

## Systematic Theology- Systematic Theology Proper

- A1. Everyone has a systematic theology.
  - A2. Our inborn theology suppresses the Truth.
  - A3. God holds a Christian accountable for a right theology.
- A4. The Scriptures are the only source of a right theology.
- A5. We must make statements that summarize Scriptural truths.
- A6. The Scriptures are not already laid out as a systematic theology.
- A7. Scriptures call on us to systematize Them.
- A8. Theological knowledge without Scriptural knowledge is like bones without flesh.
- A9. To systematize means to Define, to Order, and to Categorize.
  
- A10. A good life can only flow from a good theology.
- A11. Some theological points are more important than others.
- A12. There are no unimportant theological points.
- A13. Some theological points relate more directly to how we live.
- A14. Abstract theological concepts are the glue that hold the ‘practical’ concepts in place.
  
- A15. Every Scripture relates to the whole of Scriptural truth.
- A16. Scripture is a complete testimony.
- A17. There is more knowledge than is in Scriptures alone (unrevealed knowledge).
  - A.18. Scripture is all the knowledge that God desired us, or that we need to know.
  - A19. Unrevealed knowledge does not contradict revealed knowledge.
  - A20. In heaven, God will not amend any Scripture.
  
- A21. God knows everything.
  - A22. God’s knowledge covers all time.
  - A23. God designed Scriptures to teach all generations.
  - A24. Man’s basic nature does not change throughout time.
  - A25. Man today needs what man needed 4,019 years ago.
  - A26. Man’s nature is opposed to God.
- A27. God has made His communications understandable.
- A28. Man opposes God knowingly.
- A29. Man’s disagreement with God is a fundamental, organic (in his nature) one.
- A30. Man can agree with God on many individual points while still fundamentally disagreeing with Him.
  
- A31. God alone can change man into agreement with Him.
- A32. A regenerate man desires to live and think in agreement with God.
- A33. A child of God is able to be in fundamental agreement with God.
- A34. A believer’s remaining sin nature taints his agreement with God.
  
- A35. Scriptures are not just writings or concepts.
- A36. Scriptures are God’s power.
- A37. God’s power in us is through His Word in us.
- A38. We are always to be growing in Scriptural power.

Systematic Theology- God: His Being and Works in Brief

- B1. God has always been.
- B2. God's nature is unchangeable.
- B3. God needs nothing outside Himself.
  
- B4. God freely chose to create.
- B5. God designed and created by great wisdom.
  
- B6. God's has complete knowledge and control of His creation
- B7. God permitted, but did not cause, sin to enter His creation.
- B8. God's planning of His creation included the freely chosen sins of men and angels
  
- B9. God chooses to reveal Himself to His creation.
- B10. Every creature's existence, whether good or evil, is in relation to the Creator.
- B11. God reveals Himself especially to men and angels.
- B12. There is no higher good than knowing and glorifying God.
  
- B13. God is good.
- B14. God's goodness extends to all aspects of His character.
- B15. God's hatred of evil is good.
  
- B16. God is righteous.
- B17. God's righteousness is His guiding characteristic.
- B18. God's righteousness guides both His mercy and His wrath.
- B19. God' righteousness determines that He only has mercy on sinners whose sins Christ paid for.
- B20. God's righteousness also determines that He will give the unrepentant their just punishment.
  
- B21. God's mercy will eternally make Him known.
- B22. God's wrath will also make Him known eternally.
  
- B23. God delights in His mercy.
- B24. God does not fully delight in His wrath.
  - B25. God *does* delight in the justice of His wrath.
  - B26. God does not delight in the pain of the wicked.
  - B27. Neither does God regret His anger.
  
- B28. We appeal to men to be reconciled to God.

