

Sermon

Christian Theology

Colossians 1:15-20

John 1:1-5,10-14

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Jeff Jackson

“Living For the One Who Branded Us...Jesus“

INTRODUCTION:

Question: What is theology?

Answer:

Henry Ward Beecher

Theology is a science of mind applied to God.

Karl Barth

"In the Church of Jesus Christ there can and should be no non-theologians."

MESSAGE:

I. The History of Christian Theology

Notes: _____

C.S. Lewis

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

II. The Hallmarks of Christian Theology

Notes: _____

Os Guinness, quoted in A Mind for God by James Emery White, pg 20-21

“Thinking Christianly is thinking by Christians about anything and everything in a consistently Christian way – in a manner that is shaped, directed, and restrained by the truth of God’s Word and God’s Spirit.”

II. The Homework of Christian Theology

Notes: _____

Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the LORD.

⁹“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Proverbs 19:2 NLT

Enthusiasm without knowledge is no good; haste makes mistakes

III. The Holiness of Christian Theology

Notes: _____

A.W. Tozer

The devil is a better theologian than any of us and is a devil still.

1 Peter 1:16 – Be holy because I am holy.

Paul David Tripp

"We are called by God to do theology, that is, to live our lives with a moment-by-moment consciousness of God."

CONCLUSION:

Henri Nouwen

One of the main tasks of theology is to find words that do not divide but unite, that do not create conflict but unity, that do not hurt but heal.

John Stott

"Theology is a serious quest for the true knowledge of God, undertaken in response to His self-revelation, illumined by Christian tradition, manifesting a rational inner coherence, issuing in ethical conduct, resonating with the contemporary world and concerned for the greater glory of God."

