

5-3-1 on Bird, 8.1 to and including 8.2.2

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Questions

1. The church is a dispensable accessory to God's plan
 - a. False
2. What does the greek word, ekklesia, mean?
 - a. Gathering or assembly
3. Where did the church start?
 - a. Not at Pentecost, the church is the renewed Israel of the messianic age
4. What are some shared images between the testaments?
 - a. People of God, elect, flock, priesthood, remnant
5. What are some images that are specific to the new testament?
 - a. Body of Christ, temple of God, new creation

Terms

1. Ecclesiology - the study of churches
2. Hermeneutics - the branch of knowledge that has to do with interpretations
3. Supersessionism - replacement theology, the Christian theology that describes the theological conviction that the Christian Church has replaced the Jews and the nation of Israel

Summary

Birds starts of chapter 8 with the thought that many evangelical Christians are more focused on Jesus and His message, rather than the church. That there is a neglect of the doctrine of the church within present day Christians. He brings up the

importance of church and fellowship. Then he starts to describe shared images of the church in the old and new testament. After that, he contrasts with just images of the church in the new testament. Lastly, Bird discusses the replacement theology, Supersessionism, and how he believes that instead of the church replacing Israel as God's chosen people, the church is actually the renewed Israel.