

What We Believe: A Survey of Bible Doctrines

Lesson Plan

Lesson 1— “Introduction: A Biblical Understanding of Theology”
Proverbs 1:7; Psalm 131

Lesson 2— “The Bible: The Book God Wrote—Part 1”
Psalm 19; Rom. 1:18-25

Lesson 3— “The Bible: The Book God Wrote—Part 2”
2 Tim. 3:10-4:5; 2 Peter 1:1-21

Lesson 4— “The Nature of God: Who He Is”
Acts 17:16-34

Lesson 5— “The Work of God: What He Has Done”
Job 38-39

Lesson 6— “Jesus Christ: Entirely God”
John 1:1-34

Lesson 7— “Jesus Christ: Entirely Man”
John 1:14-18; Philippians 2:1-11

Lesson 8— “The Holy Spirit: Helper”
John 14:16-31; 16:5-15; Rom. 12:1-8

Lesson 9— “What Are Angels?”
Isaiah 6:1-3

Lesson 10— “What Is Man?”
Gen. 1:24-3:24

Lesson 11— “God’s Saving Grace ”
John 3:1-21; 6:41-65

Lesson 12— “God’s Work Today: The Church ”
Ephesians 2:11-21; 1 Tim. 3:1-12

Lesson 13— “Things To Come—Part 1”
Daniel

Lesson 14— “Things to Come—Part 2”
1 Corinthians 3, 1 Corinthians 15, Revelation 20.

Important Theological Categories, Terms, and Subjects:

Theology Proper—Doctrine of God

- Categories of God's attributes, the works of God (creation, providence, revelation), proofs of God's existence, the Trinity, God's names.

Bibliology—Doctrine of the Bible

- Inspiration, canon, preservation, inerrancy, hermeneutics.

Christology—Doctrine of Jesus Christ

- The theanthropic person of Christ, the work of Christ, the sinlessness of Christ, the incarnation of Christ, the virgin birth, the miracles of Christ, the bodily resurrection of Christ, the kenosis.

Pneumatology—Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

- The personhood of the Holy Spirit, the deity of the Holy Spirit, the work of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Angelology—Doctrine of Angels

- Satan, demons, the world, ministering spirits.

Anthropology—Doctrine of Man

- God's image in man, the components of man, human sexuality, traducianism, marriage and family, civil government.

Hamartiology—Doctrine of Sin

- The fall of man, definition of sin, original sin, human depravity.

Soteriology—Doctrine of Salvation

- God's sovereignty in salvation, human responsibility in salvation, components of salvation, atonement.

Ecclesiology—Doctrine of the Church

- Dispensationalism, the local (visible) church, the universal (invisible) church, denominations, ordinances, separation.

Eschatology—Doctrine of Last Things

- Death, resurrection, intermediate state, rapture, Great Tribulation, views about the millennium, heaven, hell, final judgments, eternal state.

Three Forms of Theological Study:

Historical Theology—"What have believers believed?"

Biblical Theology—"What is revealed?"

Systematic Theology—"What is true?"

Recommended Text:

Ryrie, Charles C. *Basic Theology: A Popular Systematic Guide to Understanding Biblical Truth*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1999.