

The Ology of Ologies

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable" (Isaiah 40:28).

Biology, ecology, geology, meteorology, psychology, and sociology are just a few of the studies or sciences you may have learned in your lifetime. I am convinced that the study of anything is good... It grows us, shapes us, and hopefully makes us smarter and wiser in the game of life. And if that is the case for all other studies... Well, how much more impactful for our everyday lives is theology? Yes, the study of God. Where does theology rank on the list of "ologies?"

Well, I think for the Christian it should be at the very top. Because the more that we know about God the more we will know about the world that God created, even our very selves as His creatures. The seventeenth-century pastor Richard Baxter said this very thing when he concluded: *"Nothing can be rightly known, if God be not known; nor is any study well managed, nor to any great purpose, if God is not studied. We know little of the creature, till we know it as it stands related to the Creator."* I would go as far as to say that what we know about God determines all of our lives... Our view of God should impact our worship, our devotion, our witness, our testimony, and our overall worldview. And that is why theology is important... And it is crucial for us to not just know on paper but even more so in practice!

And please, make sure you are not scared away by the word "theology." The study of God is not just for the PhDs and the clergy people, no it's for everyone! To use the famous slogan of R.C. Sproul, *"everyone's a theologian."* Yes, you can be a theologian today! You can study God's character. You can dive into the depths and riches of His grace... All you have to do is open up the class textbook, it's called the Bible. All you have to do is start being present more in Sunday School and Wednesday night Bible Study. All you have to do is listen intently when the Word of God is preached. All you have to do is fellowship with the Body of Christ in love and pray for a clearer picture and revelation of who the LORD is...

Now let me warn you along with my "all you have to do" language... The beauty of theology is that there is never an end of God. He is eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, and beyond our finite understanding... So the more that you dive into the Divine you will begin to see how deep the eternal waters really are... And it won't be until you are in heaven that your theology will be complete (1 Corinthians 13:12).

As grand and vast as God is, all of our theology should always come back to this one central truth as one noted theologian once said: *"Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so."* And so, may your heart be revived to a newer and deeper revelation of who God is... And May you not just know the Lord with mere head knowledge, but may your theology affect all of your life in the name of Jesus and for the name of Jesus! Study on dear Christian, you have much to learn!

Respect the Blood,
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