THEOLOGY

DEFINITION
Theology comes from the two Greek words: “theos” (θεος) meaning God and “logos” (λογος) meaning words or speech - and thus means a discourse or speech on the topic of God. A more technical definition would be, “The discovery, systematizing and presenting of truth about God.”

Historical Theology
The study of the historical development of doctrine as recorded in the writings of individuals and church councils.

Systematic Theology
The study of truth about God from any and every source presented in a systematic way and organized by crucial topics that have risen to importance throughout history.

Biblical Theology
The study of truth about God found in scripture and organized by the topics emphasized by biblical authors.

PROLEGOMENA
Preliminaries

BIBLIOLOGY
Scripture

THEOLOGY PROPER
God the Father

ANGELOLOGY
Angels & Satan

SOTERIOLOGY
Salvation

CHRISTOLOGY
God the Son

ANTHROPOLOGY
Man

ECCLESIOLOGY
Church

PNEUMATOLOGY
God the Holy Spirit

HAMARTIOLOGY
Sin

ESCHATOLOGY
Last Things
PROLEGOMENA

NECESSITY of Theology

Theology is needed in order to DEFEND Christianity

POSSIBILITY of Theology

The REVELATION of God
General Revelation
(Nature–History–Man)

PRESUPPOSITIONS of Theology

The BIBLE is TRUE
Special Revelation
(Jesus–Scripture)

EXEGESIS & THEOLOGY

EXEGESIS
Analyzes
Interprets
Focus on the Text

THEOLOGY
Correlates
Interrelates
Focus on all Truth

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EXEGESIS & THEOLOGY

Man is RATIONAL

Man is RELATIONAL

Man is SPIRITUAL

Language is ADEQUATE

The NATURE of Man
Created in the Image of God
(Genesis 1:26-27)

The BIBLE is UNDERSTANDABLE
Language is Adequate
(not Exhaustive)

The BIBLE must be INTERPRETED
Plain–Literal Interpretation
(Authorial Intention)

The BIBLE is AUTHORITATIVE
Scripture is True
Truth Impacts Life
BIBLIOLOGY
The Doctrine of Scripture

THE INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

INTER-DEPENDENT

THE SOURCE
“GOD”
All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproving, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 3:16

THE EXTENT OF SCRIPTURE

No Human Origin
“not by the will of man”
Divine Origin
“by the Holy Spirit”
Divine Control
φερομενοι - “carried along”
{like the wind moves a boat (Acts 27:15)}

PERSONAL CHARACTER
Moses writes as a statesman
OT Prophets have different characteristics
Matthew (tax collector) talks more about money
Luke (Paul’s co-worker) supports Paul
Paul writes as a trained rhetorician
John (fisherman) writes simply
James (pastor) writes pastorally

DEFINITION OF INSPIRATION

God’s superintending of human authors
so that using their own personalities
they composed and recorded God’s revelation to man
without error in the words of the original manuscripts.

THEORIES OF INSPIRATION

NATURAL - they were geniuses
PARTIAL - some is, some is not
NEO-ORTHODOX - an encounter
MYSTICAL - they were spiritual
CONCEPT - concepts not words
MECHANICAL - God dictated
VERBAL PLURALITY - The full text (plenary) of scripture including the words (verbal)

INTERPRETATION
Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15

LITERAL
(Normal Sense)

LITURGY
(Recognize Genre)

HISTORICAL
(Time & Culture)

GRAMMATICAL
(Grammar & Syntax)

AUTHORIAL INTENT
(Seeks to find the intent of the original author to his original audience)

APPLICATIONAL
(Apply for Life-change)

ILLUMINATION
(HS enablement of our response)

CANONICITY

66 Books
39 in OT & 27 in NT

NT Affirms OT
(John 1:1)

Paul Affirms Luke
(1 Tim. 5:18–Luke 10:7)

Peter Affirms Paul
(2 Peter 3:16)

Church Fathers Affirm NT
(Athanasius 367)

