



Does It Really Matter
What We Believe?

Why should we be
concerned about
false doctrine?

Why MUST false
doctrine be exposed?

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Why is it so
DANGEROUS
to believe
DOCTRINAL
ERROR?

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**Matthew 7:15
(NKJV)**

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

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Matthew 15:8–9 (NKJV)

⁸ ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. ⁹ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

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2 Corinthians 11:3 (NKJV)

³ But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
(vs. 4,13,14)

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Ephesians 4:13–14 (NKJV)

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; 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,

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Ephesians 5:6–7 (NKJV)

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷

Therefore do not be partakers with them.

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Colossians 2:8 (NKJV)

⁸ Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

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**2 Peter 2:19
(NKJV)**

19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.

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2 Peter 3:14–18 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; ¹⁵ and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,

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2 Peter 3:14–18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures.

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- Eve believed error (Gen. 3:1-7)
- A young prophet who believed error (1 Kings 13)
- The Lord permitted a lying spirit to convince Ahab to go to Ramoth Gilead (1 Kings 22:22,23)
- The Jewish leaders had been deceived and deceived others (John 8:44)
- Those who “love not the truth” will believe error and be lost (2 Thess. 2:10-12)

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What Should
Be Our
RESPONSE to
False
Doctrine?

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ERROR MUST BE EXPOSED & REFUTED



Jude 3 (NKJV)

³ Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

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Romans 16:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

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- Jesus exposed the errors of the Scribes and Pharisees on a regular basis (Mat. 12:38-45; 15:1-12; 16:1-4; 22:23-33; 23)
- Peter and John disputed with the Sanhedrin in Acts 4:1-24
- Steven disputed with the Jews in Acts 7
- Paul disputed with the Hellenists in Acts 9:29

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Acts 9:29 (NKJV)
*²⁹ And he spoke boldly
in the name of the Lord
Jesus and disputed
against the Hellenists,
but they attempted to
kill him.*

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Acts 15:2 (NKJV)

² Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.

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Galatians 2:4–5 (NKJV)

⁴ And *this occurred* because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage), ⁵ to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

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1 Timothy 1:18–20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, ¹⁹ having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, ²⁰ of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

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2 Timothy 2:17–18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And their message will spread like cancer.

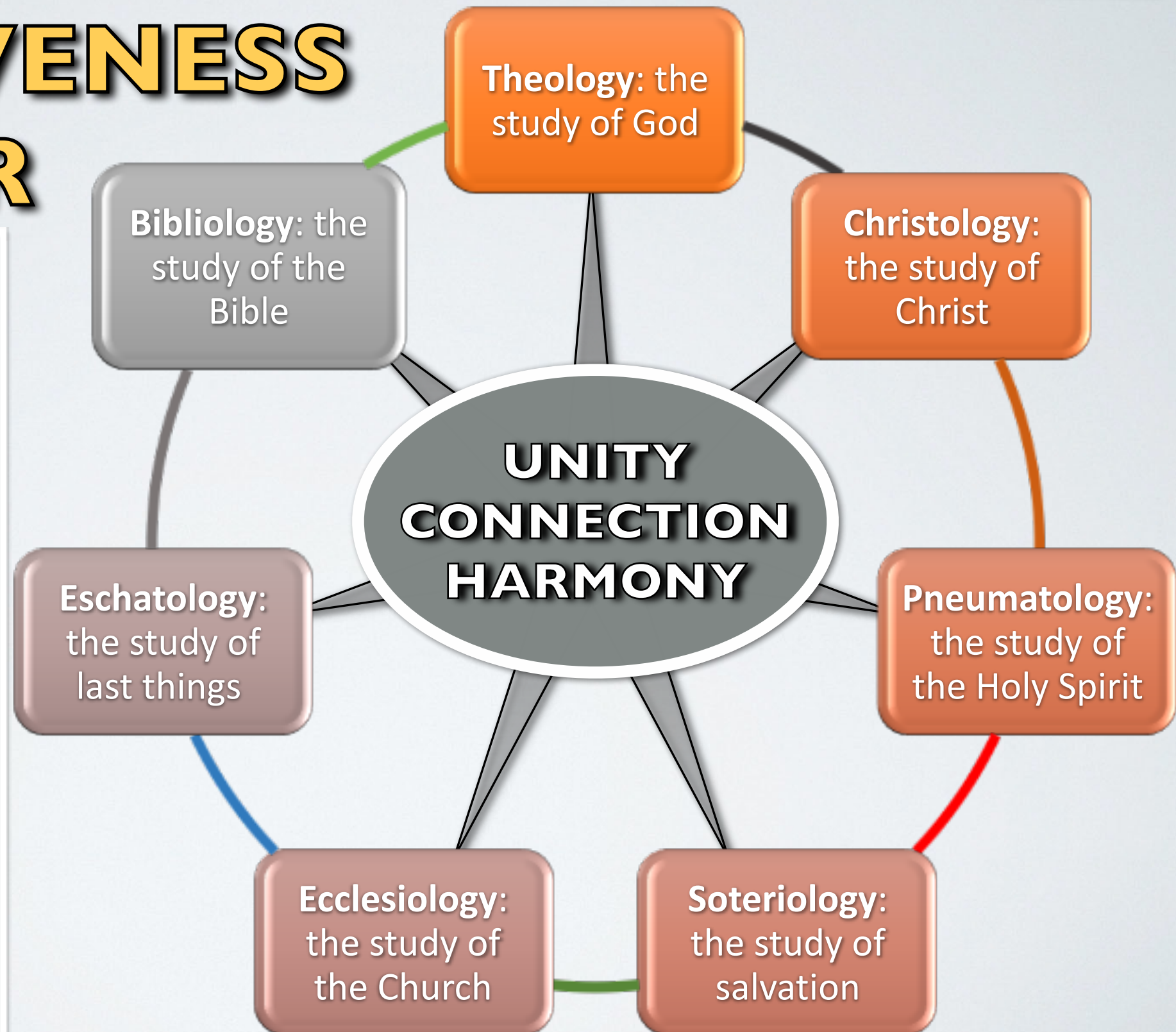
Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, ¹⁸ who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.

