



# **Theological Studies And The Bible**

## **What You Need To Know**

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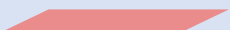
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## Introduction

Knowledge is very important in life. In this world, there are many branches of study with endless possibilities of knowledge exploration and acquisition. The most important thing, however, is not the haphazard acquisition of knowledge. Some people love and adore knowledge and are never satisfied with acquiring new knowledge. Most end up becoming intellectual slaves due to their lack of control over what they should know. Rather, the most important thing is to acquire essential knowledge from the right sources and make appropriate use of it. Of what use is it to be super knowledgeable in many fields without being of use to humanity and the world? Furthermore, the impact you have in this world depends on the type of knowledge you acquire and its sources. As of the way things are right now, there are two main sources of knowledge and inspiration – God and Satan – but these two sources are divided into uncountable sub-sources of knowledge. God inspires good and profitable knowledge which if properly applied positively impacts people and their communities while Satan's knowledge is used to devise all sorts of crafty things that bring harm to people's lives and the world. Most often, bad knowledge is nothing more than a distortion of good knowledge by certain individuals for selfish purposes.

All fields of knowledge can be profitable to mankind but the worldly person's use of knowledge in most cases is a catastrophe. For instance, the discovery of mathematical, physical and chemical equations can be used to invent energy, machines and innovative solutions to ease human labour and facilitate living on earth. However, the same equations are used by some scientists to manufacture missiles, guns and dangerous weapons that are responsible for the loss of thousands of lives every day on the planet, mass destruction and pollution of the environment.

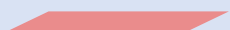
God, the source of good knowledge, inspired a Book called the Bible to guide humans especially His children to acquire appropriate knowledge about Him and everything else. However, many children of God have become corrupt in their thinking and understanding of God's message due to their endless thirst for haphazard knowledge. The refusal of many to depend on the Holy Spirit for proper guidance to knowledge



acquisition and understanding of Godly revelations, unfortunately, leads to many children of God adding satanic ideologies to Godly revelations. This confusion is the reason for the endless polemics in the Christian cycle today.

These few words will guide the sincere inquirer and assist him/her in making the proper distinction between what God has revealed in the Bible and how His revelations inspire and guide believers to explore everything about Himself revealed in the world.

May the Lord show you the appropriate approach to knowledge acquisition and guide you to acquire pure and profitable knowledge in your life in Jesus Name!






## Chapter 1

### The Bible

There are not many people in the world who haven't heard of the Bible. Unfortunately, millions of people who have heard about it haven't endeavoured to explore its origin and content but the Bible still remains the most popular Book in the world. According to many sources, the Bible is the best-selling book of all times although such an attribution doesn't remove or add to its value. It was one of the first major books to be printed around AD 1450 and though some parts of it were written as far back as 3500 years ago (Dr Saneesh Cherian), the Bible remains the most widely used Book today with millions of printings and sales every year. It is one of those books you can easily find in a home even though its owners don't make full use of it. It is also common for Bibles to be distributed for free by some organizations and associations whose mission is to propagate the Word of God to every soul and nation of the world.

People obtain the Bible for different reasons. Many Muslims, Atheists and apologists from other worldviews purchase it in order to study its content and attempt to refute its claims. Christians obtain the Bible because they believe and know it contains God's Word for humanity. Few people obtain Bibles out of curiosity while for some, it is a prestige to have one on their library shelves.

The Bible is unique for various reasons; first, it contains trustworthy claims. The Bible is the only inspired Book in the world which provides an effective and efficient solution for sin and a real and personal relationship with God. No other book in the world comes close to revealing practical divine mysteries as there are in the Bible. Second, the historicity of the Bible is sufficiently authentic and scientifically verifiable. Third, the wisdom revealed in the Bible is pure, genuine and objective and has a supernatural impact on those who hold to its claims. Fourth, the promise, birth, death, resurrection and soon return of Jesus Christ, the intercessor between God and sinful humans, are the central messages in the Bible. Fifth, only through the Bible can we understand the true nature of God. God reveals Himself in His inspired Book as One, Yahweh. Yet, He is



also seen in the Bible as the Triune God (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit). This Mysterious and All Powerful God has troubled and continues to trouble many a learned intellectual and philosopher of our time but He, however, reveals Himself to those with simple hearts and the meek.

The Bible is inspired by God and He used about forty ordinary men in the society to record His inspiration in writing over a period of about one thousand five hundred years.

