

# DOGMAATIC THEOLOGY

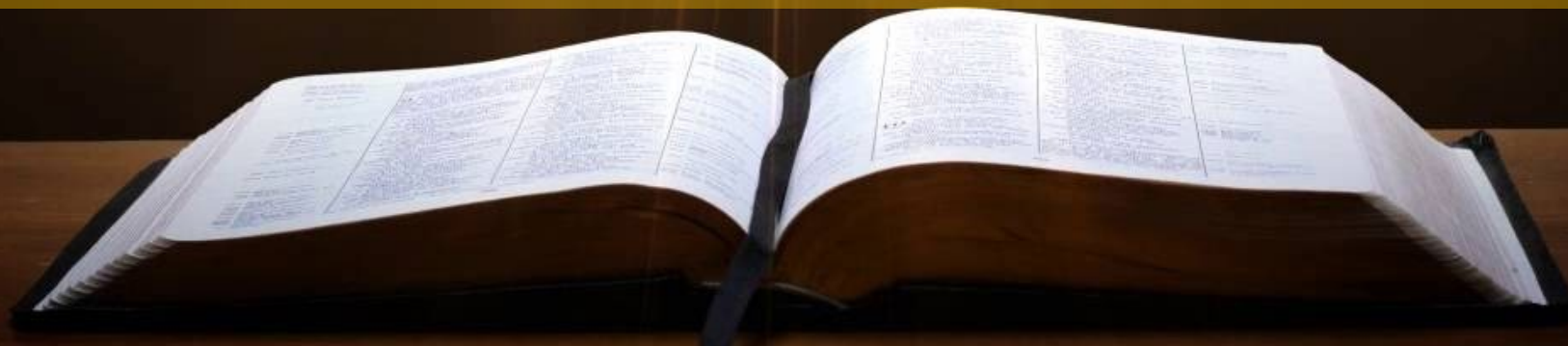


- ❖ The Church had to protect its teachings from influences like pagan, worship, philosophy, and the works of the heretics.
- ❖ Thus, the Church had to guard the right path of faith, the church has had to forge strict expressions of its faith, known as Dogmas.
- ❖ These <sup>Text</sup> expressions of the Christian truth were designed to defend Orthodoxy.

i.e. Orthos- straight, right.

The opposite of the word Dogma is opinion.

The church tried to protect itself from inconsistent personal opinion.



**“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth” (3John1:4)**

**“ليس لي فرح اعظم من هذا ان اسمع عن اولادي انهم يسلكون  
بالحق”**





# THEOLOGY



- ❖ **Doctrine:** Teaching or instruction.
- ❖ **Tradition:** That which is passed on; the very life of the church as it is inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ **Dogma:** Official teaching of the church; inspired by God and to be expressive of His will for men.
- ❖ **Patristics:** Lives and teachings of the fathers of the church.
- ❖ **Canons:** Rules of the church as determined by the Ecumenical Councils.
- ❖ **Theology:** The study of the nature of God and religious truth.



# What is Theology?

Theos + Logos

Theology is the study of God's revelation of Himself to man

Can you discover the depths of God?

Can you discover the limits of the Almighty?

They are high as the heavens, what can you do?

Deeper than Sheol,

What do you know? (Job11:7-8).

أإلى عمق الله تتصل، أم إلى نهاية القدير تنتهي؟ هو أعلى من السماوات، فماذا عساك أن  
تفعل؟ أعمق من الهاوية، فماذا تدري؟

