

# Introducing Christian Doctrine

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# 1. The Doing of Theology

## 1. The Study of God

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1. The Nature of Theology
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# 1. The Doing of Theology

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# The Doing of Theology

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## 2. God's Revelation

### 2. God's Particular Revelation

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## 2. God's Revelation

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## 2. God's Revelation

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## 2. God's Revelation

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## 3. The Nature of God

### 1. The Doctrine of God

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  2. The Nature of Attributes
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## 3. The Nature of God

### 2. The Greatness of God

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## 3. The Nature of God

### 3. The Goodness of God

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### 3. The Nature of God

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  5. A Moderately Calvinistic Model
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## 4. The Work of God

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  2. Elements of the Biblical Teaching on Creation
  3. The Theological Meaning of the Doctrine
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## 4. The Work of God

### 3. God's Continuing Work: Providence

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## 4. The Work of God

### 4. Evil and God's World: A Special Problem

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  2. Types of Solutions
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## 4. The Work of God

### 5. God's Special Agents: Angels

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## 5. Humanity

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# 5. Humanity

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## 5. Humanity

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  4. Implications of Conditional Unity
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### 1. The Nature and Source of Sin

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1. The Difficulty of Discussing Sin
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  3. The Source of Sin
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## 6. Sin

### 2. The Results of Sin

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## 6. Sin

### 3. The Magnitude of Sin

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  3. Theories of Original Sin
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  3. Functional Christology
  4. Implications of the Deity of Christ
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# 7. The Person of Christ

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# 7. The Person of Christ

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  2. The Biblical Material
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  4. Other Attempts to Solve the Problem
  5. Basic Tenets of the Doctrine of Two Natures in One Person
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### 1. Introduction to the Work of Christ

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  2. The Functions of Christ
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# 8. The Work of Christ

## 2. The Central Theme of Atonement

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1. Background Factors
  2. The New Testament Teaching
  3. The Basic Meaning of Atonement
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  5. The Implications of Substitutionary Atonement
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# 9. The Holy Spirit

## 1. The Person of the Holy Spirit

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# 9. The Holy Spirit

## 2. The Work of the Holy Spirit

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  2. The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Life of Jesus
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  5. Implications of the Work of the Spirit Part Ten. Salvation
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# 10. Salvation

## 1. Conceptions of Salvation

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1. Details on Which Conceptions of Salvation Differ
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# 10. Salvation

## 2. The Antecedent to Salvation: Predestination

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1. Differing Views of Predestination
  2. A Suggested Solution
  3. Implications of Predestination
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# 10. Salvation

## 3. The Beginning of Salvation: Subjective Aspects

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  2. Conversion
  3. Regeneration
  4. Implications of Effectual Calling, Conversion, and Regeneration
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# 10. Salvation

## 4. The Beginning of Salvation: Objective Aspects

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1. Union with Christ
  2. Justification
  3. Adoption
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# 10. Salvation

## 5. The Continuation and Completion of Salvation

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1. Sanctification
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# 11. The Church

## 1. The Nature of the Church

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1. The Basic Meaning of the Term ``Church''
  2. The Unity of the Church
  3. Biblical Images of the Church
  4. Implications
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# 11. The Church

## 2. The Role and Government of the Church

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1. The Functions of the Church
  2. The Heart of the Ministry of the Church:  
The Gospel
  3. Forms of Church Government
  4. A System of Church Government for  
Today
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# 11. The Church

## 3. The Ordinances of the Church: Baptism and the Lord's Supper

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## 1. Introductory Matters and Individual Eschatology

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1. Introduction to Eschatology
  2. Death
  3. The Intermediate State
  4. Implications of the Doctrines of Death and the Intermediate State
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# 12. The Last Things

## 2. The Second Coming and Its Consequents

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1. The Second Coming
  2. Resurrection
  3. The Final Judgment
  4. Implications of the Second Coming and Its Consequents
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# 12. The Last Things

## 3. Millennial and Tribulational Views

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1. Millennial Views
  2. Tribulational Views
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# 12. The Last Things

## 4. Final States

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1. Final State of the Righteous
  2. Final State of the Wicked
  3. Implications of the Doctrine of the Final States
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