

Series is loosely based on Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology

- 1: Intro, Word of God, and Canon of Scripture (Chapters 1-3)
- 2: Authority and Inerrancy (4-5)
- 3: Clarity, Necessity, and Sufficiency (6-8)
- 4: Existence of God and Knowability (9-10)
- 5: Incommunicable and Communicable Attributes (11-13)
- 6: God in Three Persons: Trinity (14)
- 7: Creation, Providence, and Miracles (15-17)
- 8: Prayer (18)
- 9: Applying God's Sovereignty (not from Grudem)
- 10: Angels, Satan, and Demons (19-20)
- 11: Creation of Man and Male and Female (21-22)
- 12: Essential Nature of Man and Sin (23-24)
- 13: Covenants Between God and Man (25)
- 14: Person of Christ and Offices of Christ (26, 29)
- 15: Atonement (27)
- 16: Resurrection and Ascension (28)
- 17: Holy Spirit (30)
- 18: Election and Reprobation (32)
- 19: Common Grace, Gospel, and Effective Calling (31, 33)
- 20: Regeneration, Conversion, and Justification (34-36)
- 21: Adoption, Sanctification, and Perseverance (37-40)
- 22: Reformed vs Other Theology (not from Grudem)
- 23: Death, Intermediate State, and Glorification (41-42)
- 24: Union with Christ (43)
- 25: Church: Its Nature, Marks, and Purposes (44)
- 26: Purity, Unity, and Power of the Church (45-46)
- 27: Church Government (47)
- 28: Means of Grace (48)
- 29: Baptism (49)
- 30: Lord's Supper (50)
- 31: Worship and Gifts of the Holy Spirit (51-53)
- 32: Return of Christ and The Millennium (54-55)
- 33: Final Judgment and New Heaven and Earth (56-57)

Good Medicine: Systematic Theology, Week 4 Existence and Knowability of God

The Existence of God

How do we know God exists?

- We believe the evidence in Scripture and in nature
- People have an inner sense of God

Evidence in Scripture

- There are hundreds of verses in the Old Testament where Yahweh speaks
- Genesis 1: "In the beginning, God..."
- Exodus 3:14
- Psalm 14:1-2
- Isaiah 6:3
- Isaiah 57:15
- Matthew 16:15-17
- John 1:1
- Hebrews 1 (particularly v1-3, v8-12)
- Hebrews 11:6
- 1 John 3:1-2
- Others?

Evidence in nature

- Psalm 19:1-2

Lastly, God has placed in all of mankind an inner sense that He exists

- Psalm 14:1 / Psalm 53:1
- Psalm 10:3-4
- What causes people to deny the existence of God?

- Romans 1:18-25

Why is this doctrine important for us?

- Believers need to be mindful that at one time, they were once _____ (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 says that only _____ are we to understand what He has shared with us
- Let's be thankful to God that He has provided so much evidence!

The Knowability of God

Can we really know God? And how much can we know of Him?

It is necessary that God reveal Himself to us

- Romans 1:18b-20
- What happens if we try to know and understand God absent of Scripture?

We are unable to ever fully understand God

- Psalm 145:3
- Psalm 147:5, Psalm 139:6
- 1 Corinthians 2:10-12
- Romans 11:33
- Isaiah 55:9

We can know God truly

- Everything that Scripture tells us about God _____ (John 17:17)
- Examples of things Scripture tells us about God

- But what about knowing God personally?
 - Jeremiah 9:23-24
 - Matthew 11:27
 - John 17:1-8
 - 1 John 5:20, also 1 John 2:13

Why is this doctrine important for us?

- What does all of this mean for believers?
 - We should not be discouraged, as the incomprehensibility of God does not mean that our efforts to know as much as we can about God are futile
 - Colossians 1:9-10
- Let's delight in the fact that:
 - God _____
 - God will forever be _____ than His creation in not only knowledge but all things
 - We are His and owe Him _____
- The difference between *knowing God* vs simply *knowing facts about God* is NOT trivial
 - James 4:8
 - John 14:23
- Ephesians 3:14-19
 - How comforting is that!