Councils Officially Affirm NT
(Carthage 397, Hippo 419)

Tests of Canonity
Inspiration
Apostolic/Prophetic Origin
Doctrinal Soundness
Early Church Acceptance
**The Attributes of God**

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.” And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. *Exodus 34:6-8 (ESV)*

**GREATNESS (Incommunicable)**

- **Sovereignty** (Jb 42:2; Ps 115:3; Rm 9:16-21; Ep 1:11)
- **Infinity** - Limitless (1 Kg 8:27; Jb 11:7-9; Ps 147:5; Rm 11:33)
- **Aseity** - Self-Existing (Gn 1:1; Jn 1:2; Rev 1:8)
- **Immutability** - Unchanging (Mal 3:6; Heb 6:17-18; Jam 1:17)
- **Eternality** - Timeless (Ps 90:2; Is 57:15; Jn 17:5; Col 1:17; Jd 25)
- **Omnipotence** (Gn 18:14; Ps 115:3; Mt 19:26; Eph 1:19)
- **Omnipresence** (Ps 139:7-12; Jer 23:23-24; Ac 17:27-28)
- **Omniscience** (Ps 33:13-15; 139:1-6; Mt 6:8; 10:29-30; Ac 2:23; Rm 11:33; Hb 4:13)
- **Holy (ἅγιος)** - Unique (Lev 11:44; Ps 99:9; Is 6:3-7)

**GOODNESS (Communicable)**

- **Holy** (αὐτός) - Pure (Hab 1:13; 1 Pet 1:14-16)
- **Just** (Ps 19:9; 89:14; Ac 17:30-31; Rm 2:6-8)
- **True** (Nm 23:19; Jn 1:14; 14:6; Rm 3:4; Ti 1:2)
- **Gracious** (Ex 34:5-7; Ep 1:5-8; 2:8-9; Ti 2:11; 3:4-7)
- **Merciful** (2 Sm 24:14; Ps 103:1-5; Rm 9:15-16; 11:30-32; Ti 3:4-7)
- **Love** (Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 3:16; 4:8; Rm 5:8)
- **Hidden/Playful** (Dt 4:29; Ps 24:6; 119:2; Pro 8:17; Ecc 3:9-15 Is 55:6; Jer 29:13)
- **Wise** (Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 3:16; 4:8; Rm 5:8)

**The Names of God**

- **Primary Names of God**
  - God (Elohim) - בָּרָא: Creator (Gen 1:1)
  - God (Theos) - Θεός: Initiator (John 1:1)
  - YHWH - יהוה: “I AM” (Ex 6:1-4)
  - Adonai - Αὑτός: Master (Josh 5:13-15)
  - Lord (Kurios) - κυριος: The Life Giver (Romans 10:9-13)

- **Compound Names of God**
  - El Shadai - אלהי שדי: Almighty (Gen 17:1)
  - El Elyon - אלהי עליון: Most High (Gen 14:19)
  - El Olam - אלהי עולם: Everlasting (Gen 21:33)
  - El Roi - אלהי רoi: God who sees (Gen 16:13)

**The Existence of God**

While the Bible assumes God’s existence (Gen 1:1) there is a good reason to believe that God exists even if His existence cannot be proven.

- **Cosmological Argument**
  - Every event has a cause.
  - The universe & first life had a beginning.
  - The universe and first life have a cause = God.

- **Teleological Argument**
  - Design implies a designer.
  - The universe & life have design.
  - The universe & life have a designer.

**Moral Argument**

- Moral law implies a lawgiver.
- There is a universal moral law.
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**Christology**

**The Doctrine of God the Son**

**Pre-Existence** (Eternality)

- God is eternal (Ps. 92:2; Jude 25).
- Jesus is God (cf. Deity).
- Jesus is eternal.

