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(Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 21)

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- that the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_,
- that the Bible is the absolute \_\_\_\_\_ of truth,
- that the God of the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ and is who the Bible says He is.

### Why should we study Systematic Theology?

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...doctrinal beliefs are essential in the \_\_\_\_\_ between a believer and God. Heb 11:6; 1 Jo 4:2-3; Rom 10:9-10

...there are many secular and religious systems of thought that \_\_\_\_\_ for our devotion.

...to fulfill the \_\_\_\_\_ . Matthew 28:19-20

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