

2016 Systematic Theology Part 1 Schedule

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Recommended Reading

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CORE SEMINARS

Systematic Theology

WEEK 3

The Existence and Attributes of God - Part 1

I. INTRODUCTION

II. GOD'S EXISTENCE

A. Biblical and Presuppositional

If we are Christians, we can say that we believe that God is “really there,” because He has revealed Himself to all men _____ by creation and providence, _____ in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, _____ in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and _____ through the Work of His Spirit.

B. General Revelation Versus Special Revelation

1. The Two Defined

a. General Revelation: is that unveiling of God, the knowledge of God's being and will which is given to all people everywhere, at all times, through the ordinary experience of being alive in God's world.

b. Special Revelation: is how God has made himself known by particular *acts* and *words*, especially the Word of the Lord (=Scripture), and the Lord of the Word (=Jesus Christ).

2. What Does General Revelation Reveal?

(Ps 19; Rom 1.18-32; Acts 14.14-18; Acts 17.16ff)

3. God is Infinite

(Ps. 90:2-4, Jer. 23:23-24, Isa. 57:15, Prov. 15:3, Ps. 139:7-10, Ps. 145:3)

III. THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

1. The Independence or Self-Existence of God

(John 5:26, Acts 17:24-2)

2. The Immutability of God

(Num. 23:19, 1Sam 15.29; Ps. 102:26, Mal. 3:6, Heb. 6:17-18, 13:8)

Article II, Of the True God, CHBC Statement of Faith

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.