ECCLESIOLOGY

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1. Introduction
2. Concept

Universal - Spiritual entity with Christ as head composed of all true believers

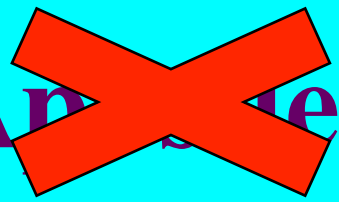
All locations, all time since founding, until rapture, invisible church, spiritual body of Christ, some in heaven

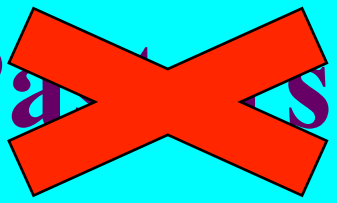
Believers called together with a common geography organized to glorify God & do His will

visible professing church may contain tares

NT OFFICES

- Apostles - αποστολος
- Elders - πρεσβυτερος
- = Bishops - επισκοπος
- Deacons - διακονος
- Pastors - ποιμην





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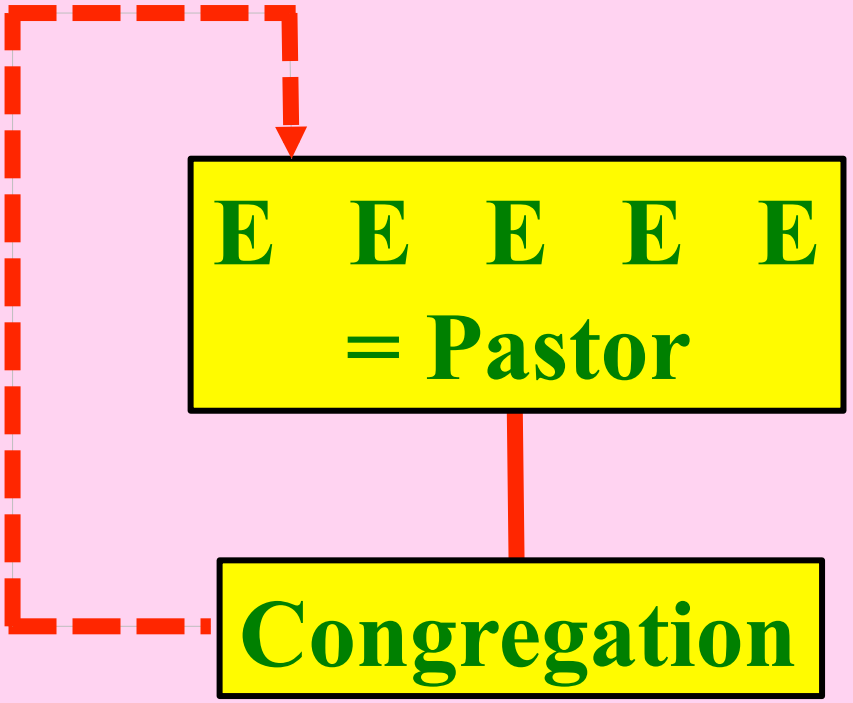

