

The Theology Program (TTP)

Reclaiming
the Mind
for Christ

... by equipping people and churches to understand and defend the
Christian faith

What is it?

- Is a program of Christian theology (study of God) and apologetics (defending the faith) created with all believers in mind
- Seeks to give people who may never have the time, ability, or circumstances that allow them to attend full-time seminary the same opportunity to study the great and rich Christian heritage of truth
- Teaches theology historically, biblically, and irenically (in a peaceful manner)
- Is created from a broadly evangelical perspective, engaging other traditions in a persuasive yet gracious manner

In short, it seeks to help people think by understanding what they believe and why they believe it.

Does it have any traditional or denominational affiliation?

- **No denominational affiliation**
- **First and foremost, seeks to reach all people, no matter what their background, with the truth of God's word**
- **Seeks to encourage all people to use their minds in their endeavor to find and love God**
- **Is confessingly evangelical**
- **Churches, pastors, teachers, or small group leaders can use the TTP materials with great confidence that it will accurately represent their particular persuasion in doctrinal issues**
- **Is committed to the Lordship of Christ, the inspiration of the Scriptures, and need to live a life in view of the coming kingdom**

Who is this program for?

- **Designed for the typical church layperson, meaning people from all walks of life with little or no education beyond High School**
- **People who have already successfully completed the full TTP training include high school students (ages 16 and up), to senior adults and everyone in between**
- **Primary requirement is to have a strong desire to know God better and the discipline to diligently attend the classes and do the assignments for maximum benefit and edification.**
- **Designed for fathers, mothers, workers, pastors, elders, church teachers, home-schoolers, skeptics and all lovers of God.**

Everyone is welcome, whether they attend Farley Community Church or not.

Who developed this program?

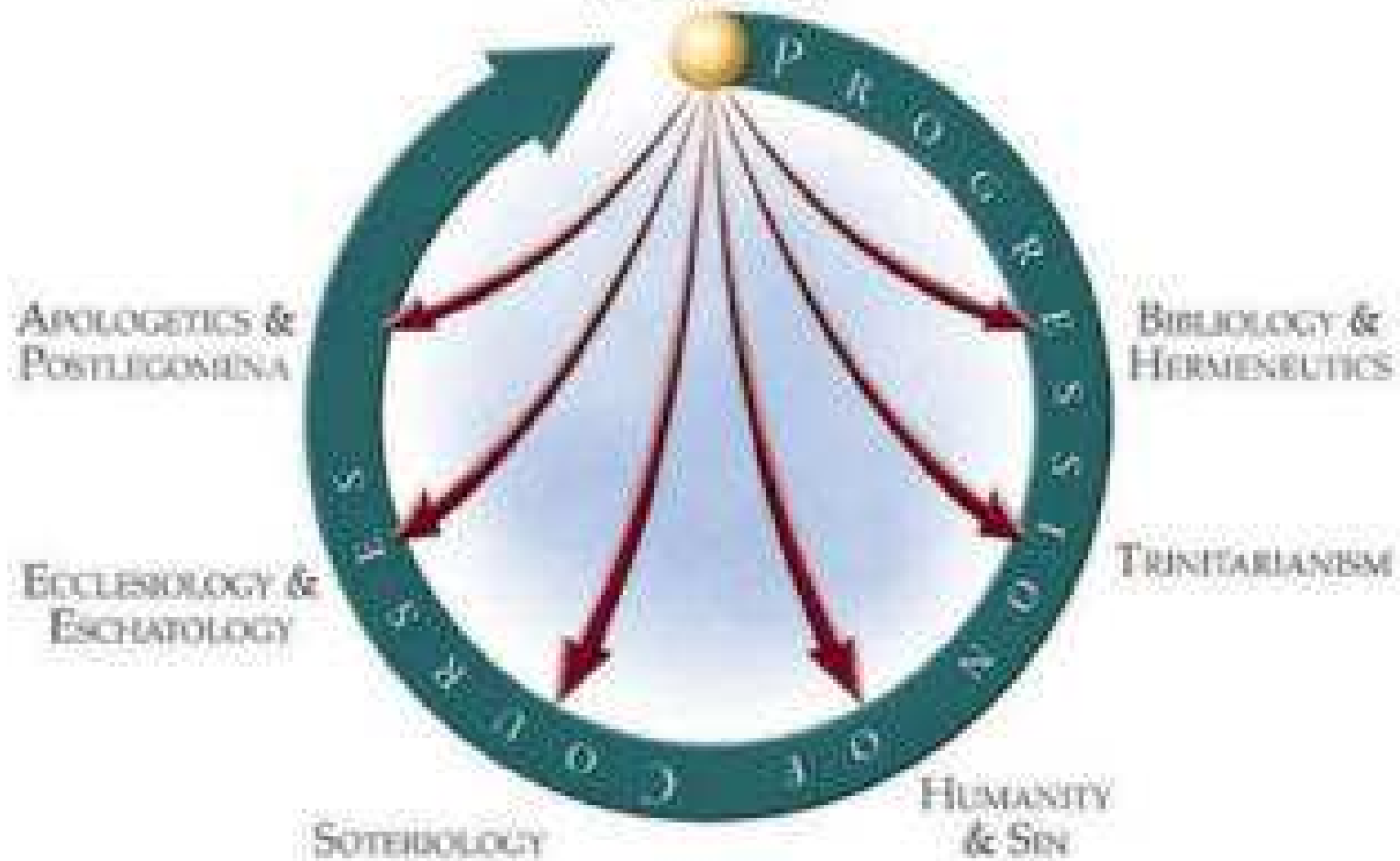
- **Developed by two pastors, Michael Patton and Rhome Dyck, who both hold seminary degrees and currently serve on the pastoral staff at Stonebriar Community Church where Chuck Swindoll is the Senior Pastor**
- **Also has Daniel B. Wallace , Th.M., Ph.D. as an advisor**
 - **Taught Greek and New Testament courses at graduate school-level since 1979**
 - **Ph.D. from Dallas Theological Seminary**
 - **Currently professor of New Testament Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary**
 - **Also serves at Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco, TX as an instructor to The Theology Program teaching elective courses in New Testaments studies.**

