

SummerSalon14 - Ecclesiology

We now come to the section on Ecclesiology —the study of the church.

Usually taught in Anthropology, the nature of man’s being is not agreed by all. I’ve thought my body, soul, and spirit are a tripartite. At conversion I believe it was my spirit that was made right with God. All of me will eventually be glorified at the resurrection, including my soul, the seat of my will and emotions. But I’m not convinced by arguments taught in seminary that man is *dipartite*. While it makes sense that the dipartite body and soul/spirit may have applied to Adam *before* he sinned —***after the fall*** —it also seems clear that depraved nature must be distinct from spirit that is saved at conversion. Alice Grady discusses the question, “God is Triune —Are We?”

Pastor Don Grady has been a Presbyterian pastor for over 50 years —currently serving at Shannondale Presbyterian in Knoxville, TN. He shares his research on a doctrine that separates holiness or full gospel denominations from evangelical and mainline believers. Pastor Grady shows us how the Scriptures themselves refute Christian Perfectionism.

Alice Grady returns to speak about a topic that affects all of us. I remember how much I enjoyed Hosanna Integrity praise and worship when that genre was introduced in the 80’s. But as all things devolve due to entropy, much of what passes for worship on Sunday mornings these days ought to be examined more closely.

Pastor Robert Sherrod of Word of God Ministries in Knoxville, TN speaks about “Serving in the Body of Christ.” Pastor Sherrod desires to motivate Christians to higher service to God and others based on the supreme example we have in Christ.

Finally, in our study of ecclesiology, Paula Fether shares on a topic that needs to be opened up and discussed in all of our churches —the false embrace of hierarchy among believers. Her work is based on scriptural and theological correction of that tradition.