



Ephesians 4

Summary and Lead In to Chapter 4

Legalism vs. Logical Imperative

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A Walk Worthy of Your Name [vs. 1-6]

- Paul is using Greek logical arguments here
 - If your name/calling is God's name (Ephesians 3:14-15), what does that Christ-life representation look like?
 - If God is one, what does that look like in His body?
 - In Israel inconsistency in teaching over time led to a lack of unity, two legal systems, and 2 major religious sects (with a 3rd tiny one) by the time of Christ

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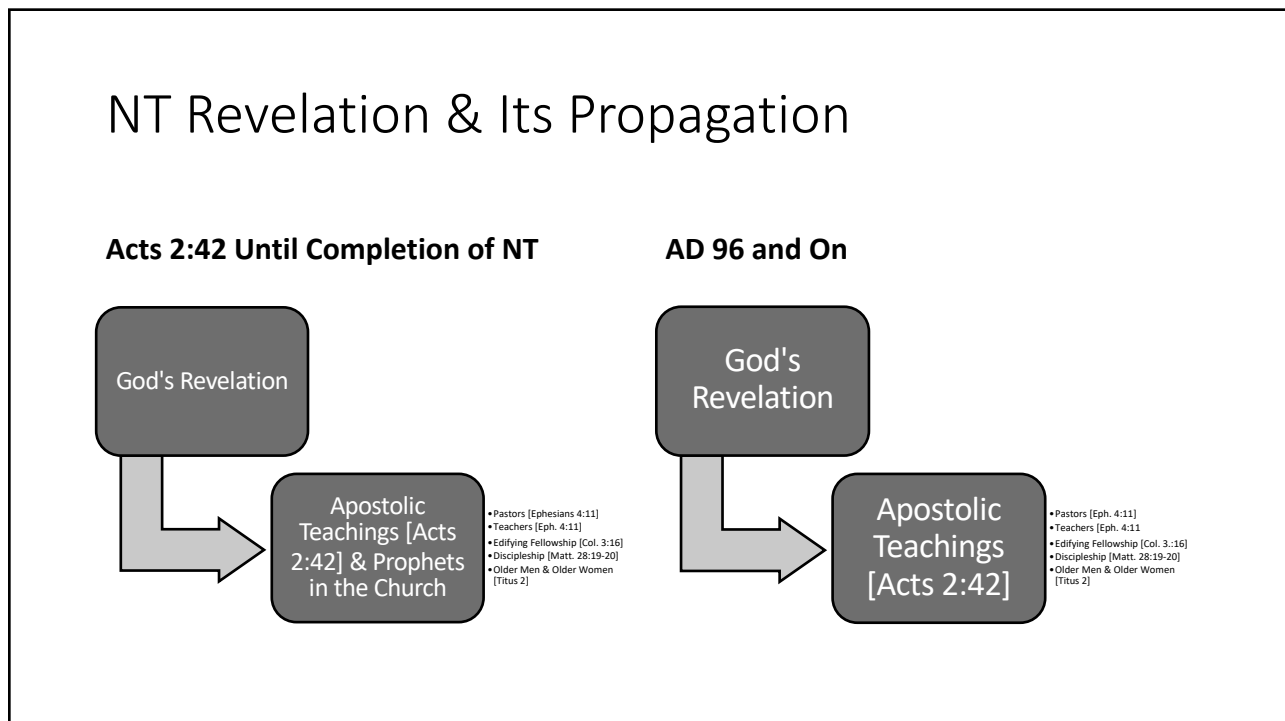
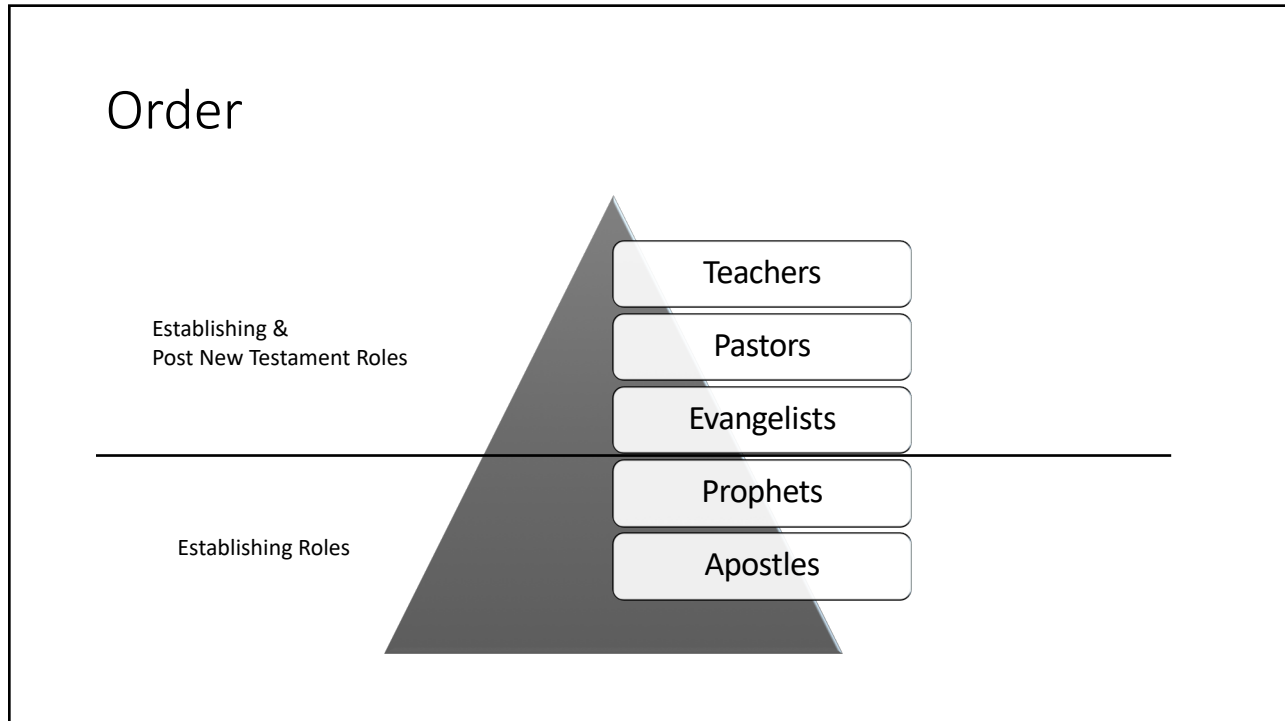
- In Love
 - Love needs to be taught
 - Love is an act of the will
 - Love is not [purely] emotional
 - Love gets its definition in God
- Paul argues love precipitates these practices here & in 1 Corinthians 13
- Paul argues that love covers any gaps that these practices may have in Colossians 3:12-14

