



Going Deeper: Skills and Resources for Understanding Biblical Christianity – BT 201

What do Americans, including American evangelicals, believe about God, salvation, ethics, and the Bible? Ligonier Ministries and LifeWay Research partnered to find out in a survey and study titled “The State of Theology.” This survey showed that many professing Bible-believing Christians don’t really have a clear grasp of the essential beliefs of Biblical Christianity. In light of these concerns, this course will teach the foundational principles and tools of Biblical interpretation and will also explain the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith. Our sessions will also include discussion of how the historic creeds, catechisms and confessions of faith can be used as helpful resources in accurately understanding the authentic Christian faith and life.

We will also have the opportunity to (privately) take the State of Theology survey ourselves (thestateoftheology.com), taking a closer look at issues like:

- The inspiration and authority of the Bible
- The nature and attributes of God
- The uniqueness of Christianity among world religions
- The truth about the resurrection of Jesus
- The full Deity of Jesus Christ
- What does Christianity teach about human sexuality, marriage and gender?
- The person and work of the Holy Spirit
- Are human beings basically good?
- What must I do to be right with God?
- What does the Bible teach about Heaven and Hell?
- How does our Christianity relate to politics?
- How do I discover God’s will for my life?

Our goal for this course will be what the apostle Paul described in Colossians 2:2-3, “...that we may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that we may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that we may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

A number of (optional) resources will be suggested for enhanced study of both how to accurately interpret the Bible and how to gain a firmer grasp on Christian doctrines. The principles, tools, and practices that we examine will enhance your ability to interpret Scripture and to understand its teachings to deepen our walk with the Lord and to make us more confident and effective in sharing our Christian faith with others.

Facilitators: Pastor Doug Phillips and Dave Seal
Room: 202 | Cost: No Cost