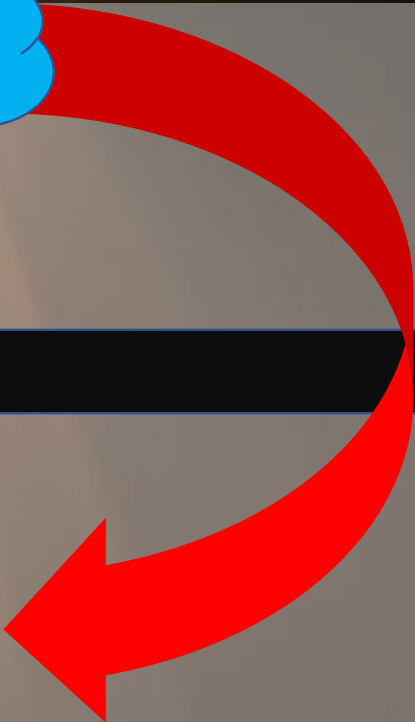


**GOD**

Knowledge Gap



**Man**





**Biblical  
Theology**

**Systematic  
Theology**

**Historical  
Theology**

**Practical  
Theology**





# THE EXPERIENTIAL THEOLOGY

**A living Experience: Communion – Fellowship –  
Koinonia  
At the Church, at the house, at the workplace  
and everywhere.**



## Categories of Theology

### **Anthropology**

The study of the purpose and nature of humanity, both in its pre-fall and post-fall state.

### **Angelology**

The study of the nature and works of angels and demons

### **Eschatology**

The study of the end of times.

### **Soteriology**

The study of the salvation

### **Ecclesiology**

The study of the nature of the Church.

### **Hamartiology**

The study of the nature, origin, and effects of sin on all creation.

### **Christology**

The study of the person and work of Christ

### **Mariology**

The study of the person of St Mary

### **Pneumatology**

The study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit.



- ❖ **Biblical Studies**
- ❖ **Dogmatic Life**
- ❖ **Comparative Theology**
- ❖ **Sacramental Theology**
- ❖ **Spiritual Theology**
- ❖ **Pastoral Theology**
- ❖ **Ecumenism**
- ❖ **Church History**
- ❖ **Ascetic Writings**





# THEOLOGY AND SCIENCE



- ❖ Science is founded upon observation and experiment.
- ❖ Theology is founded upon living and holy faith.



# THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY



- ❖ Philosophy is erected upon Purely rational foundations and experiment.
- ❖ Theology is founded upon Divine Revelation.
- ❖ They must not be confused.
- ❖ Theology does not deny either the experimental science or philosophy.

❖ Theology needs accuracy of expression (Ex. Iota) and interpretation.

**“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.” (Jude1:3).**

أيها الأحباء، إذ كنت أصنع كل الجهد لأكتب إليكم عن الخلاص المشترك، اضطررت أن أكتب إليكم واعظاً أن تجتهدوا لأجل الإيمان المسلم مرة للقديسين.



**“Do not remove the ancient landmark which your fathers have set.  
(Prov.22:28).”**

لا تنقل التخم القديم الذي وضعه آباؤك.

**“If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive  
him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his  
evil deeds.” (2John1:10-11)**

إن كان أحد يأتيكم، ولا يجيء بهذا التعليم، فلا تقبلوه في البيت، ولا تقولوا له سلام.  
لأن من يسلم عليه يشترك في أعماله الشريرة.





**“But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what have received, let him be accursed.” ( Gal 1:8,9)**

وَلَكِنْ إِنْ بَشَّرْنَاكُمْ نَحْنُ أَوْ مَلَائِكٌ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ بِغَيْرِ مَا بَشَّرْنَاكُمْ، فَلْيَكُنْ  
«أَنَاثِيمًا»!

كَمَا سَبَقْنَا فَقُلْنَا أَقُولُ الْآنَ أَيضًا: إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يُبَشِّرُكُمْ بِغَيْرِ مَا قَبَلْتُمْ،  
فَلْيَكُنْ «أَنَاثِيمًا»!





# GOAL

- ❖ The confirmation in the consciousness of the faithful. The confirmation of the truths of the faith, which have been confessed by the church from the beginning.
- ❖ It is to confirm the correctness of the church's teaching.

