

1) INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY

A. DEFINITION OF THEOLOGY

1. What is Theology? _____

2. Nature of Systematic Theology
 - At a basic level _____ of the Bible (e.g. God, Christ, salvation, angels)
 - It is a systematic _____ of what the Bible teaches

3. Major Categories of Systematic Theology
 - Bibliology – _____
 - Theology proper – _____
 - Christology – _____
 - Pneumatology – _____
 - Angelology – _____
 - Biblical Anthropology – _____
 - Hamartiology – _____
 - Soteriology – _____
 - Ecclesiology – _____
 - Eschatology – _____

B. IMPORTANCE OF THEOLOGY

Why should we study theology?

1. Spiritual Maturity

- **John 8:31-32**
 - IF we _____ in His Word, we will know the truth _____.
 - We need to _____ and strive _____ better.
- **James 1:21-25**
 - Look in the _____ and be more than a _____ – be doers of the Word
 - In order to _____ it we need to _____ it
- **John 17:17**
 - _____ by Truth – _____ by the Truth found in God's Word
- **Phil. 1:9-11**
 - They were to love by knowledge and discernment, and this comes by _____, (or _____), and _____ God's Word.
 - The end result was that they would be _____ (or _____.)

2. Edification and unity of the church

- **Eph. 4:11-16**

- For the _____ for the work of ministry,
- For the _____ of Christ,
- 13 till we all come to _____
- And of the _____ of the Son of God,
 - The study of Theology is the core of _____.

3. Defense of the faith against false teachers and heresies

- **Ephesians 4:14**

- We study Theology to be _____

- **Jude 1-4**

- Who was this admonition to? _____, _____
- What were they to do? To _____ for the faith
- Why? Certain men have crept in _____
 - Knowing Theology help us to _____ and _____ false doctrine

4. Explanation of the faith to unbelievers

- **1 Pet. 3:15**

- Each time we share the gospel we are sharing _____.
- We study Theology to _____ of God and our Salvation

5. Conveyance of the faith to the next generation

- **Deut. 6:5-9**

- Good theology _____ to the next generation.

To make disciples we must be _____

- A true disciple _____ spiritually
- A true disciple is focused on _____ and _____ the church.
- A true disciple knows his theology well enough _____ against false doctrine
- A true disciple is ready to give a _____ explanation of the faith to unbelievers.
- And a true disciple is in the business _____ the faith to the next generation