

Systematic Theology



WARNING!

THIS COURSE WILL CHALLENGE YOU
THIS COURSE WILL BE A CHALLENGE

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THE ENEMY DOES NOT WANT YOU

TO DO THIS

PRAY AND ARMOR UP!

WHY STUDY THEOLOGY?

- Know What We Believe
- Know Why We Believe It
- Know How To Articulate and Defend It
- Share It

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,
always being prepared to make a defense to
anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that
is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,
having a good conscience, so that, when you are
slandered, those who revile your good behavior in
Christ may be put to shame.

1 Peter 3:15-16

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Consequences of Theology

- Protestant Reformation
 - Martin Luther
 - 1517- 95 *Thesis*

Ex: Praying to Saints & Mary, immaculate conception, transubstantiation, infant baptism, papal authority, indulgences, etc.

The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

Acts 17:10-11

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Where will we Find it?

- Tradition?
- Dogma?
- Scripture!

Tradition?

- Thing that are believed because “we have always believed it.”

Dogma?

- "Doctrine" that has been divinely given to church leaders.

Scripture!

- *Sola Scriptura*
- Scripture Alone

“Unless therefore I am convinced by the testimony of Scripture, or by the clearest reasoning, unless I am persuaded by means of the passages I have quoted, and unless they thus render my conscience bound by the Word of God, I cannot and will not retract, for it is unsafe for a Christian to speak against his conscience. Here I stand, I can do no other; may God help me! Amen!”

Martin Luther

1521

Define it!

- Definitions are very important.
- If you are unsure of a word's meaning:
 - Ask
 - Look it up
- Ex.- *"only begotten Son"*

Agree or Disagree?

- Diagnostic Framework For Theological Differences
 - Primary
 - Secondary
 - Tertiary

What Will We Reading?

- Transcripts of William Lane Craig's Defenders Class
- Apologetics with Theology
- Occasional Supplementary Documents

What Will We Be Covering?

- Revelation
- Theology Proper
- Natural Theology
- Trinity
- Christology
- Pneumatology
- Creation
- Man
- Soteriology
- Ecclesiology
- Eschatology
- And More!

How Will This work?

- Read Each Week Prior To Meeting
 - xfactor.church/xu/systematic-theology
- Combination of Lecture & Discussion
- Classes Will Be Streamed On Website
- You Will Get Out What You Put Into It

Next Week

➤ Read:

➤ Defenders 2-1: Introduction to Christian Doctrine

Questions?

