

Ledger Status: Authoritative structural constraints for all future chapters.

Scope: Architecture, sequencing, guardrails, and deferred obligations only.

Prohibited Use: Prose drafting, theological exposition, or reader-facing material.

Chapter Canon Snapshot — Preface (LOCKED)

1) What This Chapter Establishes

- The reader's unease is valid and diagnostic, not sinful, rebellious, or immature
- A clear distinction between **Jesus (Life)** and **religion / “church” (system)**
- The problem is not disbelief or lack of devotion, but *misdirected mediation*
- Systems can speak *about* Jesus while displacing *Jesus Himself*
- Spiritual blindness can exist **inside sincere believers**, not just outside faith
- Jesus alone is Head and Builder of His ekklesia; this forms a closed system
- Anything that mediates between Jesus and believers constitutes loss, not aid
- Inheritance in Christ is present, relational, and communal—not institutional
- The author writes as an insider who underwent personal unlearning without losing Jesus
- The reader is invited into active discernment, not passive agreement
- Scripture is affirmed as witness to Jesus, not as a substitute head
- “Be a Berean” is framed as direct engagement with Jesus, not mere textual analysis

2) What This Chapter Deliberately Withholds or Defers

- No historical timeline of how “church” replaced ekklesia
- No linguistic or translation analysis (ekklesia, church, repentance, etc.)
- No systematic theology or doctrinal critique
- No prescriptions for alternative structures or practices
- No instructions for “doing ekklesia correctly”
- No identification of specific denominations, leaders, or institutions
- No proof-text accumulation or verse-by-verse argumentation
- No attempt to define a new movement, model, or reform strategy

3) Parked Material / Explicitly Set Aside

- Detailed explanation of *how* blindness is produced historically and systemically
- Greek, Latin, or translation mechanics supporting ekklesia displacement
- Full treatment of inheritance theology and union with Christ
- Examination of Revelation 3 imagery (Jesus outside, knocking) beyond implication
- Any formal critique of creeds, statements of faith, or leadership structures
- Any defense against anticipated institutional objections

4) Guardrails Future Chapters Must Honor

- **Jesus Himself must never be replaced by theology, method, Scripture-as-head, or structure**
- ekklesia must always be treated as **people gathered in Christ**, never as an institution or building
- Critique must remain *Jesus-centered*, not anti-Christian or anti-Scripture
- No future chapter may propose a system that mediates Life back to believers
- Revelation (from Jesus) must precede theology, not result from it
- Any historical, linguistic, or theological analysis must serve Life—not curiosity
- “Church” must continue to be treated as a distinct construct from Jesus’ ekklesia
- The reader’s agency and discernment must remain intact (no coercive conclusions)

Deferred Obligations (Must Appear Later for Coherence)

- Historical account of how institutional “church” displaced Jesus’ ekklesia
- Linguistic treatment of *ekklesia* versus *church* and when the shift occurred
- Clarification of Scripture’s role as witness versus functional head
- Explanation of how mediation occurs through doctrine, leadership, and structure
- Development of inheritance as present Life in Christ, not future abstraction
- Demonstration of how ekklesia functions organically when Jesus is present
- Addressing the emotional and existential cost of displacement and unlearning
- Showing why reforming religion cannot restore Life—only Jesus can

Status: Canon Locked

Function: Foundational orientation + diagnostic framing

Prohibited Use: Proof-text quarry, theology appendix, or reform manifesto

Chapter Canon Snapshot — Introduction (Locked)

1) What This Chapter Establishes

- The reader's crisis is **thirst amid sincerity**, not rebellion, laziness, or burnout.
- Desire for Jesus is **right and intensifying**, even when Life is absent.
- The dissonance is **evidentiary** (lived life vs Scripture), not emotional.
- Jesus is **present, unchanged, and available**; He has not withdrawn.
- Religion functions as an **impostor**—a substitute that **stands in place of Jesus**, trusted as Him.
- The problem is **misrecognition**, not loss.
- The book's posture is **invitation**, not reform, argument, or system-building.
- The author stands **with** the reader as a fellow seeker, not above as an expert.
- Recognition (seeing rightly) precedes explanation.