**Scriptural Support**

1. Micah 5:2 - Messiah is "from of old".
2. Isa. 9:6 - Messiah is "eternal Father".
3. John 1:1-14 - The Word was "in the beginning".
4. John 8:56-58 - Jesus was "before Abraham".
5. John 17:5 - Jesus had glory "before the world began".
6. Phil. 2:6-7 - He existed "in the form of God".
7. Col. 1:17 - He was "before all things".

**Pre-Incarnate Work**

1. Creation (Jn. 1:3; Co. 1:16; He 1:2).
2. Sustainer (Co. 1:17).
3. Angel of the LORD (AoL is God - Ge. 16:3) (AoL distinct from God - Ge. 24:7).

**The Deity of Christ** (Jesus is God)

**Attributes of Deity**

1. **Love** - 1 John 4:8; John 15:13
2. **Omniscience** - Mt. 16:21; Lk. 6:8; Jn. 2:24; 6:64; 21:17
3. **Omnipresence** - Mt. 18:20; 28:20; Jn. 3:13
4. **Omnipotence** - Mt. 28:20; Mk. 5:11-25
5. **Eternity** - see Pre-existence
6. **All attributes of Deity** - Col. 2:9

**Works of Deity**

1. Creation - Jn. 1:3,10; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2
2. Preservation - Col. 1:17; Heb 1:3
3. Forgiveness - Mk. 2:1-12; Lk. 5:24
4. Resurrection - Jn. 5:21; 11:43

**Titles of Deity**

1. **Son of God** - Mk. 1:1; Jn. 10:36
2. **Son of Man** - Dan. 7:13; Mk. 2:10 et al
3. **YHWH** - Lk. 1:76 cp. Mal. 3:10
4. **God** - Jn 1:1; 20:28; Heb. 1:8

**Claims of Deity**

1. By Jesus - Lk. 1:76; Jn 8:58 et al
2. By Apostles - Jn. 1:1; Col. 1:19; 2:9; Titus 2:13; Heb. 1:8

**OT Prediction**

1. Gen. 3:15
2. Isa. 9:6
3. Isa. 7:14
4. Micah 5:2

**Incarnation** (Jesus is Man)

**NT Evidence**

1. **Virgin Birth** - Mt 1:23
2. **Humanity of Christ**
   - Human Body 1 Jn 1:1
   - Hunger - Mt. 4:2
   - Thirst - John 19:28
   - Exhaustion - John 4:6
   - Death - 1 Cor. 15:3-8
   - Emotions John 13:23; 11:35; 15:11; Mk 10:14

**Purpose of the Incarnation**

1. **Reveal God to Man** - Jn. 1:18; 14:7-11
2. **Provide an Example** - 1 Pet. 2:21
3. **Overcome Satan** - 1 Jn 3:8

**Specific Ministry to Believers**

1. **Prophecy** - bringing God to Man
2. **Priest** - bring man to God
   Heb. 5:1, 6-10, 20; 7:1-8:13; 10:12
3. **King** - ruling over the church
   Mt. 22:41-46; Lk. 1:31-33; Rev. 1:5; 19:16; Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:15-23
4. **Propitiation** - covering sin
   1 Jn. 2:2
5. **Redemption** - purchased back
   1 Pet. 1:18; Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:7
6. **Reconciliation** - restored relationship
   2 Cor. 5:18-21
7. **Justification** - declared righteous
   Rom. 3:24; Gal. 3:24 et al
8. **Adoption** - made members of family
   Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:3-12

**Focus**

- **Display the Father**
  Jn 1:14,18; He 1:4

**Effect**

- **Redemption**
  Eph. 1:7-12

**Hyponostatic Union**

- "Christ is fully God and fully man united in one person forever"
- **Kenosis** - Phil. 2:5-11
  "He emptied Himself"
- **Impeccability** - Heb. 4:15
  able not to sin vs. not able to sin

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PNEUMATOLOGY
THE DOCTRINE OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

PERSONHOOD
(The Spirit is a Person)

Characteristics of Personhood
1. The Spirit is Relational (Mt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; Ro. 8:27; Acts 7:51; 10:19).
2. The Spirit is Rational (1 Cor. 2:10-11, 13; Jn. 14:16).
3. The Spirit is Volitional (1 Cor. 12:11; Acts 16:6,7).
4. The Spirit is Emotive (Eph. 4:30).