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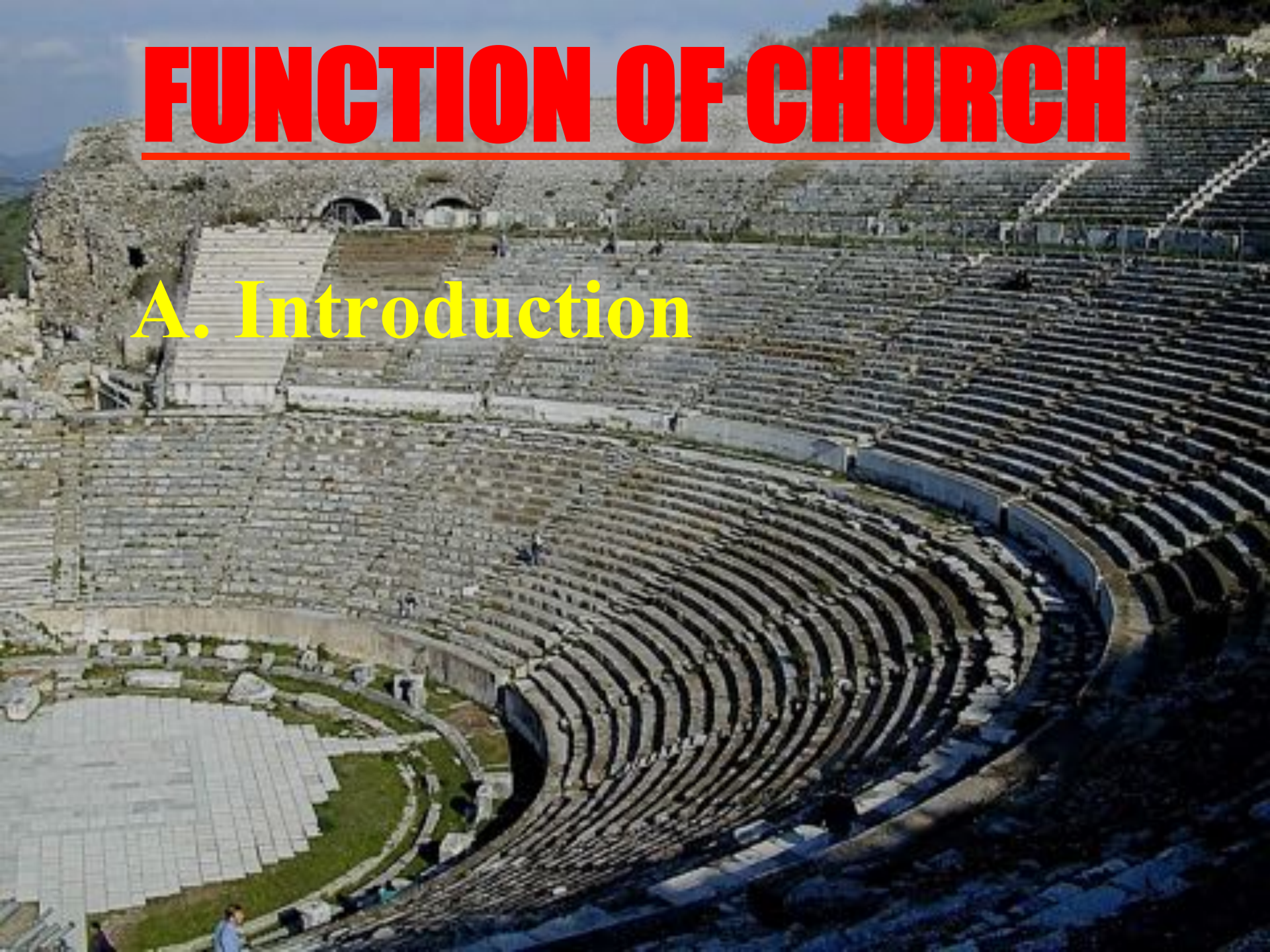
FUNCTION OF CHURCH



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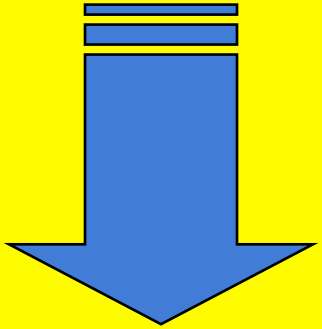
TYPICAL MODEL

Paid Staff -> Ministry



Congregation -> Recipients

Lay ministry

FUNCTION OF CHURCH

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B. Pattern of Ministry

Eph 4:1-16

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B. Pattern	4:7-16
1. Provision	4:7-10
2. Performance	4:11-16
a. Provision	4:11

FOUNDATIONAL

- Apostle - Plants Churches
- Prophet - Speaks Revelation
- Evangelist - Leads People to Christ
- Pastor - Shepherds Flock
- Teacher - Explains God's Word

