



April 22, 2020 | A Healthy Church Member is an Expositional Listener

A Healthy Church Member is a Biblical Theologian

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“Christian minds have been conformed to the modern spirit: the spirit, that is, that spawns great thoughts of man and leaves room for only small thoughts of God.” – J. I. Packer

Ignorance of the ways of God and of communion with him is more rampant in too many instances. The modern-day church continues to think small thoughts of God and great thoughts of man. If churches are to prosper and be healthy each member must be a

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WHAT IS BIBLICAL THEOLOGY FOR THE CHURCH MEMBER?

- **TO KNOW GOD HIMSELF.**

- One must first understand that the Bible is the _____ of God, it is the source material for developing great thoughts about God.
- Old Testament is the New Testament _____ while the New Testament is the Old Testament _____.
- When developing a knowledge of God, your quest should always begin with “What does the Bible say about God?”

- **TO KNOW GOD’S MACRO STORY.**

- One must secondly understand God’s macro story of _____.

- i. _____ to understanding the history of revelation, the grand themes and doctrines of the Bible and how everything fits together.
- ii. You must understand the _____ and _____ of the Bible as a whole and not just isolated passages.

HOW DOES BIBLICAL THEOLOGY WORK TO PROMOTE HEALTH IN A CHURCH MEMBER?

- **IT HELPS US _____ IN OUR _____ FOR GOD.**
 - Biblical theology will stir your faith and awe in God.
 - We begin to reverence Him because He was, is, and always will be.

- **IT HELPS US OVERCOME _____**
 - Biblical theology helps us to see how God has _____ spoken the same message to his people in diverse places and diverse ways.
 - *Hebrews 1:1-2, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds..."*
 - As we prayerfully study biblical theology, we're led to joyfully _____ to God and to _____ our wrong ideas about him.

- **IT HELPS _____ THE CHURCH AGAINST DOCTRINAL CONTROVERSIES.**
 - Churches can better withstand and productively resolve controversies when they maintain a good understanding of biblical, systematic and historical theology.

- Biblical theology helps to maintain the _____ and _____ of the bible's teaching.
 - i. We cannot take the Word of God and make it only to fit our condition.



The more pieces of our theology we have in place the better we are able to know, evaluate and understand what doesn't fit.

- **IT IS NECESSARY TO FULFILLING THE _____**

- **Matthew 28:19-20**, *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*
- Biblical _____ helps to deepen our understanding of and facility with the gospel.

“And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.”

Luke 24:27, 44-45

Next Week's Lesson:

How To Become A Healthy Church Member By Being A Being A Biblical Theologian



April 22, 2020 | SUPPLEMENT: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT GOD?

Isaiah 40:28 - 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.

Revelation 1:8 - I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Jeremiah 10:10 - But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation.

Isaiah 44:6 - Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Psalms 18:30 - This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

Romans 1:20 - For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

James 1:17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psalms 46:1 - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

John 3:16 - “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*All Scriptures are in the English Standard Version