Grammar of Personhood
The word "Spirit" (pneuma) is neuter in gender but referred to by masculine pronouns (John 16:13-14; 15:26; 16:7-8).

THE DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
(The Spirit is God)

Attributes of Deity
1. Omniscience - Isa. 40:13; 1 Cor. 2:12
2. Omnipresence - Psalm 139:7
3. Omnipotence - Job 33:4; Psalm 104:30
4. Eternity - Heb. 9:14
5. Self-existence - Rom. 8:2
6. Resurrection - Rom. 8:11

Works of Deity
1. Creation - Gen. 1:2; Job 26:13 compare Gen.1:1
2. Inspiration - 2 Pet. 1:21 compare 2 Tim. 3:16,17
3. Regeneration - Titus 3:5 compare Eph. 2:1-10

Titles of Deity
2. Spirit of God - Rom. 8:9, 14; 1 Cor. 2:11; 12:3; Eph. 4:30.
3. Lying to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3) is lying to God (Acts 5:4).
4. The Lord is the Spirit - 2 Cor. 3:17,18

OLD TESTAMENT MINISTRY

Old Testament Ministry Distinct
1. John 15:26
2. John 16:7-8,13

OT Ministries
1. Creation (Gen. 1:2; Job 26:15; 33:4; Psa. 104:30)
2. Restraining Sin (Gen. 6:3)
3. Guiding Israel (Isa. 63:10-14)
4. Inspiration (2 Pet. 2:21; 2 Sam. 23:2, Mic. 3:8; Acts 28:25)
5. Regeneration (Jo. 3:10 cp. Ez. 36:25)
6. Selective Indwelling:
   • Joseph - Gen. 41:38
   • Joshua - Num. 27:18
   • Saul - 1 Sam. 10:9,10
   • David - 1 Sa, 16:15
   • Daniel - Dan. 4:8
   #This indwelling could cease because of sin as with Saul - 1 Sam. 16:14
   #David prayed that the Spirit would not be taken away because of his sin - Psa. 51:11

Related Ministries:
• Teaching - John 16:12-15
• Illumination - 1 Cor. 2:14
• Guiding - Rom. 8:14

Specific Ministry to Believers
1. Conviction - Awareness of sin
   John 16:8-11
2. Regeneration - New Birth
   Titus 3:5; John 3:5-8
3. Baptism - Initiation into Body of Christ
   1 Cor. 1:13; The Book of Acts
4. Indwelling - Abiding Presence
   John 14:16; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19
5. Sealing - Identity & Security
   2 Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30
6. Filling - Control for Living
   Eph. 5:18-6:9; cp. Col. 3:16-4:1
   Gal. 5:13 cp. Rom 13:14

FOCUS
Point to Christ
Jn 14:26; 16:14

EFFECT
Enable & Empower
Eph. 5:18; 1 Cor. 12

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**ANTHROPOLOGY**

**THE DOCTRINE OF MAN**

**ORIGIN OF MAN** (Creation by God)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

Genesis 1:1-5 (NIV)

**Origin of the Universe**

- Naturalistic Evolution
- Theistic Evolution
- Punctuated Equilibrium

**Biblical Options:**

- Progressive Creation
- Fiat Creation ex-nihilo
- Genesis as Literary Framework
- Fiat Creation ex-nihilo
- Day = Age Creation

**Non-biblical Theories:**

- Matter is Old - Life is Young
- Day = Age Creation
- Genesis as Literary Framework
- Punctuated Equilibrium
- Theistic Evolution

**THE NATURE OF MAN** (Holistic but Complex)

**Biblical Perspective**

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made... Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV)

