

2016 Systematic Theology Part 1 Schedule

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Questions or Comments?

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Book Recommendations: Doctrine of the Word

- Greg Gilbert, *Why Trust the Bible?* (Crossway, 2015)
- Barry Cooper, *Can I Really Trust the Bible?* (Good Book Co., 2014)
- C. E. Hill, *Who Chose the Gospels?* (Oxford Univ., 2010)
- John Frame, *The Doctrine of the Word of God* (P&R, 2010)
- John Wenham, *Christ and the Bible*, 3rd ed. (Wipf & Stock, 2009)
- Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology* chaps. 2-8 (Zondervan, 1994)
- J. I. Packer, *“Fundamentalism” & the Word of God* (Eerdmans, 1958)
- The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy (1978), available online at http://library.dts.edu/Pages/TL/Special/ICBI_1.pdf

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Systematic Theology
WEEK 2

The Doctrine of the Word, Part 2

INTRODUCTION | PSALM 119:97-104: “OH, HOW I LOVE YOUR LAW...”

I. The Canon (“measuring reed” or “rule”) of Scripture

A. Old Testament Canon

- Threefold division affirmed by Jesus (Luke 24:44)
- Other books (such as Apocrypha) not included

B. New Testament Canon

- God acts, then provides written interpretation of his acts
- Distinction between accepting a book’s authority (happened immediately) and finalizing a list of the canon (took longer)
- Non-biblical books present radically different messages
- Early believers didn’t “choose” books but “received”/ “inherited” them

C. Early church criteria to demonstrate a book's legitimacy

1. Apostolicity
2. Antiquity
3. Conformity to the rule of faith (orthodoxy)
4. Universality

D. Implications

- Church didn't create the Bible; the Bible created the church
- The canon is closed

II. Attributes of Scripture

Article I, Of the Scriptures, CHBC Statement of Faith

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

A. The Divine Inspiration of Scripture: Scripture is God's Word.

(2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21)

- *How to respond? Learn the whole Bible.*

B. The Inerrancy of Scripture: God's Word Is True.

(Heb. 6:18, Prov. 30:5, John 10:35)

- *How to respond? Trust that every word is true.*

C. The Infallibility of Scripture: God's Word Is Reliable.

(Same scriptures as points A&B)

- *How to respond? Memorize the Word so it can be your guide in good times and bad.*

D. The Clarity of Scripture: God's Word is Understandable.

(Psalm 19:7, Deut 6:7)

- *How to respond? Share the Word with others.*

E. The Necessity of Scripture: God's Word is Indispensable.

(Rom. 1:19, 2:14, 10:14-17)

- *How to respond? Meditate on the Word to grow in godliness.*

F. The Sufficiency of Scripture: God's Word is Enough.

(2 Tim. 3:16-17)

- *How to respond? Obey God's Word in all of life.*