

Why study theology?

- Joshua 1:7-8; Psalm 1; 109:105; Proverbs 3:5-6; Hosea 4:6; 6:6; John 17:3; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12-13; 2 Peter 3:17-18
- What do these verses say about knowing God?

- How do we know who God is? How do we get this knowledge?

What is theology?

What is doctrine?

- In certain contexts, the Greek word πίστις (pistis - faith), when used with the article (the), does not mean personal faith but "that which is believed" (BDAG), i.e, doctrine
 - Acts 6:7; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Galatians 1:23; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 4:1, 6; 6:20-21; Titus 1:13; Jude 1:3

What is theology/doctrine?

- Theology: The study of the nature of God and religious belief (Oxford).
- Doctrine: a belief or set of beliefs held and taught by a Church, political party, or other group (Oxford).
- Theology is often used as a term for _____ and doctrine a term for _____, but the words are also often _____.
- Theology/doctrine: the _____ that tell us about _____.

Why study theology/doctrine?

- 1 Timothy 1:3; 4:6-7

Why study systematic theology?

- Systematic theology is simply the _____
- E.g., Church fathers (Hypostatic-Union; Trinity)

We study theology because it is a systematic way to learn more about God and what His Word says about Him and about His creation.