What is the format for this program?

- **There are 6 program courses, with each course meeting weekly for 10 weeks – for a total of 60 classes**
- **Each course will meet for 10 consecutive weeks**
- **Weekly sessions are a 2 hour class/lecture, using a 1 hr 15 min. Powerpoint presentation, combined with a 45 min. group discussion**
- **There are also homework reading assignments and practical exercises**

Curriculum

INTRODUCTION
TO THEOLOGY



Introduction to Theology

(10 weeks)

- Why be concerned with "theology"?
- What is truth? Is there such a thing?
- Can we be certain that our truth is the right truth?
- What is the Christian view of truth?
- How do we respond to a culture that devalues truth?
- Does God still communicate through direct encounters today?

Bibliology & Hermeneutics

(10 weeks)

- **Is the Bible that we have today the same as when it was originally written?**
- **Do we have the right books?**
- **How do we know that the Bible is inspired by God?**
- **How do we interpret Scripture?**

Trinitarianism

(10 weeks)

- **Who is God?**
- **Better yet, what is God?**
- **Can we know for certain that He exists? If so, how?**
- **How can God be one yet three?**
- **How can Christ be both God and man?**
- **Why didn't Christ know the time of His coming?**

Humanity & Sin

(10 weeks)

- Why did God create man?
- What is man?
- What happened when Adam sinned?
- Are we condemned for the sin of another?
- Do we have a free will?
- Men and women: what is the big difference?

Soteriology

(10 weeks)

- Are we really predestined by God? If so, isn't this unfair?
- Why did Christ die on the cross?
- Did he pay for all sins or just the sins of the elect?
- What is the difference between Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Protestants with regard to salvation?
- Can a person lose their salvation? If so, how?
- Is Christ the only way to heaven? What about those who have never heard?

Ecclesiology & Eschatology

(10 weeks)

- **What is the nature of the Church?**
- **What is the difference between Dispensationalist and Covenant theologians with regard to the church?**
- **What should the Church be doing?**
- **What are the gifts God has given to the church?**
- **What is the difference in premillennialism, amillennialism, and postmillennialism?**
- **What is the tribulation?**
- **Is there such a thing as hell?**

Do I have to take the courses in any order?

- It is recommended that you take the courses in order
- The courses follow a very specific and intentional order. They are all designed with the previous and following courses in mind. The chart shows how the progression takes place
- As a minimum, the “Introduction to Theology” is a prerequisite for any of the other courses (It is always offered every session)