**Dichotomy or Trichotomy**

- We are made up of two parts: Material (Body) and Immaterial (soul/spirit)
- We are made up of three parts: Body, Soul, and Spirit

**Aspects of Humanity** (Biblical Terminology)

**Man**

- Adam (אָדָם) - the name given by God (Gen. 5:2) taken from the adamah (אַדָמָה) (ground)
- Isha (יִשָּׂה) - taken from the adamah (אַדָמָה) (ground)

**Woman**

- Male (יְמַלְאָה) - taken from the man (יִשָּׂה)

**Zakar (הָזָכָר)** - immaterial/material man

**Female (הָזָכָרָה)** - The pierced or tunneled one

**Flesh**

- וּפֶאַר (σαρξ) - man in weakness, prone to sin
- וּפֶאַאַר (σαρξ) - man as a living being

**Soul**

- וּפֶאַר (πνεῦμα) - man with breath, alive
- וּפֶאַאַר (πνεῦμα) - man with breath, alive

**Spirit**

- כַּרְדָּם (καρδία) - intellectual, volitional, emotional and spiritual life

**Heart**

- כַּרְדָּם (καρδία) - intellectual, volitional, emotional and spiritual life

**Conscience**

- כַּרְדָּם (συνείδησις) - guide for decision making

**Mind**

- כַּרְדָּם (νοῦς) - capacity to be a rational thinker

**Inner/Outer Man**

- כַּרְדָּם (ἐνέργημα) - immaterial/material man

**New Man/Old Man**

- כַּרְדָּם (μαθηματικός, νέος, ενέργημα) - unregenerate or regenerate person or community

**IDENTITY OF MAN** (Imago Dei)

**Reflection of God** (Genesis 1:26-27, 5:2)

- Image (גֵּדָנ) - tselem)
- Likeness (גֵּדָנ) - demut)

**Representative for God** (Genesis 1:28)

- Rule (רְדָב) - cabash)

**Capacites like God**

- Personal Beings (Genesis 2:18)
- With the capacity for relationship
- Rational Beings (2 Corinthians 10:5)
- With the capacity for thinking
- Volitional Beings (Joshua 24:15)
- With the capacity for choosing

**PURPOSE OF MAN** (The Meaning of Life)

**Summary**

A human being is an eternal creature of God, created in His image as male and female, for the purpose of relationship with God, in order to bring glory to Him through Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit.

**Specifics**

- For God's glory (Is 43:7)
- For God's praise (Eph. 1:14-15)
- To know full life (John 10:10)
- To enjoy life as God's gift (Ecc. 2:24-26; 5:12-15; 5:18-20)
- To fear God and obey Him (Ecc. 12:15)

**MEN AND WOMEN**

**Men and Women Living by Design** (1 Corinthians 11:3)

I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of every woman is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

Men: (Warrior/Poet)

- Strength (Warrior/Poet)
- Speak
- Silence

Women: (Life Giving/Completer)

- Beauty (Life Giving/Completer)
- Nourish Life
- Invisibility

**Ontological Equality** (Galatians 3:27-28)

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

- Equal Image Bearers in Being
- Balanced Image Bearers in Importance
- Different Image Bearers in Design
- Distinct Image Bearers in Role
- Essential Image Bearers in Purpose
**DEFINITION**

**Summary**

Sin is any failure to conform to the moral law of God in act, attitude, or nature (1 Jn 3:4). In these ways we fall short of God's glory (Rom. 3:23) and break relationship with Him.

