

Lesson 7

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
- V.

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

- f. Prophecies Concerning Christ's Reign

Next Time: In our next time together, we'll look at the incarnation of Christ.