Two amazing facts about the Bible are that it is united in content and theme. In content, because, despite being inspired and written over a long period of time by many writers who in most cases didn't know each other and lived in different generations and locations of the world (Africa, Asia and Europe), the Bible does not have contradictions.

In theme, because, despite the diversities associated with all the writers, the main message of these writers gears towards revealing Jesus Christ as the Saviour of mankind.

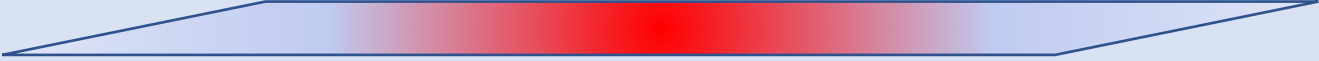
If one carefully considers the historicity of the Bible and its unity in content and theme, one can only arrive at the obvious conclusion that God is indeed the true Inspirer and Author of the Bible. In fact, there is no way people who never knew each other living thousands of years apart could hold to the exact theme despite the evolution of ideas and the changes in worldly contexts except by the help of a Supernatural Hand. These

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people were undoubtedly inspired and led by God to note down what He desired for humanity. The Bible itself explains why its revelations are consistent and also reveals the motives in God's heart for engaging in a Bible project;

*“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” ( 2 Timothy 3:16-17).*

*“...Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:21).*




The message of the Bible is without contradiction and united in theme only because God is its true Inspirer and Author. God inspired this Book in order to reveal His doctrines to humanity, teach, correct and instruct His children about things concerning righteousness. The Bible, therefore, contains God's inspired message to mankind.

The Bible is divided into two main parts – The Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament contains thirty-nine books while the New Testament contains twenty-seven books and the whole Bible is made up of sixty-six books. The New Testament is the fulfilment of the Old Testament and one Testament cannot be sufficiently understood without a proper understanding of the other.

The books of the Bible are inspired and recorded in diverse forms which include but are not limited to historical events, laws, poems, prophecies, lamentations, gospels, letters, proverbs, parables, stories, spectacular events and miracles, visions and future revelations.

The Bible was originally written in three different languages. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew while the New Testament was written in Greek which was the international language at the time of Jesus and Aramaic which *was the common language of the Near East until the time of Alexander the great (6th century B.C. to 4th century B.C)* (Dr Saneesh Cherian). Today, parts of the Bible have been translated into over 2062 languages and the whole Bible into more than 200 languages (Dr Saneesh Cherian) without it losing any of its intended meaning.

The Bible is far from being a boring book to study and apply. In fact, it is the most inspired and important book of all times. It is God's Book to humanity and in it God claims thousands of times to be the one speaking. The Bible contains divine laws no human being has ever been able to measure up to, principles, guides and blessings to assist any believer to live a fulfilled life on earth. Its claims are recorded for all classes of people without exception and there is no human being or worldview on earth with wisdom that attains the one revealed in the Bible.



Biblical wisdom is unique in that although it is easy to understand, it cannot be exhaustively captured by any human being on earth. Men and women who are chosen and trained by God to be His ministers are vital in propagating His Word to the whole world but even without the help of someone an unbeliever who genuinely and humbly seeks the truth can study the Bible and be convicted of his/her sins and convinced to make a personal commitment to serve God. This capacity of the Bible to convict people is possible because the Holy Spirit is the One who works behind the Word of God to convict sinners of their sins and urges repentance. Those who live by the Word of God revealed in the Bible are always filled with joy in all circumstances.


In history, there are people who have attempted to destroy the Bible or change its content in vain. Others have lost their lives either in preserving it or in attempting to propagate its revelations. Even today, many people oppose the knowledge of the Bible for no objective reasons. Some, due to their subjective approaches to biblical contents continually harden their hearts to the Bible's supreme wisdom while few who are instruments of mind manipulation have dedicated their whole lives to rebel against its genuine content. Curiously, all these people pass away but the Word of God stands tall. The Bible is the only Book God has promised to preserve forever because He is its Inspirer and Preserver.

*“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away”*

(Matthew 24:35).

This is only a very short description of the Bible. However, it is enough to give you a picture of what the Bible is, why it is important and to lay the foundation for the topic under consideration. May the Lord reveal mysteries to You as you keep reading in Jesus name!





## Chapter 2

### Theological Studies

Earlier, we learned that the Bible is a Book that contains God's will for humanity and was written by certain people God himself inspired over many generations. Now, we will attempt to briefly describe Theological Studies.


