

The Doctrine of God- Introduction

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Introduction

Genesis 1:1

John 1:1

Body

Theology

Theology is divided up into three areas:

1. Natural Theology - A type of theology that seeks to provide arguments for the existence of God based on reason and ordinary experience of nature and the universe.
2. Biblical Theology - A type of theology that seeks to understand God as He has revealed Himself to us through His Word
3. Systematic Theology - A type of theology that seeks to arrange religious truths in a self-consistent whole.

Natural Theology

Psalm 8:3-4

Romans 1:19-20

Psalm 19:1-3

- A reliance on natural theology alone must therefore assume that human reason has not been tainted by original sin
- This turns out to be false however.

Romans 1:28

Romans 8:7

1 Timothy 6:5

2 Corinthians 3:14

2 Corinthians 4:4

Romans 12:2

- Human reason by itself is not sufficient to discover truth.

Biblical Theology

Biblical theology is closely related to systematic theology, but differs in one area:

- Static vs. Dynamic

Systematic Theology

Using biblical texts, systematic theology attempts to compare and relate all of scripture which led to the creation of a systematized statement on what the whole Bible says about a particular topic.

Obviously in both Biblical Theology and Systematic Theology we move from General Revelation (nature) to Special Revelation (scripture).

It's from a thorough and systematic study of scripture that we begin to see the totality of who God is as He has revealed Himself to us.

Understanding God

Why is it important to know who God is?

The Knowability of God

Incomprehensible

Job 11:7

Romans 11:33

Isaiah 40:18

Knowable

Hebrews 1:1-3

John 1:18

John 17:3

1 John 5:20

Philippians 3:10

1 Corinthians 13:12

The Existence of God

Genesis 1:1

Psalms 14:1

Romans 1:19-21

- We find no “evidences” for the existence of God in scripture
- Ultimately we must come to the conclusion that the acknowledgement of the existence of God is an act of faith

Arguments for the Existence of God

The Argument from Reason

- Cause and Effect
- Man’s innate knowledge of God

The Argument from Nature

- Design and Purpose

The Argument from History

No figure can compare to Jesus Christ when one considers the impact one has had in our world

The Argument from Morality

Conclusion

Hebrews 1:1-3

- It's been God's desire and plan all through the ages to reveal Himself to us so that we might know Him. Serve Him. Love Him.
- It's not only possible to know God, but it's imperative that we do so.