

Building Systematic Theology

Essay Questions

LESSON
ONE

WHAT IS SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY?



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Essay Questions

1. Describe the contours of systematic theology in terms of its commitments to scriptural truth, logical coherence and traditional emphases.
2. Describe the contours of New Testament theology in terms of its diversity, pastoral character, genres and framework.

3. In what ways is systematic theology like New Testament theology?

4. In what ways is systematic theology different from New Testament theology?

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TWO

TECHNICAL TERMS IN THEOLOGY



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7. Explain the three ways in which systematic theologians form technical terms from extra-biblical language.

8. Why is it important to understand how theological technical terms are created?

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THREE

PROPOSITIONS IN SYSTEMATICS



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3. Explain the place theological propositions have within the process of building systematic theology.

4. How does an understanding of propositions help us build systematic theology?

11. How does a better understanding of the dangers of propositions in theology help us benefit from propositions in theology?

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LESSON
FOUR

DOCTRINES IN
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1. Describe doctrinal statements in terms of topics, synthesis and explanations of doctrinal statements.
2. Explain how Jesus and Paul gave legitimacy to the practice of creating doctrines.

9. Explain how theological doctrines both enhance and hinder Christian living.

10. Explain how theological doctrines both enhance and hinder interaction in community.

