



Outline

Lesson 4 – Theology: Who is God?

- I. Introduction – Theology – Who is God?
 - A. Theology: The study of the existence, nature, and attributes of God
 - B. The Ultimate Source of Truth – Colossians 2:2-3 “Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”
 - C. Westminster Confession – trying to capture the infinite essence of God’s nature
- II. What is Eternal Life?
 - A. Scriptural emphasis on eternal life – Luke 18:18, John 3:16, John 4:13-14, John 5:24, John 5:39-40, John 6:27, John 6:54
 - B. “Now this is eternal life...” John 17:1-3 “...that they may know you...”
 - C. Spurgeon’s and Paul’s perspective – “I want to know Christ...”
 - D. God’s perspective – Hosea 6:6, Jeremiah 9:23-24 ...that he knows me...”
 - E. Connection between knowledge of God and knowledge of self
- III. Meaning of Names
 - A. Names of God – El Qanna – A jealous God – Deuteronomy 4:23-24, Zechariah 8:2, Exodus 34:14
 - B. Jacob, Abram, Moses, Simon, Saul, John, Jesus
 - C. Your name – Your identity in Christ and as a child of God
- IV. The Attack
 - A. The Battle – 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 – “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself against the knowledge of God...”
 - B. On God – His nature, His character
 - C. On His Word – Throughout history men have tried to destroy God’s Word
 - 1. Jesus Seminar – democratic voting process on God’s Word
 - 2. Ezekiel 22:26-28 – “...her priests have done violence to my law...”

3. Joram and Jehoram – Unraveling a supposed conflict – Can you trust the Word of God? – “The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings”

V. Conclusion – God’s word can be trusted

A. 1 Peter 1:24-25 “...the word of the Lord stands forever.”

B. Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is living and active...”