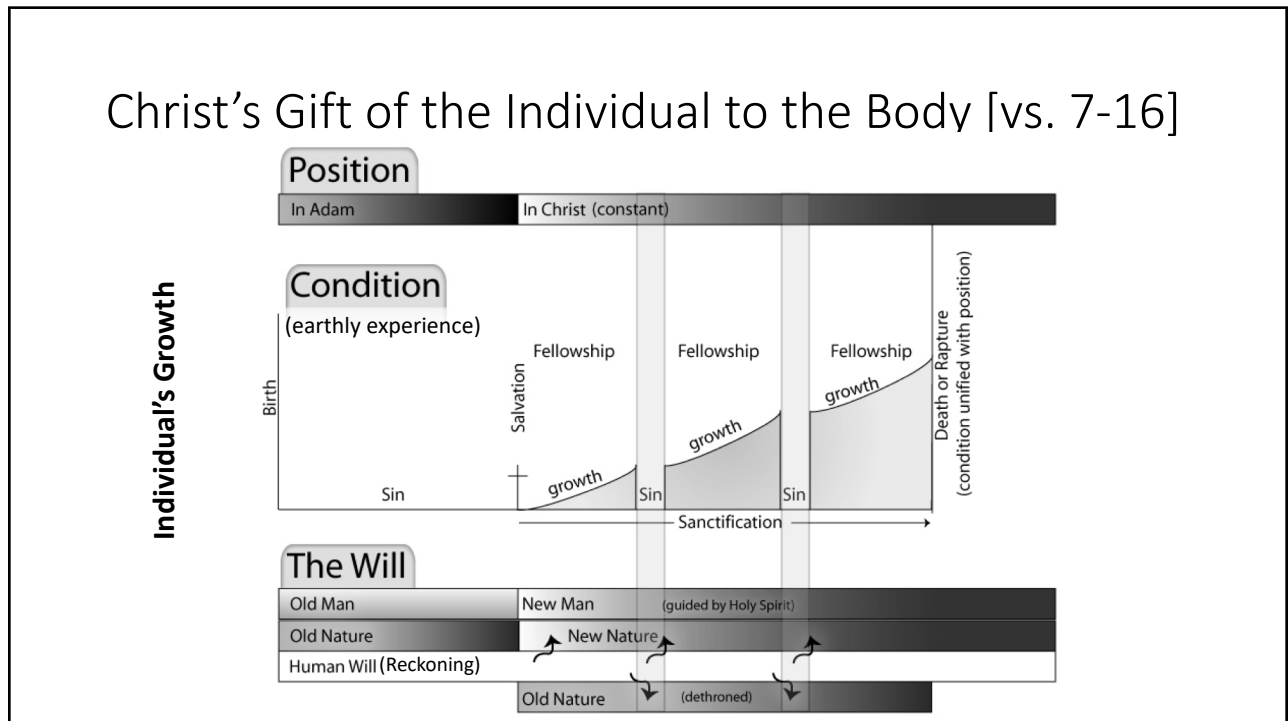
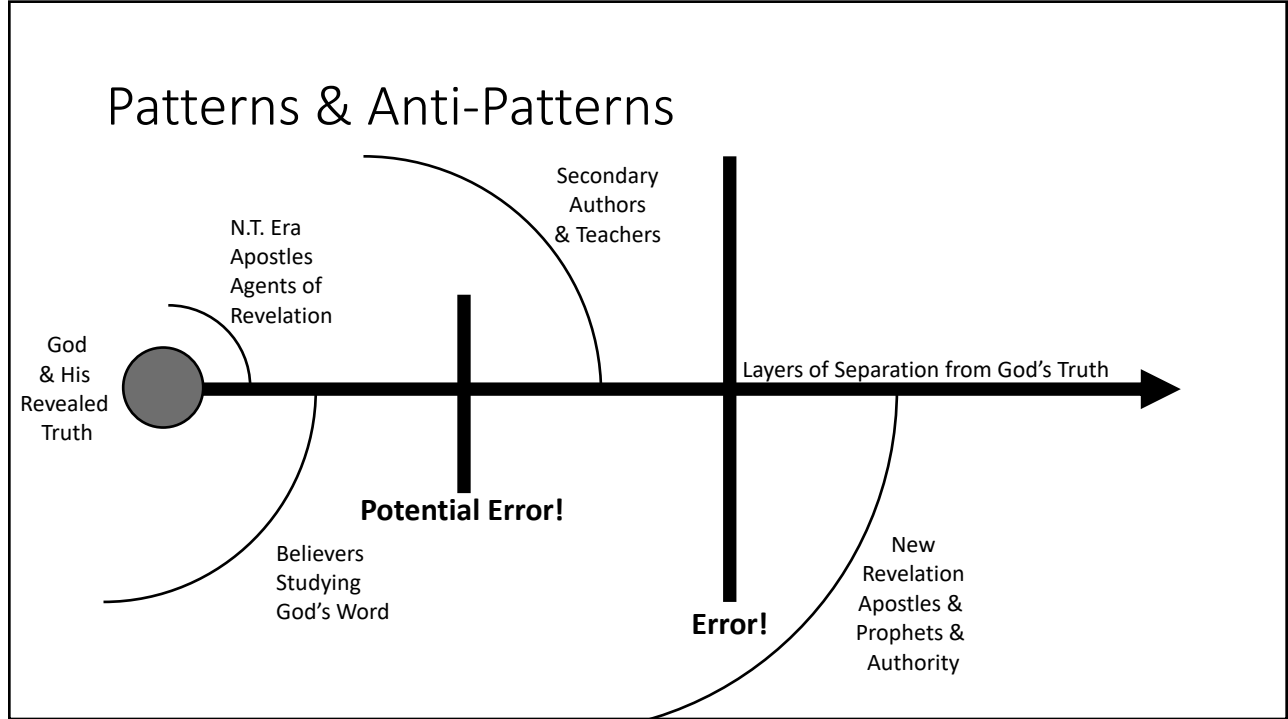
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- Unity comes from the Holy Spirit
 - In revelation of the scriptures (Ephesians 3:5)
 - In Conformity (2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 8:26)
 - Informing our walk (Galatians 5:16)
 - Proves our faith (Romans 8:14)

