

1. Doctrine of God (Theology Proper)

1. Definition of Theology Proper

- 1) A systematic and biblical study of God
 - 2) Focuses on God's existence, nature, attributes, and works
 - 3) The foundational discipline of all theology
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2. The Existence of God

1) Proofs of God's Existence

(1) Cosmological Argument:

Every effect has a cause; God is the First Cause

(2) Teleological Argument:

The order and design of the universe point to a Designer

(3) Moral Argument:

The presence of moral conscience implies a moral standard-giver

(4) Ontological Argument:

The concept of a most perfect being necessitates its existence

(5) Experiential Evidence:

God's work in the lives of believers

2) Revelation

(1) General Revelation:

God revealed through nature, history, and conscience

(2) Special Revelation:

God's clear revelation through Scripture and Jesus Christ

3. Attributes of God

1) Incommunicable Attributes (Unique to God)

- (1) Self-existence (Aseity)
- (2) Infinity
- (3) Immutability
- (4) Omniscience
- (5) Omnipotence
- (6) Omnipresence

2) Communicable Attributes (Shared in part with humans)

- (1) Holiness
 - (2) Love
 - (3) Justice
 - (4) Mercy
 - (5) Faithfulness
 - (6) Truth
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4. The Trinity

- 1) God is one in essence and three in persons
- 2) God the Father
- 3) God the Son (Jesus Christ)
- 4) God the Holy Spirit

Each person is distinct, yet fully and equally God

The Trinity is a mystery, yet a central truth of the Christian faith

5. Works of God

- 1) Creation: God created all things out of nothing
 - 2) Providence: God preserves and governs all creation
 - 3) Redemption: God saves sinners through grace
 - 4) Judgment: God judges righteously and rewards the faithful
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6. Practical Application of the Doctrine of God

- 1) Reverence: Worshipping God for His greatness and holiness
 - 2) Trust and Obedience: Relying on His power and faithfulness
 - 3) Love and Fellowship: Living in a personal relationship with God
 - 4) Imitating God's Character: Reflecting His attributes in our lives
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Summary

The doctrine of God is not merely theoretical—it is the root of true faith and the center of Christian life.

To know God rightly is to live rightly, worship rightly, and believe rightly.