

TOUGH ISSUES TO RESOLVE REGARDING BIBLIOLOGY & THEOLOGY

1. Are we studying the Bible as a **book** (from the Semitic *biblos* meaning “papyrus, scroll”), the traditional definition of “bibliology,” or are we studying theology as revealed in the Bible?

2. To what extent should our theology be based solely on the Bible? It is a deceptively awkward question—be careful.³

3. To what extent and on what issues can we be comfortable regarding our understanding of Deity?

Faith and Assumptions: _____

Faith and Assumptions vs. Evinced Belief: _____

4. To what extent are you comfortable with the various versions of the “Apostle’s Creed” as a basic statement of beliefs regarding the LORD God Almighty? Consider the three versions distributed in class and critique accordingly.⁴

³Consider Paul’s admonition—¹⁸The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

—Romans 1:18-20

⁴You can review your professor’s critique from our class website:

DThomasPorter.com/BibleStudies/SYS501/SYS501-Porter's_Notes_on_the_Apostles'_Creed.pdf

5. What do you consider the most commonly misunderstood belief about the LORD God Almighty?
What do you consider the significant misunderstanding about the LORD God Almighty?

6. What is your greatest mystery about the LORD God Almighty?

7. What is the most significant challenge to the notion of inerrancy of the Scriptures?



1. Why do we need graduate work on Bibliology?

2. Why do we need graduate work on Theology?