**“I believed, therefore I spoke” (Ps116:10).**

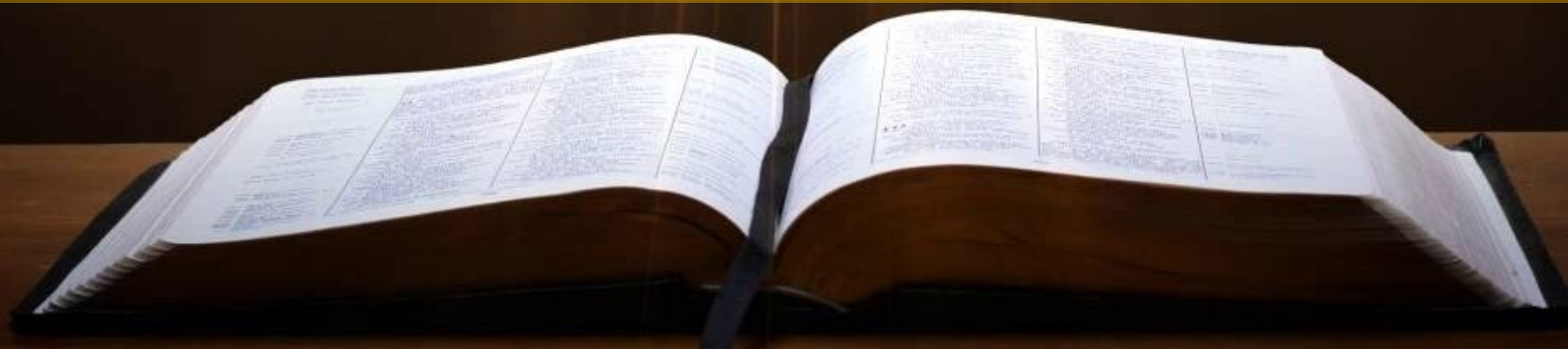
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❖ The sound doctrine was handed down from one generation to the next.

1. “And the things that **you** have heard
2. From **me** among many witnesses,
3. Commit these to **faithful men**
4. Who will be able to **teach others also.**” (2Tim2:2).

وَمَا سَمِعْتَهُ مِنِّي  
بِشُهُودٍ كَثِيرِينَ،  
أُودِعُهُ أَنَاسًا أَمَنَاءَ، يَكُونُونَ أَكْفَاءَ  
أَنْ يُعَلِّمُوا آخَرِينَ أَيْضًا.



**“Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.” (2Tim1:13).**

تَمَسِّكُ بِصُورَةِ الْكَلَامِ الصَّحِيحِ الَّذِي سَمِعْتَهُ مِنِّي، فِي الْإِيمَانِ  
وَالْمَحَبَّةِ الَّتِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ.





# Part 1

## DOGOMATIC THEOLOGY

- ❖ Sources of Dogma and Theology.
- ❖ Knowledge of God.
- ❖ Heresies about the Trinity.
- ❖ The Holy Trinity.
- ❖ The Holy Spirit.





# Christology

- ❖ Our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - ❖ His Divinity.
  - ❖ His Nature.
  - ❖ His Incarnation.
  - ❖ His Names.



# Salvation

- ❖ First Adam and second Adam.
  - ❖ Man's Free-will.
  - ❖ Human Nature.
- ❖ God's Role in Man's Salvation.
  - ❖ Man's Role in His Salvation.



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## Part 2

# SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY

## Comparative Theology

- ❖ Tradition.
- ❖ Theotokology.
- ❖ Intercession.
- ❖ Baptism.
- ❖ Spiritual Gifts.
- ❖ Fasting.
- ❖ Rituals





# Sources of Dogma

The sources of Dogma in our Orthodox church.

- ❖ The Holy Bible = Holy Scriptures.
- ❖ The Holy Tradition.
- ❖ The Liturgies (Ex. St. Basil, St. Gregory, St. Cyril).
- ❖ The Fathers of the Church (we learn from their life and their writings).



❖ **The Councils:**

- 1- **Nicea: 318 Bishops; 325 A.D.; first part of the creed.**
- 2- **Constantinople: 150 Bishops; 381 A.D.; second part of the creed.**
- 3- **Ephesus: 200 Bishops; 431 A.D.**

❖ **Art:**

- 1- **Hymnology: theology in tunes.**
- 2- **Iconography: theology in color.**
- 3- **Architecture of the Church.**

