

Teaching-Preaching Filter @ ECC

This teaching-preaching lens can be easily memorized and retained by simply using the acrostic “F.I.L.L.T.E.R.” F – First importance, I – Inspired Word, L – Lordship of Christ, T – Triune God, E – ECC’s Unity & Maturity, and R – Respect for the Bride of Christ.

- 1. *First Importance:*** Does this teaching affirm the Gospel message as of first importance?
“For I delivered to you as of *first importance* what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Additional passages: Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 1:16, Galatians 1:6-9, 2:14, Ephesians 2:8-9, Philippians 1:7, 1 Thessalonians 2:2-8, 2 Timothy 2:8-9, and Revelation 14:6.
- 2. *Inspired Word:*** Does this teaching underscore the inspiration & authority of Scripture?
“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16). Additional passages: Psalm 19:7-11, 119:1-176, Isaiah 55:11, Romans 15:4, Hebrews 4:12, 1 Peter 1:23-25, 2 Peter 1:19-21, and Revelation 22:18-19.
- 3. *Lordship of Christ:*** Does this teaching point to the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus?
“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent” (Colossians 1:15-18). Additional passages: John 1:1-5, 5:39-40, 20:28, Romans 9:5, Philippians 2:6-11, Hebrews 1:1-4, 4:14-16, 8:1-2, and Titus 2:13.
- 4. *Triune God:*** Does this teaching elevate the Triune God? He exists in three equal persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, perfectly, submissively, joyfully, and in full unity as One.
“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:14). Additional passages: Genesis 1:26-27, Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38-39, 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, Galatians 4:4-6, Ephesians 4:4-7, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14, Titus 3:4-6, Hebrews 9:14, 1 Peter 1:2, 4:14, 1 John 4:13-14, and Jude 20-21.
- 5. *ECC’s Essential Unity and Maturity in Christ:*** Does this teaching support ECC as a local body of believers? We are shaped by the Triune God’s unity, the vision He has given us, and the on-going spiritual growth He desires.
“A fearless church of Christ-followers whose ridiculous love and dangerous witness are irresistible.” Additional passages: Fearless – Psalm 118:6, Ridiculous – John 13:35, Dangerous – Acts 4:20, and Irresistible – Acts 11:21.
- 6. *Respect for the Bride of Christ:*** Does this teaching respect the church by protecting her from division, corruption, and cultural seduction?
“...If I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15). Additional passages: Matthew 16:18, 1 Corinthians 3:6-9, 12:12-31, Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:4-6, 4:15-16, 5:25, 1 Peter 2:4-10, and Revelation 2-3.