

# Systematic Theology

A systematic study of the doctrines of belief  
as they are presented to us from Holy Scripture

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**Systematic** study is the orderly study of the interrelation of parts of a whole.

*When we say we're going to study systematic theology what we mean is we will do it in a systematic orderly fashion. This means we will begin in a logical starting place and move through the doctrines of belief in an orderly fashion.*

*When we use the word **theology** its meaning is a good word about God. Not a good word as in the idea of good or bad. But a good word in the meaning of a correct word. So when we talk about systematic theology we are talking about systematically speaking a correct accurate word about who God has revealed Himself to be.*

**Theology** is the continuing human effort to understand the living truths of the Christian faith, in reference to Holy Scripture, Christian History, Experience, and Culture.

Continuing: We will never fully understand all God has for us to know.

Human: Our human effort will be subject to our human strengths and weaknesses.

Sources of Theology: Holy Scripture  
Christian History  
Christian Experience  
Culture

*When we talk about the sources of our theology. We see them listed above in order of priority. The greatest priority is always Holy Scripture. Because the Scriptures were given to us by God. They are fixed. That means they are not changing. Holy Scripture does not change.*

*Christian history, Christian experience and culture continue to change over time. Because they are changing and not fixed they are not as a dependable source for our theology as scripture. So Scripture can have a changing effect on our Christian experience and our culture. In God's true plan, our culture should always be changing as Scripture is applied to it.*

*Biblical teaching never changes. It is fixed. So the whims of our culture or our desires do not have the power to change biblical teaching. But biblical teaching is supposed to be able to change the movements of our culture. That is the reason these are listed in priority. Biblical teaching should always take priority over the desires in our culture. Our culture does not have the power to change biblical teaching.*

*It does not matter how badly our culture may wish to embrace homosexuality and other forms of sexual perversion. These things will never be acceptable to God. Because they are rooted in the sin that separates us from Him. Because the separation of that sin leads us to hell and self destruction, it will never be acceptable to God. This is the reason God gave us biblical revelation in a fixed format. God's word is written down. It is not changing. And our culture does not have the power to truly change biblical teaching.*

**Homework: Read the chapter 17 of the Gospel of John once a week.**

It is God's summary of His complete work for the Salvation of men.

*Yes, I want to give you homework that you're going to do every week. Because the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John is a perfect summary of all of God's work to save His creation. I want you to read it once a week. It will give you a perfect understanding of the summation of the Old Testament. You get to see what Jesus says God was doing. So I want you to read the 17th chapter of John once a week. If you read it closely, you will find that you are mentioned there.*