Introduction to Theology: Core Doctrines Part 1

"What comes into your mind when you think about God is the most important thing about you."
A.W. Tozer

We Need Theology

1. To Know _____

- **As Revealed Throughout Biblical History:** *Biblical Theology*

- **As Understood Throughout Church History:** *Historical Theology*

- **As Summarized Throughout Scripture:** *Systematic Theology*

  - The Doctrine of **God's Word:** *Bibliology*

- The Doctrine of **God the Father:** *Theology Proper*

- The Doctrine of **God the Son:** *Christology*

- The Doctrine of **God the Holy Spirit**: *Pneumatology*

- The Doctrine of **Man and Sin:** *Anthropology and Hamartiology*

- The Doctrine of **Salvation:** *Soteriology*

- The Doctrine of **Angels:** *Angelology*

- The Doctrine of **the Church:** *Ecclesiology*

- The Doctrine of **the Future:** *Eschatology*

2. To Know _____

- **As Conveyed in the Bible**

  - The Truth will set you free (John 8:32)

  - The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of truth (John 14:17)

  - The Holy Spirit guides into all truth (John 16:13)

- Eternal life is to know the only true God (John 17:3)

- Jesus prayed that we would be sanctified in truth (John 17:17)

- Paul warned judgment for those who don't obey the truth (Romans 2:8)

- Falsehood should be corrected in the church (Titus 1:9)

- The wicked perish for refusing to love the truth (2 Thess. 2:10)

- Approved workman of God must rightly handle the truth (2 Tim. 2:15)

- **As Contested in History**
  - Heresies
  - Cults
  - World Religions
  - False Gospels

3. To Know _____

- **We Become What We Worship**

- **Everyone Is A Theologian**

- **Theology Reveals the Real You**

4.To Know _____

- **We Are Commanded to Know Him**

- **Right Belief Leads to Right Practice**
  - Sound Doctrine is for Holiness
  - Sound Doctrine is for Love
  - Sound Doctrine is for Unity
  - Sound Doctrine is for Worship
  - Sound Doctrine is for Witness
  - Sound Doctrine is for Joy