2) What This Chapter Deliberately Withholds / Defers

- No explanation of **how** the impostor operates.
- No linguistic analysis of key terms.
- No historical account of institutional development.
- No theological or philosophical argumentation.
- No prescriptions, methods, or replacement structures.
- No moral sorting, labeling, or condemnation.
- No definition of “what to do instead.”

3) Parked Material / Explicitly Set Aside

- Jesus' confrontational language toward religious leaders (diagnostic use later).
- Sin-centered repentance vs believing-in-Jesus analysis.
- Language reclamation (repent, gospel, church, pastor).
- Church-state history and violence.
- Scripture authority/translation control mechanisms.
- Spiritual gifts displacement into hierarchy.
- Ekklesia narratives and operational contrasts.
- Any explanatory frameworks beyond recognition.

4) Guardrails Future Chapters Must Honor

Grand Theft Manuscript Ledger

- Never imply Jesus was absent, lost, replaced, or reconstructed.
- Treat theology as **belief-about-Jesus** (the impostor), not a neutral tool.
- Prioritize **revelation and God-provided wisdom** over discovery or reasoning.
- Preserve reader sincerity; avoid blame-based framing.
- Maintain **belief in Jesus** over beliefs about Him.
- Avoid offering a new system, model, or movement.
- Use language that signals **substitution/impersonation**, not mere distortion.
- Keep recognition before explanation; exposure before instruction.

Deferred Obligations (Must Appear Later for Coherence)

- Mechanism of substitution via language (key terms and their shifts).
- Historical emergence of institutional stand-ins (vicarious roles).
- Clarification of philosophy vs theology vs revelation vs wisdom.
- Evidence that modern usage mirrors first-century religious conditions.
- Reintroduction of Jesus' diagnostic language at the correct moment.
- Demonstration of how Scripture can testify to Jesus or be used as a proxy.
- Practical implications of encountering Jesus without intermediaries.

Chapter Canon Snapshot — Chapter 1 (Locked)

1) What This Chapter Establishes

- The controlling metaphor of **forgery vs original** as the lens for the entire book
- That the problem is **substitution**, not absence: the original still exists
- That misrecognition can persist for generations once a substitute is normalized
- That the substitute is **systemic and inherited**, not personally authored by the reader
- That Jesus is not the object under examination yet; **recognition precedes explanation**
- That sincerity, devotion, and good intent can coexist with living under a substitute
- That systems can stand **in place of** Jesus while speaking *about* Him
- That imperial alignment radically accelerated substitution and scale
- That institutional continuity does not equal fidelity to Life
- That exposure of the forgery occurs wherever **authority from above** is present
- That reform is categorically insufficient when the object itself is counterfeit
- That the task ahead is **recognizing the original**, not fixing the substitute

2) What This Chapter Deliberately Withholds / Defers

- No definition of the “original” yet
- No explanation of how the forgery was constructed
- No naming of historical actors or detailed timelines
- No theological argument or doctrinal critique
- No linguistic analysis of key terms
- No prescriptions, practices, or alternative structures
- No moral sorting of readers, leaders, or traditions
- No claim that Life ever resided within the substitute
- No instruction on how to exit or dismantle the system

3) Parked Material / Explicitly Set Aside

- Detailed church-state history (legalization → establishment → enforcement)
- The Edict of Thessalonica and Nicene enforcement mechanisms
- Use of coercion, punishment, or violence against nonconformity
- Language shifts (ekklesia, church, repent, gospel, pastor, vicar)
- Sin-centered repentance frameworks
- Scripture-as-proxy vs Scripture-as-testimony distinctions
- Spiritual gifts absorbed into hierarchy
- Any “how-to” language for restoration or practice

