

LESSON #1: AN INTRODUCTION TO SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

No ONE LIKE HIM

*“FOR I AM GOD, AND THERE IS NO OTHER;
I AM GOD, AND THERE IS NO ONE LIKE ME” - ISA 46:9*

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You are a theologian!

- “We are all called theologians, just as we are all called Christians.”

-Luther, Sermon on Ps 5:17

Theology is ...

- The study of God.

Five key characteristics.

- (1) Theology is *biblical*.
- (2) Theology is *systematic*.
- (3) Theology is *relevant*.
- (4) Theology must be *contemporary*.
- (5) Theology must be *practical*.

We must get our study of God right. We must be biblical theologians.

Our focus will be Systematic Theology.

Systematic Theology – Any study that answers the question, “What does the whole Bible teach us today?” about any given topic.

Why do you need it?

Systematic theology is an assertion of Christian truth; these same truths are essential to the maturity of believers.

1. I am compelled to teach it (Matt 28:19-20).
2. One must know God to be equipped to live this life (2 Tim 3:16-17).
3. Foundational to Christian maturity (Eph 4:11-14).
4. Knowledge of correct doctrine guards against error (Jude 4).
5. We will be able to make better decisions later on new questions of doctrine that may arise.