

Why Theology?

Passage: [Galatians 1:6-10](#)

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Suggested Resources

- *Mere Christianity*, by C.S. Lewis. Discusses the basic Christian worldview.
- *Evangelical Truth*, by John Stott. Discusses basic Christian doctrine based on the Trinity.
- The Theology Page on bible.org (<http://bible.org/theology>). A number of resources on theology, from studies to topic-based resources.
- Theological Q&A on bible.org (<http://bible.org/article/258-theology-questions-and-answers>). Answers on video to some of the most common questions on theology.
- The Theology Program on bible.org (<http://bible.org/article/theology-program>). A self-paced study of basic theology.
- Bible Study Magazine (<http://www.biblestudymagazine.com>). A bi-monthly magazine devoted to the art and science of studying the Bible.
- *Systematic Theology*, by Wayne Grudem. In-depth discussions on a breadth of theological issues.
- *The Holiness of God*, by R.C. Sproul. A great book on just one attribute of God – His holiness.
- Don't forget books by respectable scholars on specific theological issues. If you have specific questions about a book or author, just ask!
- Make it your goal to read at least one soundly theological book per year, or take one on-line study per year. Shallow books with theological themes don't count!

Reflecting on God's Word

1. Read **Galatians 1:6-10**.
2. What has been your attitude toward the topic of "theology"? Why has that been your attitude?
3. How serious is Paul about right theology in this passage? Why?
4. How do cults use wrong theology to achieve their purposes?
5. "Theos" means "God," and "-ology" refers to "the study of." So, "theology" means in its simplest form "the study of God." Given that definition, what motives do you have to "do theology"?
6. Prayerfully read the rest of Galatians (it's not that long). What "theology" did Paul highlight in this letter? Why?