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PERVASIVENESS OF ERROR ■ Calvinism

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- ▶ **The nature of humanity:** No free will / totally depraved / totally incapable of choosing God /
- ▶ **The nature of salvation:** All of God / men have no part ... (can't believe w/out HS / baptism not essential / OSAS ...)
- ▶ **The nature of God:** Partial / determiner of every mans fate irrespective of their choices or deeds / original cause of all evil ...

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PERVASIVENESS

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- ▶ **The second coming of Jesus and the judgment happened in 70 AD:**
All passages speaking of these events must fit within this paradigm.
- ▶ **The resurrection occurred in 70 AD:**
All resurrection passages must fit this narrative - 1 Cor. 15 CANNOT be a bodily or personal resurrection but a purely spiritual, corporate and historical one.

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Forced to twist other doctrines:



The nature of the church: Prior to 70 AD there were 2 bodies, Jew & Gentile / post 70 AD the church entered its final state of glory ...



The nature of the salvation: no actual forgiveness or New birth prior to 70 AD. No death after ...?



The nature of the atonement provided by the cross: No full salvation before 70 AD ... After, are all saved?

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- ▶ To defend error, one **MUST**
pervert or twist scripture – 2
Peter 2:1-3; 3:16; Psalm 56:5; Gal
1:6-9; Acts 13:10; 1 Tim. 4:1-3
- ▶ Error contradicts both truth &
error – BUT, truth never
contradicts itself!

