

BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

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Introduction to Theology

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The Nature of Theology

Different types of theology

- ✓ Biblical theology
- ✓ Historical theology
- ✓ Philosophical theology
- ✓ Applied theology
- ✓ Systematic theology

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The Nature of Theology

- Systematic Theology Definition: The comprehensive, holistic interpretation of Scripture for the purpose of intimately knowing and rightly worshiping God.
- Topics of Systematic Theology: Prolegomena—Bibliology—Theology proper—Angelology—Anthropology—Hamartiology—Soteriology—Christology—Pneumatology—Ecclesiology—Israelology—Eschatology

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The Nature of Theology

- Systematic Theology vs. Doctrine
 - ✓ Theology acts like a verb—something we do
 - ✓ Doctrine is the result of this process
- Goal of Theology:

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The Nature of Theology

- Qualities of Good Theology
 - ✓ Theocentric—God-centered
 - ✓ Doxological—glory-centered
 - ✓ Displays consistency of Scripture—inspiration-Centered
 - ✓ Personal—transformation-centered

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Doctrinal Disagreement:

How Do I Handle it?

- What is the relational context?
- What is the goal? (Eph 4:15; 1 Tim 1:5)
- What kind of doctrine is at stake?
 - ✓ Life of the church
 - ✓ Health of the church
 - ✓ Practice of the church
 - ✓ Speculative and not essential

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Doctrinal Disagreement:

How Do I Handle it?

- How do I proceed?
 - ✓ With love
 - ✓ With learning
 - ✓ With patience
 - ✓ With relationship-building

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