

THE EQUIP INSTITUTE

Theme: Christian Story

Topic: Introduction to Biblical Theology

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Introduction

The Equip Institute exists to equip members of Taylors First Baptist Church to think rightly about God and His Word for the sake of living rightly before God in His world. Our theme for this fall is Christian Story. Tonight is an introduction to biblical theology.

Defining Biblical Theology

The term *biblical theology* can be defined in different ways. Many pastors use this term to simply mean theology that comes from the Bible. This definition is understandable, but it is far too broad since all theology should be driven by the text of Scripture.

Some scholars use the term to define the theological emphases of one of the testaments, a section of Scripture, or a particular biblical author. Examples include a theology of the New Testament, a theology of the Pentateuch, or a theology of Paul. This type of biblical theology is helpful, especially if the author is committed to biblical inspiration and authority, but it is too narrow and academic for our purposes.

Biblical theology is the study of how the one unified story of the Bible develops, as well as the development of key recurring themes that Scripture emphasizes, at the center of which is the saving work of Jesus Christ. This one unified story is inspired, authoritative, truthful, and coherent. As Jesus says, all Scripture testifies to Him.

²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.... ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. (Luke 24:25-27, 44-45)

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