that would be more right than for God to seek his own honor? Can you think of anything other than worship of God that would make you feel more deeply that you are doing the thing for which you were created?

Scripture Memory Passage

Revelation 4:11: "You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honor and power;
For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist and were created."

Hymn ("Holy, Holy, Holy," Reginald Heber, 1826)

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Part 6: Doctrine of the Church

Chapter 52: Gifts of the Holy Spirit: (Part 1) General Questions

What are spiritual gifts? How many are there? Have some gifts ceased? Seeking and using spiritual gifts

Scripture Memory Passage Review: Revelation 4:11

Explanation and Scriptural Basis

A. Grudem: Questions regarding spiritual gifts in general

Grudem: A spiritual gift is any ability that is empowered by the Holy Spirit and used in any ministry of the _____

1. Grudem: Spiritual gifts in the history of redemption. **Joel 2:28-29; Acts 1:8; 2:16**
2. Grudem: The purpose of spiritual gifts in the New Testament age
Grudem: Spiritual gifts are given to equip the church to carry out its ministry until Christ returns. **1 Corinthians 1:7; 13:10; 14:12; Ephesians 4:11-12**

3. Grudem: How many gifts are there?

1 Corinthians 12:28

1. apostle
2. prophet
3. teacher
4. miracles
5. kinds of healings
6. helps
7. administration
8. tongues

1 Corinthians 12:8-

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9. word of wisdom
10. word of knowledge
11. faith
- (5). gifts of healing
- (4). miracles
- (2). prophecy
12. distinguishing between spirits
- (8). tongues
13. interpretation of tongues

Ephesians 4:11

- (1). apostle
 - (2). prophet
 14. evangelist
 15. pastor-teacher
- Romans 12:6-8**
- (2). prophecy
 16. serving
 - (3). teaching
 17. encouraging
 18. contributing
 19. leadership
 20. mercy

1 Corinthians 7:7

21. marriage
22. celibacy

1 Peter 4:11

- whoever speaks (covering several gifts)
whoever renders service (covering several gifts)

4. Grudem: Gifts may vary in _____
Romans 12:6; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6; 1 Corinthians 14:18; 13:1-3; 12:11; 4:7; 12:29-30
5. Grudem: Do Christians possess gifts temporarily or permanently?
1 Corinthians 12:11; 13:8-13; Romans 11:29
7. Grudem: Discovering and seeking spiritual gifts
Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:31; 14:1
8. Grudem: Gifts are tools for ministry, and not necessarily related to Christian _____
1 Corinthians 12:7, 11; 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 1:7

B. Grudem: Have some gifts ceased? The _____ debate
1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Resources: John MacArthur's *Charismatic Chaos*; Wayne Grudem's *The Gift of Prophecy in the New Testament and Today*; Richard Gaffin's *Perspectives on Pentecost*; and John MacArthur's *The Charismatics: A Doctrinal Perspective*

8. Grudem: A final note: cessationists and charismatics _____ each other

Grudem: Questions for Personal Application (abbreviated)

1. Has your understanding of your own spiritual gift(s) changed after studying this chapter?
2. What can you do to stir up or strengthen those spiritual gifts in you that need strengthening? Are there some gifts that you have been given but have neglected?
3. As you think about your own church, which spiritual gifts do you think are most effectively functioning at the present time? Which are most needed in your church? Is there anything you can do to help meet those needs?

Scripture Memory Passage

1 Peter 4:10-11: **10** As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. **11** If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn ("Come, Thou Almighty King", Anonymous, 1757)

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Part 6: Doctrine of the Church

Chapter 53: Gifts of the Holy Spirit: (Part 2) Specific Gifts

How should we understand and use specific spiritual gifts?

Scripture Memory Passage Review: 1 Peter 4:10-11

Explanation and Scriptural Basis

A. Grudem: Prophecy

Grudem: Defined not as “predicting the future,” nor as “proclaiming a word from the Lord,” nor as “powerful preaching—but rather as “*telling something that God has spontaneously brought to _____.*” Acts 21:4, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 14:29-38

B. Grudem: Teaching

Grudem: The gift of teaching in the New Testament is *the ability to explain Scripture and apply it to people's _____.* Acts 15:35; 18:11; Hebrews 5:12; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:15; 1 Timothy 6:3; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Timothy 4:11; 6:2

C. Grudem: Miracles

Grudem: The term may refer to any kind of activity where God's mighty _____ is evident. Acts 5:19-20; 12:6-11; 5:1-11; 13:9-12; 28:3-6

D. Grudem: Healing

1. Grudem: Introduction: sickness and health in the history of redemption. Isaiah 53:4-5; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Corinthians 15:23
2. Grudem: The purposes of healing
Grudem: A “sign” . . . Brings comfort and health . . . Equips people for service . . . Provides opportunity for God to be glorified
4. Grudem: Does the New Testament show common methods used in healing?
Luke 4:40; Matthew 9:18; Luke 5:13; 13:13; Acts 28:8; Mark 6:2, 13; James 5:14-15; Luke 8:48; 17:19; James 5:15; Mark 2:5; Matthew 15:28; 8:10, 13

5. Grudem: How then should we pray for healing? [Matthew 6:13](#); [3 John 2](#); [James 4:2](#)
6. Grudem: But what if God does not heal? [2 Corinthians 12:9](#); [4:16](#); [Philippians 2:27](#); [1 Timothy 5:23](#); [2 Timothy 4:20](#); [1 Peter 1:6-7](#); [4:19](#); [James 1:2-4](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:18](#); [Psalm 119:71](#), [67](#)

E. Grudem: Tongues and interpretation

1. Grudem: Tongues in the history of redemption. [Genesis 11](#); [Acts 2:11](#)
2. Grudem: What is speaking in tongues? [1 Corinthians 14](#)
 - a. Grudem: Words of prayer or praise spoken to God. [1 Corinthians 14:2](#), [28](#)
 - b. Grudem: Not understood by the speaker. [1 Corinthians 14:2](#), [11](#), [13-19](#)
 - c. Grudem: Prayer with the Spirit, not with the mind. [1 Corinthians 14:14-15](#)
 - d. Grudem: Not ecstatic but self-controlled. [1 Corinthians 14:27-28](#)
 - e. Grudem: Tongues without interpretation. [1 Corinthians 14:20-28](#)
 - f. Grudem: Tongues with interpretation: edification for the church. [1 Corinthians 14:5](#)
 - g. Grudem: Not all speak in tongues. [1 Corinthians 12:30](#)

F. Grudem: Word of wisdom and word of knowledge. [1 Corinthians 12:8](#)

G. Grudem: Distinguishing between spirits and spiritual warfare. [1 Corinthians 12:2](#)

Grudem: Questions for Personal Application (abbreviated)

1. Does the gift of teaching function effectively in your church? Who uses this gift in addition to the pastor or elders?
2. Of the other gifts discussed in this chapter. . . . Are there any which you think your church needs but does not have at this time? What do you think would be best for you to do in response?

Scripture Memory Passage

[1 Corinthians 12:7-11](#): **7** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of *all*: **8** for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, **10** to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Hymn (“Come, O Come Thou Quickening Spirit”, Heinrich Held, 1664)