BUILDING SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY  
STUDY GUIDE 1.1  
Lesson 1: What Is Systematic Theology?  
Section 1: New Testament  
  
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OUTLINE FOR TAKING NOTES  
  
Introduction   
  
I. New Testament   
  
A. Systematic Theology   
  
  1. Biblical   
  
  2. Logical   
  
  3. Traditional   
  
B. New Testament Theology  
  
  1. Diversity   
  
  2. Pastoral Character   
  
  3. Genres   
  
  4. Basic Framework   
  
  
  
REVIEW QUESTIONS  
  
1. How does Louis Berkhof define systematic theology?  
  
2. What are the characteristics of systematic theology?  
  
3. Number the following theological topics in the order that they are traditionally studied and give a brief description of each one.   
  
  Soteriology   
  Eschatology  
  Bibliology  
  Theology proper  
  Ecclesiology  
  Anthropology  
  
4. In what ways is systematic theology like New Testament theology?  
  
5. In what ways is systematic theology different from New Testament theology?  
  
6. The New Testament writers structured their theology around what theme? Explain the importance of this theme. Explain the difference between Old Testament Jewish expectations and New Testament theology regarding this theme.  
  
  
APPLICATION QUESTIONS  
  
1. How do you feel about the subject of systematic theology? Do you think it is necessary? Why? How would you answer someone who says, “All we need is the Bible”?  
  
2. Has systematic theology been helpful for you in the past to resolve any issues? Explain.  
  
3. What areas of systematic theology interest you most? Are there any particular questions that you would like to answer in your studies of systematic theology?