- Any attempt to rehabilitate or reform the institutional system

4) Guardrails Future Chapters Must Honor

- Never imply the original was lost, destroyed, or absent
- Never suggest Life once resided in the institutional substitute
- Preserve reader sincerity; avoid blame, shame, or gullibility framing
- Maintain **substitution/impersonation** language, not mere distortion
- Keep recognition before explanation; exposure before instruction
- Avoid proposing a new system, movement, or model as replacement
- Treat institutional success, scale, and longevity as non-evidentiary
- Keep Jesus Himself—not theology, Scripture, or structure—as the reference point
- Maintain the distinction between **believing in Jesus** and **beliefs about Jesus**

Deferred Obligations (Must Appear Later for Coherence)

- Identification and description of the **original** (who Jesus is and how He operates)
- Mechanisms of substitution (language, roles, authority, mediation)
- Historical development of institutional stand-ins and vicarious authority
- Clarification of authority “from above” versus authority derived from systems
- Reintroduction of Jesus’ own diagnostic language toward religious systems
- Demonstration of how Scripture can testify to Jesus or function as a proxy
- Explanation of why reform repeatedly fails when the object is counterfeit
- Practical implications of encountering Jesus apart from institutional mediation

Chapter Canon Snapshot — Chapter 2 (LOCKED)

1) What This Chapter Establishes

- Jesus must be encountered **prior to and apart from inherited narratives**
- Most readers met Jesus **inside an inherited system**, not directly from the accounts
- Backward reading of Jesus is nearly unavoidable once a system exists
- The early accounts resist institutional, managerial, or organizational readings
- Jesus announces God's Kingdom as **present and disruptive**, not explanatory
- Nothing resembling governance, sustainability, replication, or succession is evident
- Jesus' authority is **personal, immediate, and unmediated**
- Life flows from Jesus Himself, not from teaching frameworks or structures
- Presence, not proximity to ideas or institutions, is the locus of transformation
- Jesus' speech carries **reality-defining authority** consistent with kingship
- Human belief in Jesus results in **overflowing Life**, not managed growth
- Ekklesia is implicitly communal dependence on Jesus, not an organized entity
- Jesus is recognizable by **what happens around Him**, not by what He builds

2) What This Chapter Deliberately Withholds or Defers

- No definition of *ekklesia*
- No explanation of how belief works or is produced
- No theology of the Kingdom
- No historical account of institutional development
- No linguistic analysis of key terms (ekklesia, church, Christ, kingdom)
- No critique of church structures, leaders, or denominations
- No prescriptions for practice, method, or reformation
- No instructions for replication or sustainability
- No moral sorting of readers, leaders, or traditions
- No explanation of miracles or mechanisms of power

3) Parked Material / Explicitly Set Aside

- Detailed miracle narratives or proof-texting
- Analysis of Jesus' baptism, anointing, and Christos identity
- Peter's declaration and its implications
- Kingdom-as-empire versus Kingdom-as-reign theology
- Institutional interpretations of Jesus' authority
- Later ecclesial language and role development

- Scriptural authority debates
- Church-state entanglement
- Any explanation of how belief becomes belief-*about*

4) Guardrails Future Chapters Must Honor

- Jesus' authority must remain **personal and unmediated**
- Presence must precede explanation, theology, or structure
- Life must never be attributed to systems, methods, or institutions
- Kingship language must not be institutionalized prematurely
- Belief must remain **relational** (“believe in”), not propositional
- Ekklesia must remain people-with-Jesus, never a construct
- No future chapter may imply Jesus founded or intended an institution
- Explanation must always follow recognition, never replace it
- Authority must remain **from Jesus**, not derived or delegated structurally
- Growth language must remain organic, not strategic

Deferred Obligations (Must Appear Later for Coherence)

