

What We Believe

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Session 1: The Study of the Bible and Theology Outline

1.1. Why?

1. To know God (Jeremiah 9:24)
2. To be in fellowship with the Triune God (John 17:3)
3. To bring Glory to God (Psalm 115:1; 1 Cor. 10:31)
4. To enjoy God forever (Hab. 3:18; Neh. 8:10, John 15:11, Phil. 4:4, Rom. 5:2)
5. To Grow in Christ (2 Pet. 3:18; Eph. 3:18-19)

1.2. What is Theology?

1. Theology as knowledge of God and knowledge of ourselves
2. Theology is the art of living to God by Christ
3. Theology as theoretical and practical
4. Theology as archetypal and ectypal
5. Theology as knowledge and prayer

The Problem: Multiple interpretations.

The Solution: First, differentiate errors. Second, apply consistent method to theology.

1.3. Method

Sources of theology

1. Exegesis
2. Biblical Theology
3. Historical Theology
4. Practice

Homework: Use this new method to answer the question: “Are we justified by faith or faith plus works?”