

Lesson 10

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
- VI. The Hypostatic Union
- a. Meaning of the hypostatic union
 - b. Explanation of the hypostatic union
 - c. Kenosis and the hypostatic union
- VII. Earthly Life of Christ
- a. Introduction
 - b. The Words of Christ
 - c. The Works of Christ
 - d. The Rejection of Christ
 - e. The Death of Christ
 - i. Substitution
 - ii. Redemption
 - iii. Reconciliation

- iv. Propitiation
- v. Forgiveness
- vi. Justification
- VIII. The Resurrection of Christ
 - a. Importance
 - i. The resurrection determines the validity of the Christian faith.

 - ii. The resurrection was the guarantee of the Father’s acceptance of the Son’s work.

 - iii. The resurrection was essential in the program of God.

 - iv. The resurrection fulfilled the prophecies.
 - b. Proofs for the Resurrection
 - i. The empty tomb.

ii. The linen wrappings.

iii. The resurrection appearances.

iv. The transformed disciples.

v. Observance of the first day of the week.

vi. Existence of the church.

IX. The Ascension of Christ

a. Facts about the ascension.