There are many definitions of theological studies in Christianity but all converge to one – an attempt to understand the nature and will of God. To put it in very simple language, 'Theological Studies' is organizing God's revelations in the Bible and all other collected pieces of evidence pointing to Him in a manner that clearly exposes His nature and desires for creation. It is an attempt to understand God, an aspect of Him or His will through organizing information and collected pieces of evidence.

Christian entities have approached the study of God in different ways over the years which has led to the development of many types of Theology.

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Biblical Theology attempts to obtain knowledge about God primarily from His Word in the Bible. Natural Theology tries to derive knowledge about God from nature while Dogmatic Theology seeks to derive knowledge about God from all His revelations and all Christian traditions over the years. Systematic Theology tries to obtain knowledge about God from Biblical revelations, natural factors, historical and scientific pieces of evidence. Practical Theologians seek to understand all that God has revealed about Himself in the Bible together with all other pieces of evidence with an emphasis on living by those revelations. Historical Theology explores knowledge revealed by God through history and the unfolding of events with time. Other types of theological approaches include Moral Theology, Philosophical Theology, Spiritual Theology, Apologetics, etc.

There are many branches of specialization in these Theological approaches but we will not mention all of them here nor talk about those we mention in detail. However,




it is important to note that it is not possible for any human being to be a master of them all. Some Christians are specialists in Biblical Theology while others are experts in Systematic Theology. Meanwhile, the Biblical Theologian primarily focuses on making meaning out of specific biblical texts, contexts and storylines, the Systematic Theologian also build on biblical texts but pays less attention to their immediate contexts. Instead, the Systematic Theologian focuses more on interpreting the biblical texts with respect to certain sub-topics that are specific areas of interest in Systematic Theology which are Theology Proper (the study of God), Bibliology (the study of the Bible), Anthropology (the study of man), Soteriology (the study of salvation), Pneumatology (the study of the Holy Spirit) and Eschatology (the study of the future). Note that each of these sub-topics in Systematic Theology is an area of specialization of its own.

Another well-known and commonly used approach to theological studies is Apologetics. Apologists are people who study the nature and will of God with the intention of confronting people from other worldviews. In reality, all Christians have been called to defend the Christian faith in one way or the other;

*“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15).*

Apologetists study the Bible deeply and attempt to derive knowledge about God and pieces of evidence from diverse fields of understanding. True Apologetists are believers who are always spiritually, intellectually and mentally prepared to clarify specific objections aimed at unobjectively paralyzing the Christian faith. They also prepare the hearts of those who unobjectively attack Christianity and sow the Word of God into those people’s lives.

Apologetic Studies also consist of many branches such as Classical, Historical, Evidential, Presuppositional and Experimental. Some Apologetists are experts in more than one branch but no Apologetist can be an expert in all these branches. Depending on




their field of study, the Apologists will endeavour to understand other worldviews by carefully studying their presuppositions (foundational assumptions) and inconsistencies. Many Apologists especially those who engage in debates also study logic and logical fallacies, errors of biblical interpretation, biblical difficulties, scientific truth, propaganda and mind manipulation techniques, the reliability of the Canon and many more topics. According to their areas of specialization, Apologists confront adherents of Non-Christian worldviews such as Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Naturalism, Cultism, Occultism, Satanism, Evolutionists, Nontrinitarians, etc., and also False-Christian worldviews such as Mormonism, Jehovah Witnesses, New Age Movements, etc.

Institutions that offer Theological Studies differ and not all Christians forcefully study Theology with respect to the types and branches of theology described above. Some Christians are brought up under strict denominational adherences and guidelines that restrict or limit their capacity to embrace other teachings apart from what is taught in their church, seminary or Bible School. Others are free to explore from a variety of Theological Schools of Thought. Hence, we have additional forms of Theological Approaches such as Catholic Theology, Presbyterian Theology, Apostolic Theology, Full Gospel Theology, Redeemed Theology, Methodist Theology, Baptist Theology, Lutheran Theology, Anglican Theology, etc. The differences to these denominational approaches to Theological Studies range from minor differences to contradictions on certain topics in the Bible. Hence, over the years, these denominations have developed their own unique approaches by which their knowledge about God is derived and organized and also teach the history of their traditions to its followers and members.

Other Theological Institutions consists of a mixture of diverse forms of theological approaches. The student is exposed to the main or fundamental forms of theological approaches and can personally test and decide what to accept and adhere to later in life.

