

## Lesson 8

### Part One – Introduction to Systematic Theology

- I. Introduction
  - a. What is Systematic Theology?
  - b. What is the relation between Systematic Theology and Hermeneutics?
  - c. Why is it important to study the Bible systematically?

### Part Two – Theology Proper - Beginning at the Beginning

- I. Introduction to the One True God
  - a. Arguments for the existence of God
  - b. Why only one God
- II. The Nature of God
  - a. God's incommunicable perfections (attributes)
  - b. God's *communicable* attributes
    - i. Spirituality
    - ii. Intellect (includes knowledge, wisdom, and veracity)
    - iii. Morality (includes goodness, love, grace, mercy and longsuffering)
    - iv. Holiness
    - v. Righteousness
    - vi. Justice
  - c. God as Trinity
    - i. Definition
    - ii. Misinterpretations/Misunderstandings
    - iii. Explanation
    - iv. Difficulties
- III. The Decree of God
  - a. Definition
  - b. Characteristics of God's Decree
  - c. Order of God's Decrees
- IV. The Names of God

### Part Three – Christology: The Doctrine of Christ

- I. The Pre-existence and Eternality of Christ
  - a. Direct Proof
    - i. Micah 5:2.
    - ii. John 1:1.
    - iii. John 8:58.
    - iv. Hebrews 1:8.

- v. Colossians 1:17.
- b. Indirect Proof
  - i. Christ's heavenly origin proves His eternal existence.
  - ii. Christ's pre-incarnate work proves His eternal existence.
  - iii. Theophanies prove His eternal existence.
- II. Old Testament Prophecies of Christ
  - a. Prophecies Concerning Christ's Lineage
    - i. Virgin Birth
    - ii. Line of Shem
    - iii. Line of Abraham
    - iv. Line of Isaac
    - v. Line of Jacob
    - vi. Line of Judah
    - vii. Line of David
  - b. Prophecies Concerning Christ's Birth
    - i. The Manner
    - ii. The Place
  - c. Prophecies Concerning Christ's Life
    - i. His Forerunner
    - ii. His Mission
    - iii. His Ministry
    - iv. His Teaching
    - v. His Presentation
    - vi. His Rejection
  - d. Prophecies Concerning Christ's Death
    - i. A Painful Death
    - ii. A Violent Death
  - e. Prophecies Concerning Christ's Victory
    - i. His Resurrection
    - ii. His Ascension
- III. **The Incarnation of Christ**
  - a. Meaning of the Incarnation
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Explanation of the Incarnation
    - i. Genealogies

ii. Virgin Birth

IV. The Humanity of Christ

a. Meaning of Christ's Humanity

b. Characteristics of Christ's Humanity

i. He was virgin born

ii. He had a true body of flesh and blood

iii. He had a normal development

iv. He had a human soul and spirit

v. He experienced the same things as humans

V. The Deity of Christ

a. Meaning of Christ's Deity

b. Scriptural Proof for Christ's Deity

i. His names

1. God

2. Lord

3. Son of God

ii. His attributes

1. Eternality
2. Omnipresence
3. Omniscience
4. Omnipotence
5. Immutability
6. Life

iii. His works

1. Creator
2. Sustainer
3. Forgiver of sin
4. Miracle worker

iv. He receives worship

**Next Time:** We'll look at the hypostatic union and begin our study of Christ's earthly life.