Course: Introduction to Theology Series: Building Your Theology

Discussion Forum Two: Exploring Christian Theology

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- 1. What is tradition? (0:10)
- 2. Which traditions are good? (1:45)
- 3. Why is theology a form of tradition? (3:45)
- 4. How can we distinguish what the Bible teaches from what we believe it teaches? (6:55)
- 5. Should churches try to balance orthodoxy, orthopraxis and orthopathos? (9:30)
- 6. Should orthodoxy, orthopraxis and orthopathos all be emphasized in the local church? (14:10)
- 7. What's wrong with theology being bound by tradition? (16:40)
- 8. Should we avoid rationalism? (20:00)
- 9. Why do we need to be aware of ourselves if the goal of theology is objective truth? (21:30)
- 10. Are these lessons designed to convert students to a particular tradition? (27:55)
- 11. Is it possible for different denominations to benefit from each other? (30:55)
- 12. What are the five *solas* of the Reformation? (35:40)
- 13. How do creeds and confession relate to the solas? (36:50)
- 14. Do the solas of the Reformation ignore the Father and the Holy Spirit? (40:35)
- 15.If justification is by faith alone, why does the Bible emphasize good works? (44:00)
- 16. If everything should be done for God's glory, where does our glorification fit? (51:40)
- 17. How can the Old and New Testaments be unified when they look so different? (53:45)
- 18. Is the New Testament more relevant to us than the Old Testament? (58:00)
- 19. Does the Bible emphasize God's transcendence over his immanence? (1:01:05)

- 20. Does the modern church need to hear more about God's transcendence or his immanence? (1:06:15)
- 21. How much of the world's culture should the church try to transform? (1:09:35)
- 22. Why does the modern church have a hard time trying to transform culture? (1:16:45)
- 23. Is Christian theology defined as what Christians believe? (1:20:15)
- 24. Is there a core set of beliefs that all Christians can affirm? (1:22:35)
- 25. How much theological diversity is acceptable? (1:25:00)
- 26. Why are some religions closer to Christianity than others are? (1:33:15)
- 27. Do believers sometimes suppress the truth that God has revealed? (1:37:30)