THEOLOGY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

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This series will take crucial theological topics and teachings and illustrate why they matter for everyday life. Instead of being something for ivory towers, theology is the grammar of our practical faith.

January 2 God: Exodus 3:1-14

What kind of God do we serve? We do not serve a God who is unmoved and distant. We serve a personal being who gets involved in the world on our behalf.

January 9 The Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

What is the purpose of the Scriptures? The Scriptures are not tools that we wield to judge others. They are gifts given to us by God so that we might be shaped into disciples.

January 16 The Trinity: Matthew 28:16-20

How should we understand the Trinity? The Trinity is not some dense mathematical formula for describing God. The Trinity is the way God gets involved in the world on our behalf.

January 23 Creation: Genesis 1

How should we understand the Creation? The Creation is not something that needs an ironclad scientific explanation. The Creation is an absolute gift that God did not have to bring about.

January 30 Fall: Genesis 3

What caused humanity’s Fall into sin? The Fall did not simply come from an isolated act of eating forbidden fruit. The Fall came because humanity tried to be like God – to be fully sufficient in themselves – to get rid of the need for a relationship with God.

February 6 Atonement: Romans 5:6-8

How should we understand the atonement of Christ? The Atonement was not simply a cold and calculated punishment that Jesus took to satisfy God’s wrath. Most of all, it was an absolutely voluntary sacrifice for each and every person. Again, he didn’t have to do it.

February 13 Salvation by Grace: Hebrews 10:11-14

How are we saved – justified, born anew, and perfected? It is only by the grace of God that we participate in these dimensions of salvation.

February 20 The Church: Colossians 1:18-20

What is “the church,” and how should we live within it today? The church is not simply a human organization. It is the “body of Christ,” with Christ as its head. On earth it is flawed, but it will be

made full in eternity.

February 27 The Moral Government of God: Deuteronomy 6:1-5

How should God’s authority rule us in our relationships with worldly

authority? Worldly authority can implement aspects of God’s rule, but worldly authority alone is not the same as God’s reign. God’s rule calls us to treat others as we have been treated by God. All earthly authority is subject to this law.