Course: Introduction to Theology Series: Building Systematic Theology

Discussion Forum One: What is Systematic Theology?

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- 1. Is Christian Theology rooted in Scripture along? (0:10)
- 2. Should we use general revelation in systematic theology? (6:40)
- 3. Why is logical coherence important? (12:00)
- 4. How can we focus on multiple themes in Scripture? (16:00)
- 5. Does systematic theology impose Aristotelian thinking onto the Bible? (18:50)
- 6. Does systematic theology incline us toward speculation? (21:30)
- 7. Why is a traditional emphasis important in systematic theology? (22:00)
- 8. Why do some Christians prefer modern thinking over traditional thinking? (25:00)
- 9. Are we held accountable to the past? (27:25)
- 10. What role does the Old Testament play in systematic theology? (28:15)
- 11. Should we do theology pastorally instead of systematically? (34:45)
- 12. Should we use systematic theology in preaching and pastoring? (38:00)
- 13. Does the focus of systematic theology differ from the focus of the Bible? (41:00)
- 14. What modern questions is systematic theology answering? (44:20)
- 15. What happens when culture influences systematic theology? (47:15)
- 16. Is it right to use systematic theology to discipline and teach the nations? (50:50)
- 17. How can we relate ancient cultural situations to modern situations? (55:05)
- 18. Are some modern cultures more similar than others to ancient culture? (57:45)
- 19.Do the differences between modern and ancient culture make the Bible irrelevant? (1:00:20)
- 20. How did the early church use Neo-Platonic language? (1:03:20)
- 21. Does modern theology emphasize the spiritual over the material? (1:08:00)
- 22. What is the difference between Neo-Platonism and Aristotelianism? (1:13:00)

- 23. Does traditional systematic theology overemphasize rationality? (1:18:20)
- 24. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in systematic theology? (1:22:50)
- 25. Do systematic theologians sometimes avoid the Holy Spirit's ministry? (1:29:45)
- 26. Should we focus on the past or present when we do theology? (1:33:45)
- 27. How do we guard our hearts when we interact with modern culture? (1:35:55)