

Lesson 9

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

VII. Earthly Life of Christ

a. Introduction

b. The Words of Christ

The teaching of Christ was important in authenticating His claims of Messiahship, hence, the gospel writers give considerable space to the actual words or teachings of Christ. The following chart illustrates that emphasis in terms of space devoted to the actual words of Christ.

Words of Christ in the Gospels

Gospel	Verses (KJV)	Number of Words	Percent of Gospel
Matthew	1,071	644	3/5
Mark	678	285	3/7
Luke	1,151	586	Nearly ½
John	879	419	Not quite ½
Totals	3,779	1,934	Almost half

c. The Works of Christ

d. The Rejection of Christ

e. The Death of Christ

