

I. Introduction – Theology – Who is God?

- a. Theology: The study of existence, nature, and attributes of God.
- b. The Ultimate Source of Truth – Colossians 2:2-3 “... Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”
- c. Westminster Confession – trying to capture the infinite essence of God’s nature.

II. What is eternal life?

- a. Scriptural emphasis on eternal life – Luke 18:18, John 3:16, John 4:13-14, John 5:24, John 5:39-40, John 6:27, John 6:54.
- b. John 17:1-3 “...Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”
- c. Spurgeon’s and Paul’s perspective – “I want to know Christ...”
- d. God’s perspective – Hosea 6:6, Jeremiah 9:23-24 “... that he knows me...”
- e. Connection between knowledge of God and knowledge of self.

III. Meaning of Names

- a. Names of God – El Qanna – A jealous God – Deuteronomy 4:23-24, Zechariah 8:2, Exodus 34:14.
- b. Jacob, Abraham, Moses, Simon, Saul, John, Jesus.
- c. Your name – Your identify in Christ and as a child of God.

IV. The Attack

- a. The Battle – 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 – “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself against the knowledge of God...”

- b. On God – His nature, His Character.
- c. On His Word – Throughout history men have tried to destroy God’s Word
 - i. Jesus Seminar – democratic voting process on God’s Word.
 - ii. Ezekiel 22:26-28 – “... he priests have done violence to my law...”
 - iii. Joram and Jehoram – Unraveling a supposed conflict – Can you trust the Word of God? – “the Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings”

V. Conclusion

- a. 1 Peter 1:24-25 “... the word of the Lord stands forever.”
- b. Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is living and active...”