

Systematic Theology Class

Unit 1 Assignment

The Task

You've been asked to write an essay, or preach a sermon, or teach a class, or you have a friend or co-worker who has questions and you want to outline answers so you will be prepared to answer her.

The Topics

Your essay/sermon/outline can be about anything we've studied in the Bibliology section of Systematic Theology (Vol. 1, pages 21-125). Some possibilities are:

- ◆ the supernatural origin of the Bible;
- ◆ different ways to divide or organize the Bible;
- ◆ explaining the revelation of God;
- ◆ explaining how inspiration works;
- ◆ how canon and authority chose the books we have in the Bible;
- ◆ explaining illumination;
- ◆ delineating between revelation, inspiration, and illumination;
- ◆ explaining interpretation, animation, and preservation;
- ◆ an overview of Bibliology in general.

The Form

Your assignment can be from one page to ten pages, electronic if possible. So, if you make an outline to have ready as you discuss the supernatural origin of the Bible with your doubting friend, it might be one page with main points and scripture references. A sermon might be in outline form also, with quotes where needed and your own anecdotes thrown in for color and clarification. An essay is going to be in paragraph form and again, throw in your own experiences to make it interesting.

The Use

Your project will be combined with others and then proofed and corrected with your input, and then distributed to the rest of the class so we can all benefit from the sermon or essay or teaching notes or outline. If you don't want yours included but still want correction or feedback, that's fine too. I'll be combining them into a book or pamphlet and it will be easier if you submit your project via email, or electronically. If you have to hand-write it that's OK, whatever you can do.

Due Date

This assignment is due one month from the completion of PRESERVATION, page 125, presumably one month from today if you are receiving this in class. No pressure. Like anything in God's work, you should only do this if you want to do it. Of course, having a teacher assign it and having a deadline helps push a little, but do not put any guilt upon yourself about this. This is a grace-based class about a graced-based God. However, if the due date is looming and you will be a little late but still want to hand it in, the date can be pushed off. **Please indicate what topic and approach you might be using.** Please ask if you are not sure, so we can have diverse approaches and topics covered.