Christ's Gift of the Individual to the Body [vs. 7-16]

- Grace was given in accordance to the measure of Christ's gift: which was infinite
 - Christ led every believer who believes away from captivity to sin and the Law
 - Unfortunately translational tradition often infers here that Christ descended into the earth. The preposition does not require 'into', but can be 'to' the lowly earth
 - This gift includes a new entity, the church, which He set in order a structure to equip the individuals that would equip the body as a whole





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Laying Aside Old Thinking [vs. 17-24]

- Do not embrace Secular Philosophy
 - Absolute Truth cannot be known
 - Humanism – Man is the measure
 - Post-modernism – There isn't even a measure, only division
 - Existentialism – There is only experience
 - Stoicism – Response to the experience should be practiced and tempered

Laying Aside Old Thinking [vs. 17-24]

- Renew your minds [plural]
 - Teach truth
 - Read truth
 - Challenge error
 - Unify in the Holy Spirit's revelation
- This will lead to putting on (middle voice) the new self [AKA reckoning]

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Practical Application of Doctrine [vs. 25-32]

- Since we are members one of another
 - It is only normal that we would speak truthfully to one another
 - We might get upset, but not sin in our emotional intensity
 - We will not let the sun go down on our anger
 - We will not let the devil have an opportunity to impact the body
 - We will work in humility so that we may serve one another
 - We will work in humility so that we may care for one another

Practical Application of Doctrine [vs. 25-32]

- Do not grieve the Holy Spirit
 - We are sealed by Him, why would we attempt to violate that bond?

Practical Application of Doctrine [vs. 25-32]

- Since we are united as one body in Christ
 - Personal tensions should be subjected to the law of love
 - The root of bitterness and its fruit should not be allowed in our thought life
 - Anger towards one another should not be part of our thought life
 - Excited rioting (a political staple of the world) should not be part of the body
 - Slander of one another should not be part of the body
 - We should not desire to injure one another emotionally or physically
 - Our purposeful interactions should instead
 - Be kind
 - Be tender-hearted
 - Forgiving because you have been forgiven by God

Subject(s) in Chapter 5

- Imitation
- Doctrinal Appropriation
- Light vs. Darkness
- Wisdom vs. Foolishness
- Drunkenness vs. Walking in the Spirit
- Truth vs. Deception
- Singing!
- Subject/Submit/Serve
- Marriage
- The eternal relationship between Christ and the church