

BTH121 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I

INTRODUCTION

The intent of this course in Theology, (the study of God Himself), is to give us a deeper and more intimate understanding of the One True God. It will help us to understand the personage of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Trinity in unity, yet distinguishable by their specific attributes. This course will help us to understand the volume of God's knowledge because His being, His knowing, and His doing is all there is. His existence extends beyond all that man knows. Through His Word, God shares a portion about Himself with us.

The intent of this course is to help us become more familiar with Almighty God. As we digest the material covered in this Commentary, be sure to receive, not only in order to know more about our Living God but seek to come into a closer relationship with him (Da.11:32).

Systematic Theology is the spiritual study of the God who, through His overwhelming love, has a desire for a family. His nature of unity, as a result, has brought about all of creation as the perfect environment for the *agape* relationship with the children of His family.

It is God who establishes all things. He is the sum total of all rightness, goodness, and love. In him, there is no wrong, imperfection or error. He is ever-present, all-knowing, all-powerful. He is the source, being above all, that has always been and shall eternally exist (Is.44:6; 45:6, 21).

Without theology, the study of God, the Church would be on an unstable course. If the Bible is the truth that Christianity is based on, then we need a logical study of that truth to prevent heresies from influencing or filtering into our beliefs. The need for theology is also important because truth and experience is related, and theology provides answers for our Christian faith.

Until the thirteenth century theology was not considered a science, but Thomas Aquinas, an Early Church father, thought of it as the queen of sciences. He considered it as a derived science because it proceeds from principles revealed by God. It supersedes and is nobler than all the other sciences. While other sciences are based on human reason or natural light, theology is Divinely given and Divinely revealed.

The primary basis of theology comes through the Bible, and this must always be. God has revealed Himself in general ways such as through history and in nature.

These are secondary sources compared to the Bible. The purpose of theology is to preserve all that God has for us.

Within these lessons we will seek to grasp a deeper understanding of the Lord God Almighty, the Alpha and Omega. God is God and all else exists because of Him.

Learn more by purchasing the entire course that covers the following topics:

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- The Decrees of God
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- God's Special Revelation
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III. THE WORKS OF GOD

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- Sovereignty, the Governor and Government Universal