

Emmanuel Reformed Baptist Church

“And the Word became flesh and lived among us....” John 1:14

Theology 101a ½ - Handout

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- Selected theological topics

General Division of Theology

- **Biblical theology** talks about God by drawing its material specifically from the Bible
- **Systematic theology** talks about what the whole Bible teaches about any given topic.
- **Historical theology** talks about God by studying the historical development of the understanding and statement of Christian doctrine in the church.

Working Definitions Regarding Theology

- **Theology**, thinking or talking about God
- **Revelation**, What God has made known about himself and the process by which this insight is given.
- **General Revelation**, God reveals something about the divine nature through the created order.
- **Special Revelation**, God’s divine self-revelation evidence specifically in salvation history and culminating in the incarnation.

What can we do with theology?

- Leave theology to the theologian
- Store theology away until needed
- We can do theology

What does doing theology look like?

- Hearing the Word
- Reading the Word
- Studying the Word
- Memorizing the Word
- Meditating on the Word
- Praying through the Word