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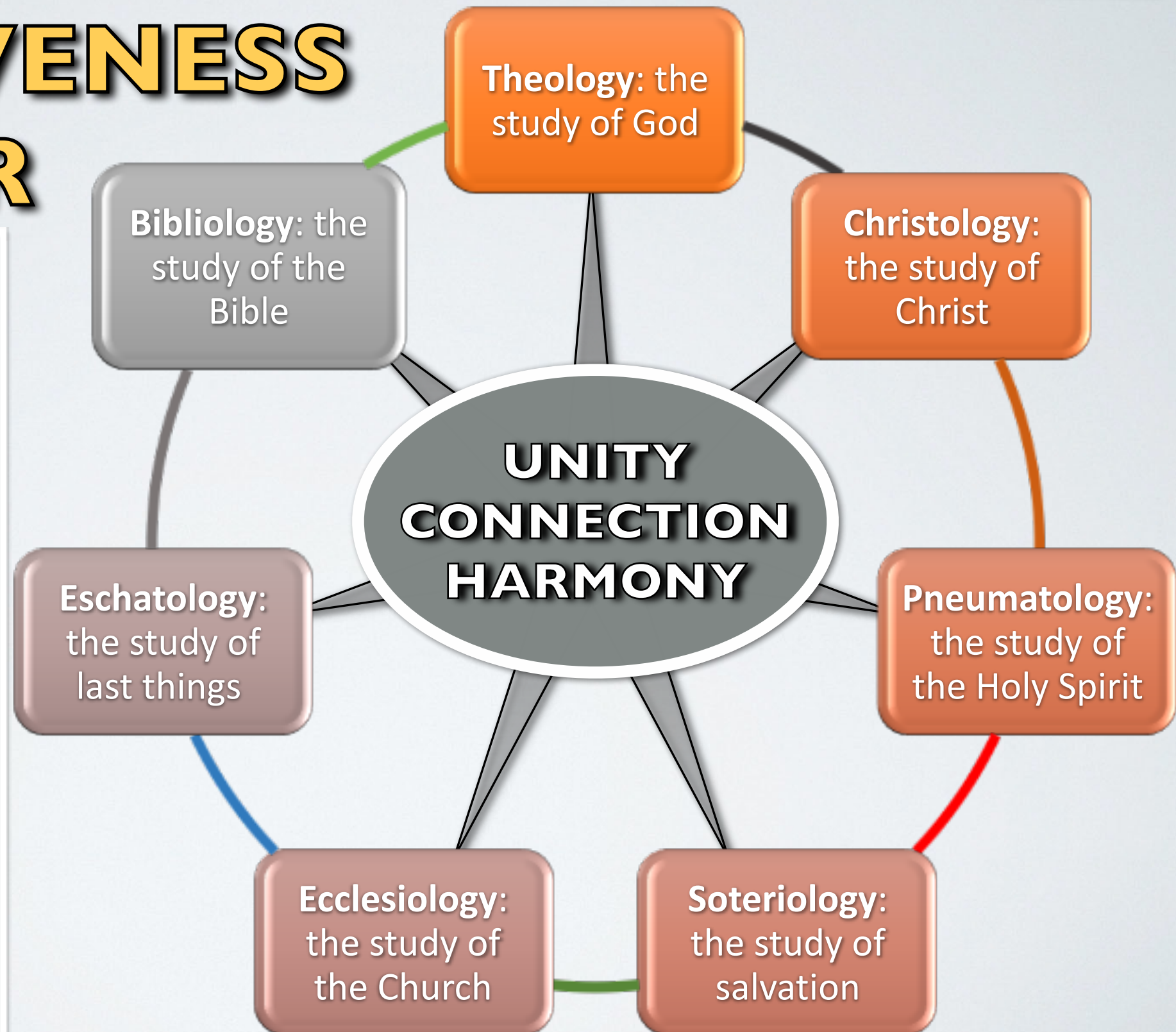
- ▶ Catholicism ...
- ▶ Deism ...
- ▶ Premillennialism ...
- ▶ Seventh Day Adventism ...
- ▶ Oneness Pentecostalism ...
- ▶ Universalism ...
- ▶ Denominationalism ...

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The Law of LOGICAL EXTENSION

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We move further and further away from God.

We set a course for complete apostasy!

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Hopefully we all
see **WHY**
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Will result in the
perversion of
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2 Tim. 3:13

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Will make one's
**worship &
service** to God
unacceptable.
Matt. 15:7-9

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Will lead to
**ungodly
living.**

We will NEVER
live above our
beliefs

Rom. 1:18-32

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The adherence
to doctrinal error
brings **bondage**
and **death**.

2 Thes. 2:10-12

2 Pet. 2:18-22

John 8:32-34



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THE WAY OF SALVATION!

- ▶ **HEAR THE TRUTH:** Rom. 10:13-17
- ▶ **BELIEVE THE TRUTH:** John 8:32; 20:30,31; Rom. 10:13-16
- ▶ **REPENT:** Lk 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
- ▶ **CONFESS:** Mt. 10:32; Ro 10:9,10;
- ▶ **BE BAPTIZED:** Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21
- ▶ **BE FAITHFUL:** 1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 2:10

Colossians 1:5 (NKJV)

⁵ because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,



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Jeremiah 23:16–22 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord, And has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard *it*? ¹⁹ Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord has gone forth in fury— A violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. ²⁰ The anger of the Lord will not turn back Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.

Jeremiah 23:16–22 (NKJV)

21 “I have not sent these prophets,
yet they ran. I have not spoken to
them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if
they had stood in My counsel, And
had caused My people to hear My
words, Then they would have turned
them from their evil way And from
the evil of their doings.