



**April 29, 2020 | A Healthy Church Member is a Biblical Theologian**  
**How To Develop as 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*

How does a Christian successfully develop the habit of being a biblical theologian while being aware of the various themes of the bible?

**BUILD YOUR LIBRARY**

- Devotionals
- Commentaries
- Biblical Dictionaries
- Study Bibles

- **STUDY THE SCRIPTURES** \_\_\_\_\_

- The main diet of Scripture intake should probably be a study of books of the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_ historical context.
- Supplement this main diet with a study of major themes that run throughout the Bible.
  - i. Themes of the Bible
- Spend time considering the revelation of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God; the unity and diversity of the covenant of God with his people; the prophethood, priesthood, and kingship of Jesus; and the Kingdom of God in both the Old and New Testaments.

- **ADOPT THE NEW TESTAMENT’S** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOWARD THE OLD TESTAMENT**

- Train yourself to link what you learn in the Old Testament to the New Testament.
  - i. Ask these questions:
    1. How is this passage a fulfillment of something promised in the Old Testament?
    2. How is this New Testament idea different from or similar to an Old Testament teaching?
    3. In what way does this New Testament passage clarify, unveil or amplify something from the Old Testament?

- **STUDY THE OLD TESTAMENT WITH** \_\_\_\_\_ **AND THE** \_\_\_\_\_  
**IN VIEW**

- As you study the Old Testament, ask yourself how does it line up and fit with the New Testament.

- i. Ask yourself these questions:
  1. Where does this passage fit in the time line of redemptive history?
  2. How does this passage point us to Jesus?
  3. How does this truth about Israel relate to the New Testament idea of the church?
  4. How is this passage foundational for an understanding of New Testament Christianity?

- \_\_\_\_\_ **TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH'S STATEMENT OF FAITH**

- When joining a church, you should know exactly what that church believes and decipher if those beliefs line up to what you know to be true about God and His word.
  - Is it doctrinally sound?
  - Does it agree with the broader view of Christian tradition?
  - Do you understand the statement?
- **Greater Grace Statement of Faith**
  - Greater Grace Church is a Bible \_\_\_\_\_ church designed to evangelize to the lost and equip the saints of God for the perfecting of the ministry. We believe that God is a Spirit and we must worship him in Spirit and in Truth. Our foundation is the \_\_\_\_\_ and we believe it to be \_\_\_\_\_, read it to be \_\_\_\_\_, practice it to be \_\_\_\_\_, and memorize it to \_\_\_\_\_.

- **SEEK** \_\_\_\_\_ **AND AVOID NEEDLESS DISPUTES**

- A healthy church member that is committed to becoming a biblical theologian will work to know the difference between beliefs that are \_\_\_\_\_ to biblical Christianity and beliefs that are \_\_\_\_\_ to the integrity and continuance of the faith.
- Healthy church members will \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to defending the essential things of the gospel while avoiding strife and contention over things that are not essential.
- **2 Timothy 2:14-17a NIV**, *“Keep reminding God’s people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. Their teaching will spread like gangrene.”*
- Healthy church members are \_\_\_\_\_ who handle God’s word correctly while being innocent of having disagreements over non-essentials.

**Next Week’s Lesson:** A Healthy Church is Gospel Saturated

## THEMES OF THE BIBLE

<b>The Old Testament</b>	
Genesis	Beginnings
Exodus	Deliverance
Leviticus	Instruction
Numbers	Journeys
Deuteronomy	Obedience
Joshua	Conquest
Judges	Deterioration and deliverance
Ruth	Redemption
1 Samuel	Transition
2 Samuel	Unification
1 Kings	Disruption
2 Kings	Dispersion
1 Chronicles	Israel's spiritual history
2 Chronicles	Israel's spiritual heritage
Ezra	Restoration
Nehemiah	Reconstruction

Esther	Preservation
Job	Blessings through suffering
Psalms	Praise
Proverbs	Practical wisdom
Ecclesiastes	All is vanity apart from God
Song of Solomon	Love and marriage
Isaiah	Salvation
Jeremiah	Judgment
Lamentations	Lament
Ezekiel	The glory of the Lord
Daniel	The sovereignty of God
Hosea	Unfaithfulness
Joel	The day of the Lord
Amos	Judgment
Obadiah	Righteous judgment
Jonah	God's grace to all people
Micah	Divine judgment
Nahum	Consolation

Habakkuk	Trusting a sovereign God
Zephaniah	The “great day of the LORD”
Haggai	Rebuilding the temple
Zechariah	God’s deliverance
Malachi	Formalism rebuked
<b>The New Testament</b>	
Matthew	The kingdom of God
Mark	The Suffering Servant
Luke	The Perfect Man
John	The Son of God
Acts	The spread of the gospel
Romans	The righteousness of God
1 Corinthians	Christian conduct
2 Corinthians	Paul’s defense of his apostleship
Galatians	Freedom in Christ
Ephesians	Blessings in Christ
Philippians	The joy-filled life
Colossians	The supremacy of Christ

1 Thessalonians	Concern for the church
2 Thessalonians	Living in hope
1 Timothy	Instructions for a young disciple
2 Timothy	A charge to faithful ministry
Titus	A manual of conduct
Philemon	Forgiveness
Hebrews	The superiority of Christ
James	Genuine faith
1 Peter	Responding to suffering
2 Peter	Warning against false teachers
1 John	Fellowship with God
2 John	Christian discernment
3 John	Christian hospitality
Jude	Contending for the faith
Revelation	The unveiling of Jesus Christ