**Old Testament Words**

- **Chata** - to hit the wrong mark
- **Ra** - inferior, wicked, injurious
- **Pasha** - revolt, rebellion
- **Awon** - crooked, iniquity, guilt
- **Shagag** - to err, go astray, sin inadvertently
- **Rasha** - wickedness, guilty
- **Taah** - to wander, go astray

**New Testament Words**

- **Harmatia** - sin, missing the mark
- **Kakas** - bad, moral wrong
- **Poneros** - evil, moral evil
- **Asebeia** - godless, apostate
- **Enochos** - guilt, worthy of death
- **Adakia** - unrighteousness
- **Anomos** - lawless, iniquity
- **Parabates** - transgressor, sinner
- **Planao** - to go astray, wander
- **Paraptoma** - step over the line

**“Imputation” Defined**

A Latin term used to reflect the meaning of the Greek word logizomai - logizomai - meaning “to reckon”, or “charge to one’s account”.

**Three Biblical Imputations**

1. Adam’s sin imputed to all - Rom. 5:12-21
2. Man’s sin imputed to Christ - 2 Cor. 5:19
3. Christ’s righteousness imputed to believers - Rom. 5:12-21; 2 Cor. 5:21

**Scriptural Support**

Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. Ephesians 2:3b

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Psalm 51:5

Even from birth the wicked go astray; from the womb they are wayward and speak lies. Psalm 58:3

**Extent of Corruption**

Every part of our being is affected by sin. Our intellect, emotions, desires and will are corrupt. Our heart - the center of desire and decision - is desperately corrupt - Jer. 17:9. There is nothing good in us that merits God’s favor - Rom. 7:18.

1. Intellect Blinded - 2 Cor. 4:4
2. Mind depraved - Rom. 1:21, 28
3. Understanding inhibited - Eph. 4:18
4. Conscience corrupted - Titus 1:15
5. Will enslaved - Rom. 6:20
6. Total Being Sinful - Rom. 1:18-3:20

**Objections Answered**

1. Without imputation we would still be guilty because of our own personal sin(s).
2. Without the pattern of imputation of sin from Adam established the imputation of Christ’s righteousness would be unfair.
3. The doctrine of imputation demonstrates both the wisdom and grace of God.
4. The doctrine of imputation does not deny personal freedom.

**Total Depravity**

Sinfulness extends to each & every person (Rom. 3:25) and affects every aspect of his being (Rom. 7:18) so that nothing he does - either good or bad - merits the favor of God or meets God’s standard of holiness.

**RESULTS**

1. Immediately - sin brings pain, alienation and conflict - Gen. 3:8-24.
2. Imputation - we are guilty and separated from God - Rom. 5:12-21.
3. Inheritance - We sin and are sinners - Ps. 51:5.
4. Death both physical and spiritual is a central consequence of sin - Gen. 2:15; Rom. 5:12-13; Eph. 2:1-3.
5. When a Christian sins his legal standing before God does not change (Rom 8:1) but fellowship is broken (1 Jn 3:21) & discipline is a response of a loving God (Heb. 12:6-10).
6. A believer living in persistent sin is in danger of physical death. One particular sin is not defined here (1 Jn. 5:16-17).
7. The “unpardonable sin” seems to be a specific case of malicious and willful rejection of the work of the Holy Spirit through Christ & attributing it to Satan (Mt. 12:31-32). It may have only been possible when Christ was on earth.

**IMPUTATION OF SIN**

(Guilt through Adam)

**INHERITANCE OF SIN**

(Nature through Parents)

**Four Views of Imputation**

1. No imputation from Adam. Each man is free and only guilty because of his own sin.
2. The tendency to sin is inherited from Adam. Each man is guilty because of his own sin.
3. Every person is seminally present in Adam and thus guilty.
4. Adam is a representative of the human race and we are guilty because of his sin - Rom. 5:12-21.

