



A Guide to Resources in Systematic Theology

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Theological Dictionaries

- BR 95 .E75 Erickson, Millard. *Concise Dictionary of Christian Theology* (1986.)
A handy reference resource for understanding the language of theology.
- BR 95 .E87 2001 Elwell, Walter, ed. *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology* (2001.)
An in-depth reference resource for understanding theology.
- BR 95 .G66 Grenz, S., et al. *Pocket Dictionary of Theological Terms* (1999.)
A handy reference resource for understanding the language of theology.

Introductory Systematic Theologies

- BT 65 .M34 McGrath, Alister. *Christian Theology* (2001.)
Written with an emphasis on historical theology and diverse traditions.
- BT 75.2 .E73 Erickson, Millard. *Introducing Christian Doctrine* (2001.)
A condensed version of his *Christian Theology* (see below.)
- BT 75.2 .G77 Grudem, Wayne. *Bible Doctrine* (1999.)
A condensed version of his *Systematic Theology* (see below.)
- BT 75.2 .L49 Lightner, Robert. *Evangelical Theology* (1986.)
Survey work with historical influence from the Dallas Seminary Prof.
- BT 75.2 .R93 Ryrie, Charles. *Basic Theology* (1986.)
Straightforward presentation of evangelical doctrines.
- BX 9423.3 .F73 Frame, John. *Salvation Belongs to the Lord* (2006.)
An introductory systematic theology from a covenantal perspective.

Classic Systematic Theologies

- B 765 .T53 S93 Aquinas, Thomas. *Summa Theologica* (1949.)
Thirteenth-century classic.
- BX 6195 .A65 Arminius, Jacobus. *The Works of James Arminius* (1986.)
Sixteenth-century response to Calvinism.
- BX 9420 .I65 Calvin, Jean. *Institutes of the Christian Religion* (1960.)
The classic masterpiece of the Reformation.

Influential 20th Century Theologies

- BR 1640 .A25 H45 Henry, Carl F. H. *God, Revelation and Authority* (1976-1983.)
Six-volume evangelical masterpiece.
- BT 75 .B283 Barth, Karl. *Church Dogmatics* (1960.)
Thirteen volume neo-orthodox masterpiece.



- BT 75 .B38 Berkhof, Louis. *Systematic Theology* (1949.)
Major work from a Dutch Reformed perspective.
- BT 75 .C28 Chafer, Lewis Sperry. *Systematic Theology* (1947.)
Classical dispensational work from the Dallas Theological Seminary theologian.
- BT 75 .H68 Hodge, Charles. *Systematic Theology* (1960.)
Originally published in the 19th from the long-time Princeton theologian.
- BT 75 .S63 Shedd, William G. T. *Dogmatic Theology* (1894.)
Written from a postmillennial reformed perspective.
- BT 75.2 .P2613 Pannenberg, Wolfhart. *Systematic Theology* (1991.)
Pannenberg denies Scripture as special revelation, but his work has been important and influential.
- BT 75.2 .T5 Tillich, Paul. *Systematic Theology* (1951.)
Influential and philosophical work with existential leanings.

Important Recent Works

- BT 75.3 .T56 Akin, Daniel, ed. *A Theology for the Church* (2007.)
Written from a Baptist perspective, with multiple authors.
- BT 75.2 .E74 Erickson, Millard. *Christian Theology* (1986.)
Written from a Baptist historical premillennial perspective.
- BT 75.2 .G78 Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology* (1994.)
Written from a reformed perspective.
- BT 75.3 .G45 Geisler, Norman. *Systematic Theology* (2002-2005.)
Four-volume work with philosophical influences.
- BT 75.2 .D37 Demarest, Bruce and Gordon Lewis.
Integrative Theology (1987-1994.)
This three-volume work presents doctrines in systematic fashion while integrating defense against possible objections and provides applications.
- BT 75.3 .M35 McGrath, Alister. *A Scientific Theology* (2001-2003.)
Three-volume work with heavy emphasis on science and natural theology.
- BT 65 .U64 Swindoll, Charles and Roy Zuck, eds.
Understanding Christian Theology (2003.)
Compendium of scholarship from Dallas Theological Seminary.
- BT 75.2 .B568 Bloesch, Donald. *Christian Foundations* (1992-2004.)
Seven-volume work from a loosely-evangelical theologian.
- BT 75.2 .G74 Grenz, Stanley. *Theology for the Community of God* (2000.)
Highly influential in the emergent movement.

***For works on individuals doctrines see the pathways for each doctrine or group of doctrines:
Prolegomena and Bibliology / Theology Proper / Christology / Pneumatology and
Trinitarianism / Soteriology / Angelology and Anthropology / Ecclesiology / Eschatology***