Systematic Theology- Man

- C1. All men come from the first man, Adam, who was created directly by God.
- C2. Man was made apart from and over the rest of God's creation on earth.
- C3. Man was made in God's image and likeness.
  - C4. As God's image, man was to represent God.
  - C5. As God's likeness, man was to be, in character, like God.
- C6. Man was made righteous and without sin.
- C7. Man was made with the potential to sin.
  - C8. Sin is going against God.
  - C9. Adam's one command was also an accurate test of his total response to God.
  - C10. Man was forbidden the determination of good and evil for himself.
  - C11. Adam and Eve knew it was good to obey God and it was evil to disobey Him.
  - C12. Man's evaluation of good and evil was supposed to stay in agreement with and in submission to God.
- C13. When man chose to determine good and evil for himself, he became a separate source of authority.
  - C14. As an independent authority, man became like Satan, who had suggested this independence to man.
  - C15. By agreeing with Satan, man forfeited his life and authority to him.
  - C16. God made man's consequence for rebellion the same as Satan's.
- C17. Adam could only give birth to children like himself, who likewise could only produce children sharing their spiritual nature.
  - C18. All men are in Adam's image from conception and are like him.
  - C19. All men think and act in accordance with their nature.
  - C20. All men now deserve eternal torment apart from God.
- C21. In God's justice, He will cause many to suffer this eternal torment.
- C22. Man cannot change himself from his fallen condition.
- C23. In God's mercy, He will save many from their natural state and its deserved punishment.
  - C24. God's mercy includes His forgiving of His people's sins and His removal of the just consequences for those sins.
  - C25. God's mercy includes transforming His peoples' natures back to uprightness.
- C26. God's people also retain their old sinful nature alongside their new righteous one.
- C27. The Christian life, therefore, is a life of inner conflict.
- C28. The Christian's old nature will finally be separated from him at death.
- C29. God's people in heaven will never again have the potential to sin.

Systematic Theology- Christ

- D1. Before creating the world, God had already planned a means of redemption for fallen man.
- D2. The means of our salvation required the coming and work of a unique person.
  - D3. This unique person was prophesied in the Old Testament Scriptures.
  - D4. This redeemer would of necessity be Divine (God), since the debt of man's sin required infinite payment.
  - D5. This redeemer would also of necessity be human, since a real representative had to offer righteousness to God on man's behalf.
  
- D6. God first promised the Redeemer at man's fall in Eden, telling the serpent that the woman's seed would wound his head.
  - D7. God subsequently promised blessings to Abraham and his seed, which seed was ultimately Christ (Gal, 3:16).
  - D8. God also promised a royal descendant to David (Ps. 89:35, 36), again, fulfilled in Christ's coming.
  
- D9. Christ came into the world at a time specifically appointed by God.
  - D10. Christ was conceived in the womb of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit.
    - D11. Jesus, the Christ ("anointed"), fulfilled all the offices consecrated by anointing in the Old Testament, those being Prophet, Priest, and King.
    - D12. Jesus is the fulfillment, the ultimate, and eventually the final Prophet, Priest, and King.
      - D13. As Prophet, Jesus was the authoritative spokesman for God (the Trinity), as well as being Himself the chief expression of God.
      - D14. Jesus' prophecy continues in His personal instruction of His people through His written word.
      - D15. As Priest, Jesus was the fulfillment of the Old Covenant sacrificial system, accomplishing in reality what the sacrificial system accomplished symbolically and temporarily.
        - D16. Jesus continues to act as priest in His ongoing intercessions for us before God the Father.
      - D17. As King, Jesus became mankind's rightful head by becoming the last Adam, succeeding where the first Adam failed.
        - D18. Jesus reigns as king in and over his people as individuals and as His body, the Church.
          - D19. True churches should manifest their submission to Christ's headship by cooperating with all other true churches.
  
  - D20. Christ was born under the same Law God held mankind to generally and the Jews to particularly.
    - D21. Christ kept God's Law perfectly, concerning all its requirements of heart and mind inwardly and all its requirements of actions outwardly.
    - D22. As the first and only perfectly obedient man:
      - D23. Christ was qualified to offer Himself as a sacrifice for sin; and
      - D24. He was qualified to offer His righteousness to be imputed to His people.
  
  - D25. Christ rose from the dead, signifying the success of His sacrificial work.