**Total Being Sinful** - Rom. 1:18-3:20

**REMEDY**

(Solution)

1. The remedy for the guilt of imputed sin is receiving the righteousness of Christ through faith - Eph. 2:4-10; Rom. 5:12-21.
2. The remedy for personal sin is confession - 1 Jn 1:9.
Soteriology
The Doctrine of Salvation

The Gospel Message

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.
1 Corinthians 15:1

Christ died for our sins (1 Cor 15:3-4a)
• according to the Scriptures (15:3b)
• Proof: Burial (15:4a)

Christ was raised from the dead (1 Cor 15:4b-8)
• according to the Scriptures (15:4b)
• Proof: Appearances (15:5-8)

The Order of Salvation

And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.
Romans 8:30

Temporal Order
• Provision
• Response
• Transformation
  (God) (Me) (Us)

Biblical Order
• Predestined
• Called
• Justified
• Glorified
  (Romans 8:30)

Logical Order
• Election
• Call
• Regeneration
• Conversion
• Justification
• Sanctification
• Glorification

Atonement Theories

Ransom to Satan - Origen
Recapitulation - Irenaeus
Satisfaction - Anselm
Moral Influence - Abelard
Example - Socinius, Liberalism
Governmental - Grotius
Dramatic Victory - Aulen
Revelatory - Barth
Substitution - Calvin

The Security of the Believer

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.
John 10:28

Assurance of Salvation
“Confidence that one has eternal life.”
• Objectively based on the promise of God
  Jn 5:24; 1 Jn 5:1,13
• Subjectively based on our maturity and growth
  1 Jn 2:3,9-11,29; 3:14; 2 Cor 5:17

Eternal Security
Once the gift of salvation is genuinely received, it cannot be lost
Jn 10:28-30; Rom 8:31-39

The Acomplishments of Salvation

How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?
Hebrews 2:3

Substitutionary Atonement
(in relation to Sin’s Penalty)
Heb 9:28; 1 Pet 2:24

Redemption
(in relation to Sin’s Bondage)
Gal 3:13; 1 Col 6:20

Forgiveness
(in relation to Sin’s Offense)
Eph 1:7; Col 2:13

Reconciliation
(in relation to Man’s Alienation)
Col 1:21-22; 2 Cor 5:18-19

Propitiation
(in relation to God’s Justice)
Rom 3:25; Heb 2:17; 1 Jn 2:2;4:10

Justification
(Legally)
• My sin imputed to Christ
  2 Cor 5:21

Adoption
(Familially)
Rom 8:15,23; Gal 4:5-6; Eph 1:5

Peace
(Relationally)
Peace with God
Rom 5:1
Peace with Others
Eph 2:14-18
**BIBLIOLOGY**

**KEY WORDS AND CONCEPTS**

**what**

**REVELATION**

“The act of God by which He has made known what was otherwise unknowable.”

**αποκαλυπσις** - apokalupsis – “to unveil, to uncover”

**GENERAL**

“God’s witness to Himself through creation, history, and the nature & conscience of man.”

- History
  - Judges
  - Ruth
- Creation
  - Psalm 19:1-6
  - Rom. 1:18-20
- Man
  - Gen. 1:26-27
  - Rom. 2:14-15

**SPECIAL**

“God’s disclosure of Himself in Salvation History (revelation in a person) and in the interpretive word of Scripture (revelation in proposition).”

- Written
  - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
  - 2 Peter 2:21
- Living
  - John 1:1-18
  - Hebrews 1:1-3

**how**

**INSPIRATION**

“God’s superintending of human authors so that using their own individual personalities they composed and recorded God’s revelation to man without error in the words of the original manuscripts.”

(2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:21)

**result**

**INERRANCY**

“The quality of being free from all falsehood or mistake, which safeguards the truth that Holy Scripture is entirely true and trustworthy in all its assertions.”

(Matthew 5:17-18; John 10:35, 17:17)

**result**

**INFALLIBILITY**

“The quality of neither misleading or being misled, which safeguards the truth that Holy Scripture is a sure, safe, and reliable guide in all matters.”

**responsibility**

**INTERPRETATION**

“The process of determining the biblical author’s intended meaning.”

**resource**

**ILLUMINATION**

“The work of the Holy Spirit, which assists the reader in responding to God’s written revelation.”

(John 16:12-15; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16)

**response**

**APPLICATION**

“The process of determining the current relevance of Scripture and then actively responding.”

(James 1:19-27)