- Explicit definition and recovery of *ekklesia*
- Linguistic treatment of “Christ / Anointed” and its implications
- Peter’s declaration and its role in recognition vs institution
- How belief shifts from *in Jesus* to *about Jesus*
- Historical emergence of institutional mediation
- How systems redefine authority, presence, and Life
- Why reform cannot restore what substitution displaced
- What it means, practically, to live in shared dependence on Jesus

Chapter Canon Snapshot — Mary Magdalene: Recognition After Loss (LOCKED) NOTE: This is Chapter 3

1) What This Chapter Establishes

- Recognition of Jesus is personal, embodied, and irreversible—not informational or doctrinal
- Jesus can be present before He is recognized; proximity does not guarantee knowing
- Correct information (angels, facts, explanations) does not restore Life
- Loss of Jesus is experienced as absence, grief, and devastation—not confusion or doubt
- Recognition occurs when Jesus discloses Himself, not when humans reason correctly
- Knowing Jesus is qualitatively different from believing things about Him
- Religion can speak truly about Jesus while being entirely absent of His presence
- Religion functions as an impostor that speaks in Jesus' place without possessing Him
- Religion never had Jesus to begin with; it did not lose Him
- What religion guards as sacred can function as a tomb rather than a place of Life
- Jesus is not found where religion claims to contain or represent Him
- Jesus' living presence is relational and shared, not institutional or abstract
- If Jesus does not live in people, He is not present when they come together
- The reader's experience of loss and recognition parallels Mary's experience
- Recognition precedes explanation, theology, structure, or practice

2) What This Chapter Deliberately Withholds or Defers

- No definition of ekklesia
- No explanation of how Jesus is present post-resurrection
- No mechanics of “gathering” or shared Life
- No theology of indwelling or union with Christ
- No exposition of Matthew 18 (“two or more”) language
- No critique of specific churches, leaders, or institutions
- No historical account of how religion became an impostor
- No instructions for recovering Jesus or restoring presence
- No prescriptions for spiritual practices or alternatives
- No explanation of how deception operates systemically

3) Parked Material / Explicitly Set Aside

- Detailed Gospel harmonization of resurrection accounts
- Emotional interiority or speculative psychology of Mary
- Doctrinal explanations of resurrection, glorification, or embodiment
- Scriptural proof-texting beyond narrative use
- Early ekklesia practices or descriptions
- Language analysis of “in His name”
- Historical development of tomb-guarding institutions
- Any defense against anticipated religious objections
- Any attempt to resolve tension introduced by the chapter

4) Guardrails Future Chapters Must Honor

- Recognition must always precede explanation
- Jesus Himself must remain the reference point, not theology or structure
- Presence must never be reduced to doctrine, ritual, or institution
- Ekklesia must never be treated as a thing, organization, or alternative church model
- No future chapter may imply Jesus was ever contained by religion
- Absence of Jesus must remain experiential, not merely conceptual
- Shared Life must remain relational, not procedural
- Critique of religion must remain Jesus-centered, not anti-Christian
- Resurrection presence must not be abstracted into metaphor alone
- No mechanism may be introduced before the reader is ready to recognize it

Deferred Obligations (Must Appear Later for Coherence)

- Explicit definition and recovery of ekklesia as Jesus’ gathering, not an institution
- Clarification of “in His name” versus using His name
- Explanation of where and how Jesus lives post-resurrection
- How shared dependence on Jesus constitutes His ekklesia
- Mechanisms by which religion substitutes itself for Jesus
- Why correct doctrine can coexist with absence of Life
- How ekklesia functions organically when Jesus is present
- Why reforming religion cannot recover Jesus
- Integration of Matthew 18 language at the appropriate moment

2. Chapter Canon Snapshot — Chapter 4 (LOCKED)

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1) What This Chapter Establishes

- Ekklesia is not a model, structure, or institution, but **what happens when Jesus lives in His people**
- Jesus used the phrase “**My ekklesia**” **only once**, almost in passing, and never institutionalized it
- Systematizing ekklesia is a **category error** (like systematizing “hanging out”)
- Religion’s claim to ekklesia rests on a **post-Jesus redefinition**, not Jesus’ intent
- After 313 AD, *ekklesia / ecclesia* were aligned with an **authorized religious organization and its buildings**
- English “church” derives from *kuriakos* (“the Lord’s house”), **not ekklesia**
- This redefinition shifted meaning from **people** → **institution** → **place**
- The resulting change was not ontological loss but a **change in perceived reality**
- Substitution occurred without malice through **misclassification**
- Constantine perceived believing in Jesus as a religion and governed it accordingly
- Life was not denied but **reclassified** and **governed**
- Authority shifted from Jesus to systems; leadership hardened into careers
- Mediation became normal; shared Life became managed religion
- People were trained to look to **official staff** rather than Life among them
- The resulting religion **did not require Jesus to function—only His name**

2) What This Chapter Deliberately Withholds or Defers

- No call to reform or exit religion
- No instructions for recovering ekklesia
- No definition of how ekklesia functions practically
- No prescription for gatherings, leadership, or structure
- No moral sorting of Constantine, leaders, or readers
- No apportioning of blame
- No remedy, solution, or “next steps”

3) Parked Material / Explicitly Set Aside

- Positive definition and functioning of ekklesia (deferred)
- “Two or more” / Matthew 18 exposition

- Detailed development of vicarious authority and offices
- Economic mechanisms and payroll structures
- Church-state violence and death-toll frameworks
- Full linguistic deep dives (Greek/Latin appendices)
- Any argument for or against denominations
- Any attempt to “fix” religion

4) Guardrails Future Chapters Must Honor

- Ekklesia must never be treated as an institution, model, or alternative church form
- Jesus Himself must remain the only source of Life and authority
- Absence must be experiential before it is explained
- No future chapter may imply ekklesia can be restored by reform
- No system may be proposed that mediates Life back to people
- Language must preserve **believing in Jesus** vs beliefs about Him
- Capital-L **Life** vs lowercase-l **life** must remain intentional
- The reader’s sincerity must always be protected

Deferred Obligations (Must Appear Later for Coherence)

- Positive definition of ekklesia as shared Life in Jesus
- How Jesus is present when His people gather
- Why religion can persist indefinitely without Jesus
- How recognition precedes explanation (experientially)
- Why reform cannot recover what substitution displaced
- What ekklesia looks like when Jesus actually leads
- Integration of the axiom contrasting religion vs ekklesia

Chapter Canon Snapshot — Chapter Ekklesia #2 (Locked)

Note: this is Chapter 5

1) What This Chapter Establishes

- Jesus' ekklesia was **neutralized**, not lost accidentally.
- The displacement followed a **threefold, systemic mechanism** rather than a single event or villain.
- The three mechanisms are:
 - **Authority relocation** (God's authority moved from living ekklesia to institutional structure).
 - **Faith substitution** (trust in the living Jesus replaced by beliefs and statements about Him).
 - **Survival entanglement** (money and power binding theology to institutional self-preservation).
- “Church” is defined **functionally** as a system that replaces living participation with managed representation.
- Ekklesia is shown to disappear **without being overtly opposed**, by being rendered unnecessary.
- Creeds and statements of faith are framed as **replacements**, not neutral summaries.
- Fundraising and institutional maintenance are identified as **structural inevitabilities**, not moral failures.
- Critique targets **mechanisms and incentives**, not individual intent or sincerity.
- The chapter functions as an **indictment and framework**, not a proof dossier.

2) What This Chapter Deliberately Withholds or Defers

- Detailed historical timelines and named figures.
- Documentary evidence for creeds, councils, salaries, property, and state alignment.
- Textual criticism or extended linguistic analysis.
- Step-by-step demonstration of gift absorption into offices.
- Practical prescriptions for “doing ekklesia.”
- Modern case studies or named denominations.
- Emotional or pastoral treatment of loss and disorientation.

3) Parked Material / Explicitly Set Aside

- Historical documentation of Constantinian and post-Constantinian transitions.
- Primary sources related to councils, creeds, and doctrinal codification.
- Financial records, budgets, and economic models of institutional religion.
- Detailed mapping of specific spiritual gifts to modern staff roles.
- Translation history beyond brief functional framing.
- Responses to anticipated objections from clergy or theologians.

4) Guardrails Future Chapters Must Honor

- Do not collapse **ekklesia** into a reformable church model.
- Maintain critique at the level of **systems**, not personalities.
- Preserve the distinction between **faith in Jesus** and **beliefs about Jesus**.
- Keep Jesus as **present and active**, not symbolic or mediated.
- Avoid prescriptive solutions or replacement structures.
- Do not retroactively justify institutions by projecting them onto Jesus or the apostles.
- Ensure evidence chapters **serve** this framework rather than redefine it.

Deferred Obligations (Must Appear Later for Coherence)

- Demonstration of how spiritual gifts function in living ekklesia.
- Clear mapping of **gift → role → office → hierarchy**.
- Historical account of **who, how, and when** institutional displacement occurred.
- Documentary substantiation of creeds, authority shifts, and financial entanglements.
- Translation and language analysis tied explicitly to institutional preservation.
- Pastoral treatment of displacement, loss, and reorientation for believers.
- Reaffirmation that ekklesia **reappears only where Jesus is present**, not where systems are corrected.

Chapter Canon Snapshot — Grand Theft: Life / Ekklesia #3

(Locked) Note: This is Chapter 6

1) What This Chapter Establishes

- Jesus Himself is **Life**, not a means to life, improvement, or religious outcome.
- Jesus is **both the Life and the Way to that Life**; access is inseparable from His Person.
- Eternal Life is **qualitative and indestructible**, not merely endless duration.
- Life is received by **believing/entrusting oneself to Jesus**, not by religious performance, repentance frameworks, or systems.
- Death has no independent power; it is **parasitic**, operating only through **deception** and imitation of Life.
- Scripture is **God-inspired witness to Jesus**, not the source of Life apart from Him.
- Refusing Jesus while mastering Scripture results in **forfeiture of the Life Scripture proclaims**.
- Religion functions as a **counterfeit location of Life**, offering safety, meaning, and belonging while displacing Jesus Himself.
- The reader is brought to a **real, voluntary choice** between Life and Death, without coercion.

2) What This Chapter Deliberately Withholds or Defers

- Historical identification of **who institutionalized the deception and when**.
- Detailed exposition of **church-state enforcement, violence, and persecution**.
- Full linguistic and textual analysis of mistranslated or weaponized terms.
- Systematic dismantling of clerical offices, hierarchy, and titles.
- Prescriptive models for what ekklesia “should look like” in practice.
- Extended theological polemic or academic defense.

3) Parked Material / Ideas Explicitly Set Aside

- Quantified historical death tolls tied to enforced religion.
- Emperor, pope, king, and state mechanisms used to compel belief.
- Deep lexical analysis (Greek/Latin transliterations and semantic drift).
- Extended critique of “pastor” as institutional corruption (saved for later chapters).
- Practical ekklesia expressions and lived-out forms of gathering.

4) Guardrails Future Chapters Must Honor

- Never separate Jesus from Life, or Life from Jesus.
- Do not present ekklesia as a system, model, or replacement structure.
- Scripture must always be treated as **authoritative witness**, not rival source.
- Avoid implying salvation or Life is achieved through sincerity, repentance, or discipline.
- Maintain the distinction between **Life** (capital L) and **death/Death**.
- Preserve the reader's freedom; no coercive or manipulative appeals.
- Accusation must target **religion as a system**, not individual sincerity.