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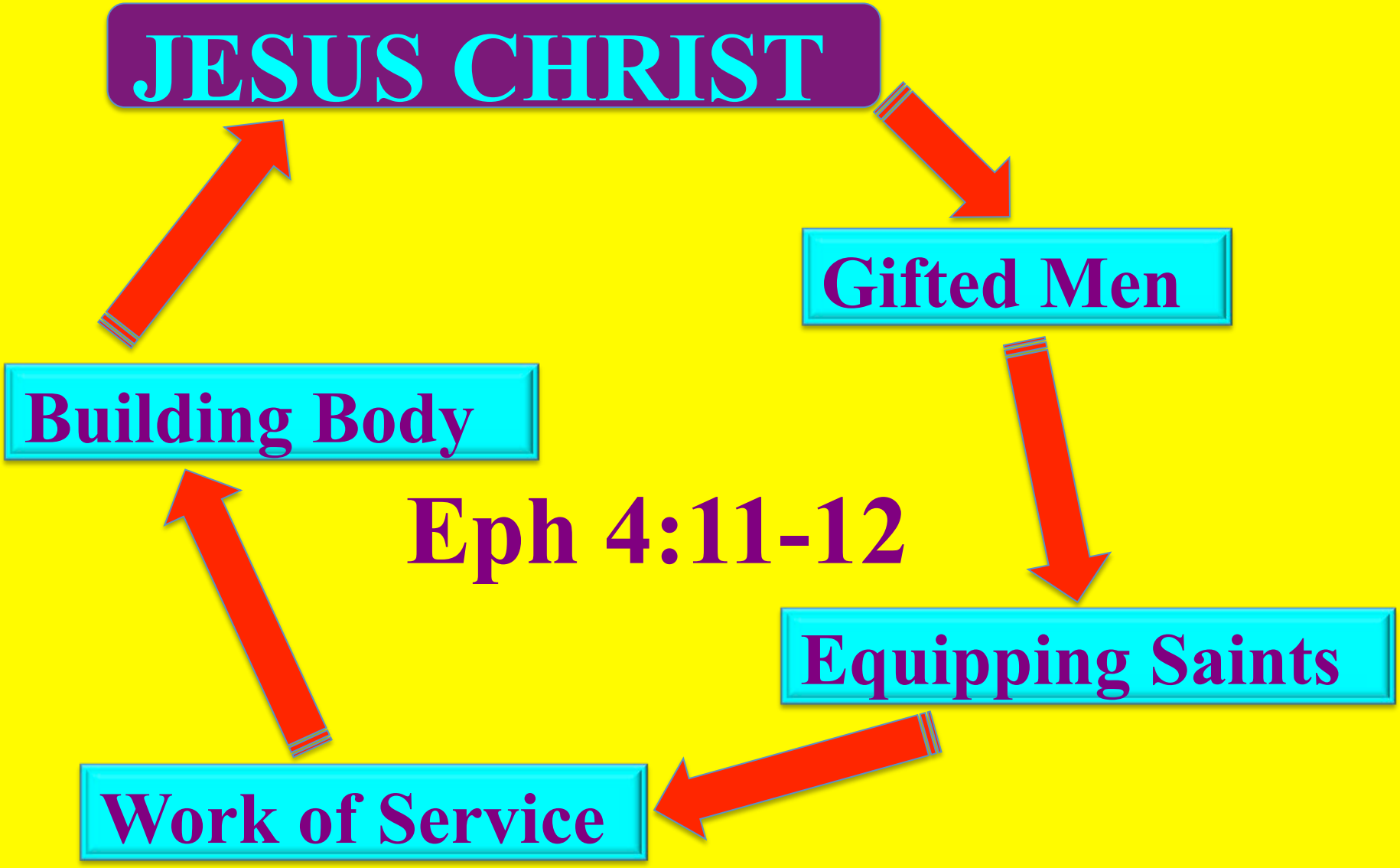
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FUNCTIONING

	TYPICAL	BIBLICAL
➢ Leadership -	Pastor & Staff	Elders
➢ Ministry -	Pastor & Staff	All Saints
➢ Growth -	Size	Maturity
➢ Result -	Immaturity	God's Glory

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Ultimate Unity Maturity

Immediate Stability Growth