

EQUIP

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Theology EQUIP Series Overview

- What is Theology?

- Why Study Theology?
 1. For God's Glory
 2. Corporately Reflect Christ to Others
 3. Individual Sanctification and Growth
 4. Doctrine Matters

Doctrine of the Word

- **The Case for the Bible as our Authority**

- **Attributes of Scripture**

The Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

– Grace Baptist Church's Statement of Faith, Section 1

1. Divine Inspiration

2 Tim 3:16

"All Scripture is breathed out by God."

2 Peter 1:20-21

“No prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

2. Biblical Inerrancy

Proverbs 30:5

“Every word of God proves true.”

Hebrews 6:18

“it is impossible for God to lie.”

3. Biblical Infallibility

4. Clarity

Psalms 19:7

“The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.”

Deut 6:7

“You shall teach them diligently to your children”

5. Necessity

Romans 10:14

“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?”

6. Sufficiency

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Doctrine of God

There is only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

– Grace Baptist Church’s Statement of Faith, Section 2

- **Attributes of God**

1. The Unity of God

Exodus 34:6-7

“The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.”

2. God is Triune

- What does the Doctrine of the Trinity mean?

Deut 6:4

“The LORD our God, the Lord is one.”

Isaiah 45:5, 21

“I am the LORD, and there is no other;”

“There is no other god besides me.”

- Why does the Trinity matter?

3. The Immutability of God

Num 23:19

“God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?”

4. God is Infinite

- **Omnipresent**

Psalms 139:7-10

“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will hold me fast.”

- **Omnipotent**

Matt 19:26

“with God all things are possible.”

Jeremiah 32:17

“Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.”

- **Eternal**

Psalms 90:2

“Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”

Revelation 1:8

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

5. Omniscient

1 John 3:20

“[God] knows everything,”

Matthew 11:21

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.”

Matt 6:31-33

“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

6. Holiness

Isaiah 6:3

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory.”

7. Justice/Righteousness

Romans 12:19

“‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord.”

Romans 3:25

“God put [Christ Jesus] forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

8. Goodness/Love

James 1:17

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father”

Exodus 34:6

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,”

Other Resources:

- *Taking God at His Word*, Kevin DeYoung
- *Why Trust the Bible?*, Greg Gilbert
- *Knowing God*, J I Packer
- *Delighting in the Trinity*, Michael Reeves