There is another category of Theologians who are extreme followers of certain thoughts that originated from certain historical pioneer figures. Two of such big movements that are constantly in opposition to each other are Calvinism and

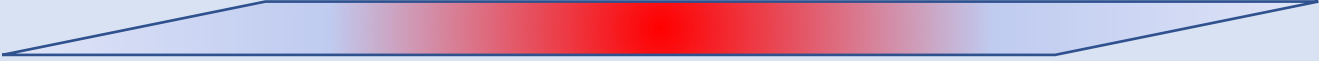


Arminianism. Calvinism is named after John Calvin who distinguished himself during the reformation movement along with many other Reformed Theologians such as Martin Luther and Huldrych Zwingli. The Great Reformation Movement gave birth to what is known today as the Reformed Theology. The foundational beliefs of the Reformed Theologians are clearly spelt out in the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Arminianism is also linked to many Theologians especially the Dutch Reformed Theologian Jacobus Arminius. Although both Arminianism and Calvinism originated from the Reformation era, these Theological approaches have fundamental differences in their views on predestination and election. It is important to note that many denominational movements mentioned about are either in support of a Calvinistic or Arminian approach or a mixture of both.

This chapter cannot end without mentioning the Non-Denominational Theologians. As the name indicates, the Non-Denominational Theologians don't want to adhere to or be controlled by any Denominational interpretations of Godly revelations and approaches to obtain knowledge of God. Although a Non-Denominational approach is a unique entity, it obtains knowledge of God from various branches mentioned above and always associates with many denominations in practicalizing the Christian faith. Many Christian Non-Denominational movements are engaged in broad outreach initiatives such as translating the Bible and humanitarian aid. Their Non-Denominational canopy is usually a strategy to reach out to as many people as possible.

Despite the various approaches and branches to Theological Studies mentioned above, most Christians in the Body of Christ never study Theology. Many of these Christians are, nonetheless, under the direct or indirect influence of spiritual leaders in at least one of the areas of study described above. Those who are not influenced by these Theological approaches are not many and include some underground spirit filled missionaries and members of persecuted Christian groups and believers in certain remote places of the world who have only the Bible as their only source of Knowledge and understanding of God.



As a conclusion, the field of Christian Theological Studies is very vast with unlimited knowledge and uncountable approaches to derive knowledge of God. As far as the heavens are higher than the earth, so is the limitlessness of Theological Studies. May the Lord guide your steps to the right knowledge of the truth in Jesus Name!



## Chapter 3


### The Role Of The Holy Spirit

I remember a dramatic event that occurred back in our early secondary school days. Our biology teacher was to begin the new topic titled ‘*The Theory of Evolution*’ that week. Unlike the previous topic ‘*The Human Reproductive System*’, which the lecturer approached with much enthusiasm, it wasn’t the case with this new topic. The teacher entered the lecture room with a downcast mindset, dropped his bag to his table and requested that we be calm. As young boys and girls, we were captivated by the beautiful pictures and drawings in this section of our biology textbook and couldn’t wait to hear our teacher explain these seemingly fascinating scientific discoveries. However, our teacher began his lectures with very disturbing statements;

*“Young men and women, not everyone agrees with what I am about to teach you today and you have the right to disagree as well if you have an objective reason. As far as I am concerned, I also don’t agree with most of the content on this topic. Nevertheless, I teach you this topic because I am obliged to; it is in your syllabus”.*

There was great silence in the class and our biology teacher did not give us his reasons for disagreeing with some of the content under this topic but I guess I can figure that out today – he was probably an adherent of another worldview such as Christianity. However, from the moment he proclaimed those words, we could sense a lack of conviction, motivation and desire to teach the topic. From the teacher’s attitude of distrust and lack of conviction towards the Theory of Evolution, it was clear that the lectures would be less interesting and as far as I can remember, the lectures were horrible.

This event is a good example of the blind trying to lead the blind. We have a non-motivated, non-convinced and probably guilty teacher trying to teach his students a topic he is less interested in. How possible is it to teach something you are not spiritually connected to and are not convinced is true? Hence, the teacher only tried to fulfil a



professional obligation than helping his students understand the full realities surrounding the Theory of Evolution.

Therefore, truthfulness and trustworthiness are important components of knowledge dispensation in any field of understanding. Some of the knowledge derived and taught by people in the world is untrue and unworthy. Sometimes, true knowledge is badly contaminated by false knowledge and this leads to many unbalanced systems.

