

Element 5M: Ministry of Jesus: Presuppositional Origins of Cessasionism

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I. Eight Essential Elements: Outline & Overview

0. Intro: Proclamation / Pre-Evangelism / Disciples / Pole Fishing / Diagnostic Tools / 7 Missing Elements
1. God: Essential Biblical Attributes: (Non-Communicable & Communicable)
2. Man: Essential Biblical Attributes: (3 Issues / Culpability / Empowerment)
3. The 10 Commandments: (Exodus 20:1-17) & (Deuteronomy 5:1-21)
4. Historical Narrative of Israel & Warning(s) of Eternal Judgment Day: Gospel Presentations in Acts
5. Jesus Christ: Only Mediator: Intro to Christology: Bridge / Solution / Ministry / Atonement / Reign
6. Receiving Jesus Christ: (John 1:12-13) Responding: Key Components & Exchanges of Soteriology
7. The First 5 Steps Into the Kingdom of Christ: Acts 2:37-47 (See Pt. I, E, 3 Above)
8. Maturing in Jesus Christ: 3 Tools of Grace - Vital Growth Ingredients / Necessity of Discipleship

II. Messages 1 - 20: Elements 1 - 4: Defining Bad News (Gap): God, Man, Decalogue & Christ as Israel (Telos)

III. Last 12 Weeks: Element 5: Bridging the Gap: Intro to Christology / Jesus: Only Solution, Mediator, Ministry

(1 Tim. 2:3-6)³ ... God our Savior,⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,⁶ who gave Himself ...

5A to 5L: “I am” Statements in John / The Crucial Role of Christology / Deity & Humanity of Jesus Christ / Conceived by the Holy Spirit & Born of the Virgin Mary / Life Pattern, Growth in Grace & Baptisms of Christ / Wilderness Temptation: Fast 40 Days of Preparation / Ministry of Jesus: Magnitude of Ministry; Model or Pattern; Proclamations; Disciple-Making Models Examined; Building His Covenantal Church, Family, Community; Miraculous Manifestations Made Manifest aka Real, Tangible, Concrete Salvation from Practical Enemies

IV. Element 5M: Ministry of Jesus: Continuation to Completion of the Conquest & Building the Kingdom City

(Acts 17:11-12) Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word w/ great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.¹² Therefore many of them believed ...

A. Today's Reductionist Gospel: Cessasionism vs. NT Apostolic Continuationism (Warning & Sources)

1. Warning: Seemingly Good Christians: Poisonous Impartation: Reductionist Unbelief / Low Expectations (2 Timothy 3:1-5) But understand (realize) this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud (boastful), arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,³ heartless (unloving), unappeasable (irreconcilable), slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,⁴ treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,⁵ having the appearance (holding to a form) of godliness, but denying (although they have denied) its power. Avoid such people. (ESV / NASB) (And from such people turn away. NKJV) (Performance Based Naturalism)

2. Surface Sources: Scriptural Misinterpretations: Actual Explanation Much Deeper (See IV. A 3. Below) (1 Cor. 13:8-12) ... but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away.⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part;¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.¹¹ When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known

(John 16:13a) But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth;

(Jude 3b) ... contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down (delivered, entrusted) to the saints.

3. Two Spiritual, Theological, Presuppositional Sources: Naturalistic & Pharisaical Paradigms (Spirit)

a. Pseudo-Scientific Post-Enlightenment Philosophical Skepticism & Naturalism: “Developed” Nations (1 Cor. 2:14) The natural person does not accept (receive) the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand (know) them because they are spiritually discerned (appraised). (ESV / NKJV / NASB)

b. Pharisaical Paradigms & Spirit: (See 2 Timothy 3:1-5 Above.)

(John 9:28-34) ²⁸They reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from.” ... ³²Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?” So they put him out.

(Luke 18:11a) The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people:

(Matthew 22:29) But Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God. (Also Mark 12:24) (Spirit & Attitudes Addressed in Galatians) (Pharisees vs. Sadducees)

B. NT Apostolic Continuationism: What Do the Scriptures Say?

1. About the Mission (Ministry) of Jesus Christ:

(Matthew 28:18-20) And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (ESV) **(Mark 16:15-19) (Colossians 2:15) (2 Cor. 2:14) (Hebrews 13:8)**

2. About the Mission (Ministry) of the Holy Spirit: (Discuss John 13-16) (Discuss Luke 24:44-51; Acts 1-2)

(John 14:16-18; 26) ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides (μένω / menō: remains) with you and will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ... ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. (John 5:20, 36; 14:12) **(John 15:26-27)** ²⁶“When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, ²⁷and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning. **(See John 16:7-15)**

(Acts 1:4-5, 8) Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ... ⁸but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” **(See 1 Corinthians 12:1-11)**

3. About the Kingdom City of God: Three Agents of the Kingdom (Word, Spirit & Church)

(Isaiah 9:6-7) For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over His kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this. (Not Based In Geo-Political, But More Than Nebulous Hearts) **(Psalm 110:1-2ff)** The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.” ²The LORD will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, “Rule in the midst of Your enemies.” (Psalm 2) (Acts 3:19-21) (Cf. Micah 4:1-8) (Isaiah 11:1-10) (Quote from Charles Spurgeon) **(Isaiah 2:1-3ff)** The word which Isaiah ... saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.³ And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths. “For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. **(Habakkuk 2:14)** For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea.

V. Next Week: Elements 50: Still More on the Ministry of Jesus: Prophetic Witness

VI. Upcoming: Critical Christological Characteristics & Considerations Continued: