

Biblical Theology

U2L14: Quarter Introduction and Review

What and Why of Theology?

- Definition:
 - **Formal:** What the whole Bible teaches us today about any given topic.
 - **Practical:** Understanding what the bible teaches us about God and his relationship with the created universe.

- Function of Theology
 1. **Clarification** – Develops clear, holistic and comprehensive belief system
 - **Is reading the Bible enough?**
 - **Do I know why I believe what I do and how to explain it to others?**

 2. **Correction** – Overcome Wrong Ideas
 - **I don't know everything?**
 - **False teachings are always changing.**

 3. **Integration** – Builds a framework for Godly decisions.
 - Theology is a tool to equip believer to live, worship, teach, and answer biblically.

 - Ties together
 - Biblical truth with philosophy
 - Biblical truth with Biblical Truth
 - Biblical truth with living
 - Head – You must know truth, so that you may...
 - Heart – ...be changed by the knowledge, so that you may...
 - Hands – ...act out what you care most about, so that you may...
 - Habitat – ...affect the world around you.

 - Worship Community - Core/Essential Doctrine vs. Peripheral
 - Core
 - Deity of Christ
 - Resurrection
 - Salvation by Grace
 - Monotheism
 - Peripheral
 - Age of the earth
 - Calvinism vs. Arminianism
 - Worship Practices
 - Baptism
 - Church Government

 4. **Declaration** - Making public to the rest of the world what Christ followers stand for.
 - True Theology Informs
 - Issues that are
 - Relational
 - Religious
 - Social
 - Political
 - Witness to salvation.

Introduction and Review

- Doctrine: Belief
 - Doctrine (Belief) is the result of theology.
 - Theology is the process, doctrine is the result.
 - Fundamental Categories:
 - Doctrine of the Word of God
 - Revelation of God
 - Natural and Special
 - Canonicity and Inspiration
 - Inerrancy and Authority
 - Clarity and Sufficiency
 - Doctrine of God
 - Existence of God
 - Incommunicable Attributes
 - Communicable Attributes
 - Trinity
 - Creation
 - Sovereignty of God
 - Doctrine of Man
 - Doctrine of Christ
 - Doctrine of Redemption
 - Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
 - Doctrine of the Church
 - Doctrine of the Future
- A Framework:
 - True theology is a framework of belief that informs daily living.

Discussion Questions

Preparatory questions related to upcoming topics.

1. Why did Jesus die on the cross?
2. What is the significance of the resurrection?
3. What role does the Holy Spirit play in the life of the believer?
4. Who was/is Lucifer?
5. Where do believers go when they die prior to Jesus' return?

Reading Assignment

Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem – Chapter 17: Miracles