

# THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN FAITH:

## AN EXPLORATION OF BIBLICAL THEOLOGY & DOCTRINE

Fall 2016 - WEEK 1 – Introduction/Why this course?

### ⊖ Terms:

-Theology (*theos* = God, *logia* = study of) – the study of God, the nature of the divine, and specifics of religious thought.

-Doctrine – what a person or group believes the whole Bible teaches about any particular topic.

### ⊖ Why is this course necessary?

*External Reasons:*

- The problem of \_\_\_\_\_.
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*Internal Reasons:*

- The problem of the church in \_\_\_\_\_.
- The problem of the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ church.
- The problem of \_\_\_\_\_ church.
- \*The problems of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### ⊖ How should we study theology and doctrine?

We should study with \_\_\_\_\_. (Ps. 119:18)

We should study with \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

We should study with \_\_\_\_\_. (Isa. 55:8)

We should study with \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 1:20)

We should study with \_\_\_\_\_. (Prov. 11:2)

We should study with \_\_\_\_\_. (Ps. 119:14-16)

We should study with \_\_\_\_\_. (Deut. 6:9)

### ⊖ Why Judeo-Christian history?

“Should history record good things about good people, the thoughtful hearer is encouraged to imitate what is good. Or if it records evil ends of wicked people, the devout and religious listener or reader is encouraged to avoid all that is sinful and perverse and to follow what he or she knows to be good and pleasing to God.” – Bede the Venerable, *Introduction to Ecclesiastical History of the English People*

### ⊖ The Real Purpose of this Course:

Theology and doctrine, whether academic, systematic, or ecclesiastic, cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ theology and doctrine unless they are \_\_\_\_\_ theology and doctrine.

**“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” (James 1:22)**

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