

11. SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Part 4: Meaning – “What does the passage mean?”

How to Understand and Apply the Old Testament

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Goal: Discern how your passage theologically coheres with the whole Bible, assessing key doctrines especially in direct relation to the gospel.

1. What Is Systematic Theology?

a. Introduction

- Definition:
- Presuppositions:

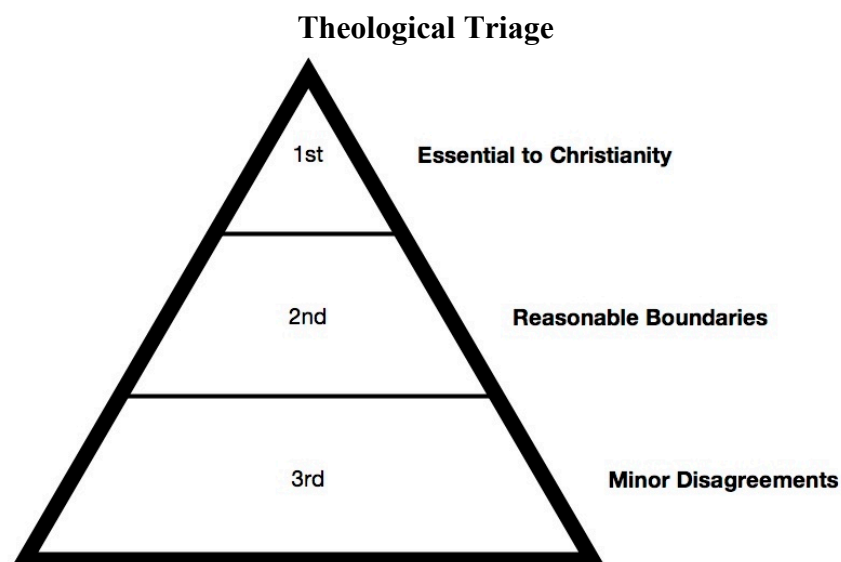
b. Key questions:

- General:
- Specific:

c. 10 Categories

- Theology proper
- Bibliology
- Angelology
- Anthropology
- Hamartiology
- Christology
- Soteriology
- Pneumatology
- Ecclesiology
- Eschatology

d. Theological Triage



- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3

2. How to Study Systematic Theology

- a. Ask God to supply both insight with reason and humility with love.
 - *We do not want to be ashamed of failing in rigorous, God-dependent thinking (1 Cor 14:20; 2 Tim 2:7, 15; 2 Pet 3:16).*
 - *We need the Holy Spirit's aid to gain the experiential knowledge the Bible demands (Jas 1:22, 27; 1 Pet 5:5; Luke 9:48).*
- b. Catalogue and synthesize all the relevant passages.
 - *Using a concordance, collect the most relevant passages related to your topic.*
 - *Classify the text, carefully summarizing their points and organizing them into groups based on distinct patterns or features.*
 - *Synthesize in one or more points what the Bible teaches on your topic and identify how your passage contributes to this understanding.*

3. A Case Study Systematic Theology