

# **Systematic Theology I — Student Handout**

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## **Chapter 1: Introduction to Systematic Theology**

### **What You Should Learn From Today's Lecture:**

- Define systematic theology in biblical terms.
- Understand why Christians must study doctrine.
- Recognize Scripture as the final authority for belief.
- Distinguish major doctrines from minor doctrines.
- Learn how theology applies directly to Christian living.

1. Explanation and Scriptural Basis

2. Application to Life

3. Major and Minor Doctrines

4. Three Objections to Systematic Theology

5. How to Study Theology Biblically

### Things to Know (Exam Review Section)

1. Systematic theology asks what the whole Bible teaches today.
2. Scripture alone is the final authority for doctrine.
3. Doctrine must always be applied to Christian life.
4. Major doctrines affect many areas of belief and living.
5. Minor doctrines allow fellowship despite differences.
6. Theology helps correct wrong beliefs.
7. Sound doctrine produces maturity and godliness.
8. Theology must be studied with prayer and humility.
9. Christians must collect all relevant biblical passages.
10. True theology leads to rejoicing and worship.
11. A question on the exam will ask if you did the assigned reading.

### **Closing Summary**

Systematic theology equips believers to know God rightly, guard truth, and obey Christ faithfully as we continue into the doctrine of the Word of God.

### **ASSIGNMENT**

**Read Chapter 1      INTRODUCTION TO SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**