

Welcome to...
Bible Study with
"Grace School of Theology"

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Topics for Discussion

- **What is theology?**
- **Types of Theology**
- **Definition of Key Terms**
- **Systematic Theology (Taxonomy)**
- **Biblical Meta-Narrative**
- **Q & A**

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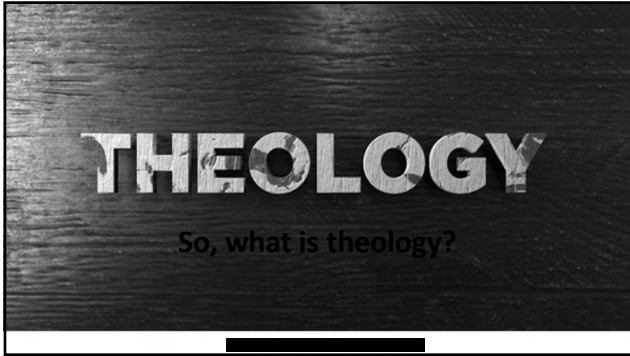
Dr. Bingham would say...



- **The most important thing that you'll ever think about...**
- **...is what you think about when you think about God!**

Eph 3:20-21 3 3/3/22

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What Is Theology?

- **So, theology is thinking about God and putting into practice or *not* putting into practice...**
- **...what you think about God!**

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What Is Theology?

- **Ryrie says, “Theology simply means thinking about God and expressing those thoughts in some way.”**
- Ryrie, Charles C.. Basic Theology (p. 9). Moody Publishers. Kindle Edition.

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What Is Theology?

- **Etymology of Theology**
- Theology is a *compound word* that is derived from two Greek words...
 - Theos (God)
 - Logia from logos (word, thought, utterance, expression)

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What Is Theology?

- This subject matter deals with the *nature* of "deity" in a system of religious beliefs

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What Is Theology?

- **According to Ryrie...**
- "Christian theology" is the rational interpretation of the Christian faith.

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What Is Theology?

- **Christian theology encompasses 3 elements...**
 - (1) Theology is intelligible.
 - (2) Theology requires explanation.
 - (3) The Christian faith finds its source in the Bible

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What Is Theology?

- **#1-Theology is Intelligible**
 - That means it can be comprehended by the human mind in an orderly, rational (logical) manner.

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What Is Theology?

- **Here, let's pause and discuss...**
 - **Communicable**
 - vs.
 - **Non-Communicable Attributes of God**

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What Is Theology?

- **Communicable – the attributes of God that He gives to humanity**
- **We are the Imago De – image bearers**
- **See Gen 1:26-28**

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What Is Theology?

- **Examples of Communicable Attributes**
 - **Mind**
 - **Emotion**
 - **Will**
 - **Fruit of the Spirit**

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What Is Theology?

- **#1-Theology is Intelligible (continued)**
 - **Examples of Communicable Attributes**
 - **Mind = can interact with spiritual matters... Rom. 1:16-23; 1 Cor 2:10-16**
 - **Emotion = love for God and others...1 Sam. 18:1; John 13:34; 14:15, 21; 1 John 4:7-11**

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What Is Theology?

- **#1- Theology is Intelligible (continued)**
 - **Examples of Communicable Attributes**
 - **Will = one can follow God's wisdom and commands (or not) ...Josh 24:15; John 7:17; 1 Tim 2:3-4; 2 Pet 3:9**
 - **Fruit of the Spirit...Gal 5:22-23 – walking by the Holy Spirit and not by the flesh**

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What Is Theology?

- **#1-Theology is Intelligible (continued)**
 - **Non-Communicable – the attributes God keeps to Himself**
 - **Omnipotence**
 - **Omniscience**
 - **Omni-presence**
 - **Omni-benevolent**

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What Is Theology?

- **#2 - Theology requires explanation...**
 - **This means that we must look into the Bible, God's word**
 - **We must conduct exegesis**
 - **We must establish a system and taxonomy**

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What Is Theology?

- **#3-The Christian faith finds its theology in the Bible**
- Theology for Christians is Bible based and Bible centered

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What Is Theology?

- As Ryrie puts it, "Theology, then, is the discovery, systematizing, and presentation of the truths about God."
- Haywood Addition – ...derived from the Bible and church history

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Types of Theology

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-Types of Theology-

- **Viewpoint Theology**
 - **Arminian Theology** – can loose your salvation
 - **Calvinistic Theology** – must persevere or you were not saved
 - **Grace Theology** – once saved...always saved

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-Types of Theology-

- **Historical Theology**
 - **This is based on the early church fathers, the church councils, and what they deemed orthodoxy and heresy...**

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The Seven Church Councils

- Council of Nicaea I, 325
- Council of Constantinople I, 381
- Council of Ephesus, 431
- Council of Chalcedon, 451

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The Seven Church Councils

- Council of Constantinople II, 553
- Council of Constantinople III, 680
- Council of Nicaea II, 787

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-Types of Theology-

- **Biblical Theology**
- This area deals with the progressive self-revelation of God found in the Bible.

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-Types of Theology-

- **Biblical Theology**
- **2 Types of Revelation**
 - General
 - Special

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What is Divine Revelation?

•**Definition: The word “revelation” comes from the Greek word ἀποκάλυψις meaning uncovering, disclosure, “unveiling” or “revealing”**

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What is Divine Revelation?

•**Thus, the term revelation refers to the...“self-disclosure of God to humanity”**

• See Dt. 9:9-11; 29:29; Job 42:7; Matt 11:25, 27; Mark 4:10-12; John 1:14, 18; 14:21; Rom 1:19-25; 1 Cor. 2:10-14; 2 Tim 3:16-17.

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General vs. Special Revelation

REVELATION	MANIFESTATION	REFERENCE
GENERAL	Nature	Ps. 19:1-6; Rom. 1:19-20
	Providence	Matt. 5:45; Dan. 2:21; Acts 14:15-17
	Conscience	Rom. 2:14-15
SPECIAL	Jesus Christ	John 1:1-18; Heb. 1:1-4
	Scripture	Dt. 29:29; John 10:35; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Heb. 4:12; 2 Pet. 1:21; Jude 3

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-Types of Theology-

- **Biblical Theology**
- Ryrie says 4 are involved in this area of study...

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-Types of Theology-

- **(1) The results of the study of biblical theology must be presented in a systematic form.**
- **(2) Biblical theology pays attention to the soil of history in which God's revelation came. (authors, the audience, and context)**
 - Basic Theology, p. 14).

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-Types of Theology-

- **(3) Biblical theology studies revelation in the progressive sequence in which it was given. (not one single act of God and distribution of revelation over time)**
- Basic Theology, p. 14).

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-Types of Theology-

- **(4) Biblical theology finds its source material in the Bible. (Basic Theology, pg 14)**
 - Observation
 - Interpretation
 - Correlation
 - Application

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-Types of Theology-

- **Systematic Theology**
 - Presenting the truths about God and His creation in a methodical and organized manner

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