Deferred Obligations (Required Later for Coherence)

- Identify **who** altered meanings and **when** the shift became enforceable.
- Demonstrate how linguistic changes justified institutional power and violence.
- Trace the transition from Jesus' ekklesia to state-backed "church."
- Expose how shepherding gifts became clerical offices.
- Show the historical consequences of choosing religion over Life.
- Provide space for theologians to engage deeper textual and historical evidence (Chapter X reference).

Chapter Canon Snapshot — Chapter Ekklesia #4 (Locked)

Note: This is Chapter 7

1) What This Chapter Establishes

- Religion and Jesus are not merely in tension; religion stands exposed as aligned with death through deception.
- Jesus did not reform religion; He rendered it irrelevant by embodying Life.
- Religion's defining failure is not moral weakness but the absence of an answer to Jesus Himself.
- The mechanism called "church" is designed by religion to author and sustain deception.
- Reform is categorically invalid when the object being reformed is an impostor.
- The loss experienced is not ideological but evidentiary: the absence of Life where it should have been present.
- The shift from Jesus' ekklesia (people gathered in Him) to institutional religion is historically real and consequential.
- Constantine and Theodosius represent an inflection point where religion becomes legally, politically, and structurally empowered.
- "Universal" religion is shown to be an empire-stabilizing construct, not an expression of lived unity in Christ.
- State-sanctioned religion produces systemic violence over time; scale matters less than policy and duration.
- Revelation's imagery is framed as indictment, not spectacle, and aligns with historical outcomes.
- Religion's final move is replacement: continuing to speak in Jesus' name without His Life.

2) What This Chapter Deliberately Withholds or Defers

- Any definition of what ekklesia positively looks like after the collapse.
- Any instruction, model, or guidance for "what to do next."
- Any reassurance, consolation, or reconstruction.
- Any appeal to sincerity, good intentions, or pastoral mitigation.
- Any detailed theological exposition of authority, gifts, or Spirit-function.
- Any attempt to soften or balance the verdict for reader comfort.

3) Parked Material / Ideas Explicitly Set Aside

- Detailed linguistic analysis of ekklesia vs. church (handled earlier / reserved for appendix defense).

- Historical documentation of clergy salaries and professionalization (saved for appendix).
- Semantic shift of ekklesia to ecclesia as building (saved for appendix).
- Detailed casualty estimates of state-enforced religion (saved for appendix).
- Peter’s “Where else would we go?” as a recovery motif (explicitly deferred).
- Sincerity vs. correctness case studies (“Lord, Lord...”, sons of Sceva) deferred for later integration.
- Calendar shifts, feast redefinitions, and ritual reengineering details deferred.
- Any exploration of pastoral offices (e.g., “pastor”) deferred to later chapters.

4) Guardrails Future Chapters Must Honor

- No future chapter may imply that “church” can be corrected, redeemed, or improved into legitimacy.
- No future chapter may reframe the problem as abuse, misuse, or imperfection rather than structural replacement.
- No future chapter may equate sincerity with truth or legitimacy.
- No future chapter may present ekklesia as a system, model, method, or program.
- No future chapter may place authority, discernment, or protection primarily in offices or structures.
- No future chapter may soften or relativize the historical role of church-state alignment.
- No future chapter may offer reconstruction before displacement is fully experienced.
- Jesus’ Life, not institutional continuity, must remain the sole source of legitimacy.

Deferred Obligations (Must Appear Later for Coherence)

- A displacement phase that addresses lived loss (activities, identity, belonging) without replacement.
- A recovery motif grounded in faithfulness without a mapped alternative (“Where else would we go?”).
- A positive recognition of ekklesia as Life-gathered people, not redefined organization.
- A later, explicit naming of terms (religion, church, ekklesia, authority) after exposure, not before.
- An appendix-level defense of historical, linguistic, and institutional claims for credibility.
- A warning framework explaining how imitators reliably return when Life is displaced by structure.