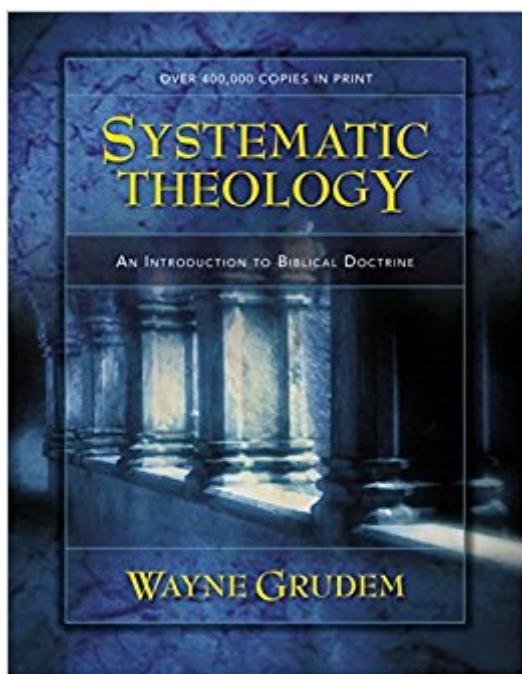


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# Systematic Theology: An Introduction To Biblical Doctrine



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In my opinion, and my husband's, the best layman's guide to understanding the big pictures of Christianity: Who is God? Why Jesus? Why the Cross? How did Jesus' death purchase my own salvation? What is MAN to God? What about Heaven and Hell and sin and works and faith? How can God be both Just and Merciful? What is the Church? Not Grudem's opinions, but his proffer of what the Scriptures say on each subject, and some analysis and conclusions in "areas where Godly men disagree" - laid out in language the layman can understand, with humility and reasoning, not pomposity. A great reference book; a great read-through!

A wonderful book--ideal for students of Christian theology, as well as for group studies for people who want to understand theology in a deeper way. I enjoyed studying this book in a group setting. The information is great for understanding how to relate to God better and to understand what it means to be a Christian and a follower of Jesus. Wayne Grudem does a superb job of classifying various theological topics and then explaining them in a clear and concise manner. Highly recommended!

One of the best books on theology I've ever read. Even a wooden head like myself can discern most of it. Wayne Grudem has provided a great piece of instruction. This book is a "must have and required read" for many seminary students.

Superb, very liberal doses of scripture, written in a manner a public educated dummie like me can follow along and worship. Do I agree with everything written? No. Does it take from the over all book? No. As R C Sproul said in his book 'What is Reformed Theology?' "By examining the historic debates on the issues, we may be persuaded to change our thinking. At the very least we will

acquire a deeper understanding of the issues involved. This creates an environment of mutual understanding even in the midst of serious disagreement." Mr Grudem has produced in this volume a top notch product one can use to pursue a deeper understanding of scriptural doctrine regardless of where one resides on the theological scale. My favorite parts? The hymns and memory verses... Theology should always lead to doxology. Amen.

Wow, the work that went into this is beyond breathtaking! Praise the Lord for such a piece of work. Excellent resource.

For those that would spend the time to study theology in an orderly manner, Wayne Grudem's "Systematic Theology" is the best that I have yet seen. He examines both the traditional view as well as gives the scriptural basis for each doctrine and teaching. This leaves us with the Scripture as the basis for our belief system. The book is clearly written and easily understood both by the layperson as well as the scholar of theology. Provided at the end of each chapter is a "Questions for Personal Application" which makes the book very suitable for both group and individual studies. There is also a listing of special terms used, a bibliography followed by a listing of "Other Works" that may be applicable, an applicable scripture memory passage, and a Hymn that often pertains to the subject of that chapter. Grudem in his presentation often examines the historical or traditional viewpoint of the topics being presented; as such he is not a follower of the latest theological fad despite the fact that he does quote Berkhof fairly often. For instance, he points out in his chapter on eschatology - the study of future events - that the theory of a "secret" rapture of the church and a following "millennium" is a fairly recent viewpoint; that the traditional or historical church had much differing viewpoints on these subjects. "The problem with this solution is that it is hard to derive two separate comings of Christ from the passages that predict his return." ("The Return of Christ: When and how?" -page 1100). This book is some 1221 pages long and is not the book that one would read during a Sunday afternoon. It is a book that requires much thought and study if one is to really gain any insight into Christian doctrine. I would recommend it as a course book either in a formal or informal environment guided by someone that is fairly knowledgeable in theology. It took me over 6 months to fully study and digest its contents and even today, wish to find the time to go back and study certain key sections.

This is the best explanation of major Christian doctrines I have read. It is unapologetically Evangelical in its approach but provides an overall balance between different views. The

organization and very systematic outline of the biblical bases of major Christian beliefs is an excellent study in itself. Grudem is very fair in presenting a large range of perspectives regarding specific tenants of Christianity. The author carefully provides scriptural sources and the interpretation of their full meaning to support his conclusions. It is a very complete study that can be studied by a serious reader of Christian theology or used as an excellent reference source for the study of specific subjects. I have avoided books like this in the Past, but this book is well worth having if you are seriously interested in the study of the Bible.

Very clear and extremely thorough. Includes a broad range of additional resources, so if you're not a Calvinist Protestant, you can nonetheless find resources from your preferred perspective. Grudem is always careful to identify his theological position, and very even-handed in addressing alternative positions.

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