Unfortunately, the field of Theological Studies is also not void of untruthful and unworthy knowledge. As you have probably noticed, the field of Theological Studies is not only saturated but also very complex and confusing. Earlier, we mostly dealt with some forms of Theological approaches that have the basic elements of true Christian doctrine. There exists another vast field of false, heretic and liberal Theology we cannot explore in this book. All these are available out there and an unled believer who desires to study Christian Theology can be described as a sheep wandering in a forest inhabited by lions.

If you were asked to choose from the many Theological approaches and branches of Theological Studies described earlier, what will be your choice or choices? Truth is, many believers who engage in Theological Studies never ask themselves this question. This explains why many Christians study Theology with the wrong priorities.


Hence, the importance of the Holy Spirit in leading believers to the truth.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

In the Bible, the Holy Spirit is revealed as God – the third Person of the Godhead. The function of the Holy Spirit is unique as described by Jesus Christ;

*“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you” (John 14:26).*

*“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will*




*tell you things to come. “He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you” (John 16:13-14).*

If you are a born-again child of God, you have the Holy Spirit who lives in you to help and guide you to all truths. Notice that in the Bible, Jesus defines truth as being Himself “...*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me*” (John 14:6). Therefore, truth can be defined as all things that point to Jesus and lead a person to God. If a person’s conception of truth is not centered around Jesus nor leads to the Heavenly Father, it is obviously false information or knowledge irrespective of what it is.

It is true that defining truth in such a biblical manner raises some eyebrows as there are many different types of truths. In fact, it is important to know that the truth which is centred around Jesus and leads to the Father can be derived from one main foundational source (God’s revelations in the Bible) from which all other explorations of truths in the world rest. Human exploration to discover other minor truths should, therefore, be guided by Godly revelations and should utilize at least one or a combination of six different trustworthy and reliable sub-approaches to discover truth including;

- ***Axiomatic truth*** – “*Axioms are so basic and so fundamental in nature that no simpler categories of truth exist to prove the axioms. They in themselves are universally self-evident truths and self-evident proof*” (Dr Johnson C. Philip).
- ***Logical truth*** – Logic reduces statements to axioms so that the fundamental meaning of those statements is grasped. A proper application of logical truth exposes conflicting ideas in statements.
- ***Mathematical truths*** – These types of truth are universal and work within certain systems. They cannot be used to prove the existence of God but can be applied to collect axiomatic and logical information related to Him (Dr Johnson C. Philip).
- ***Empirical truth*** – This is truth obtained from research or laboratories through “*practical demonstration and assessment...with the help of repeated*





*experiments preferably upon a large sample of experimental material” (Dr Johnson C. Philip).*


- **Historical legal and logical truth** – Here, the truth deriver “*deals with events that are not repeatable*” (Dr Johnson C. Philip). Since the truth deriver deals with one-time events, the researcher tries to reorganize the events to derive the best possible manner they occurred.
- **Relational truth** – This truth comes from our relationship with the people and things we are used to. One must be careful with this type of truth as it can be mixed with emotions, feelings and subjectivity. Just because your professor is very intelligent does not mean everything he says is true. You may have looked at something in a particular way from childhood but that does not mean your view of it is the right one.

*No one can teach better than the Holy Spirit.*

From an intellectual point of view, the truthfulness and trustworthiness of your approach to understanding the nature and will of God depends on how well you understand, master and apply the knowledge derivation approaches described above. The trustworthiness and truthfulness of your axioms will depend on how well you are able to appropriately combine and utilize these truth derivation approaches.

At this point, you can understand why there are many different approaches to Theological Studies. All those different Theological Institutions and approaches originate from the manner by which they derive their knowledge of God. In reality, given the current nature of humans and their weaknesses in perfectly handling information coupled with threats from a sinful world, no Theological Approach is perfect.

This should not discourage you in any way if you want to study Theology. Although Theology is only an attempt to understand and describe the nature and will of God for creation, it has many advantages which you will discover later as you keep reading.



This brings us to the main point in this chapter concerning the role of the Holy Spirit. From Jesus' clarification of the Holy Spirit's role above, one can note the following;

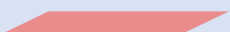
- The Holy Spirit is in all true believers and He is their helper.
- The Holy Spirit helps believers in many ways. However, concerning our topic, He specifically assists believers and leads them to the truth about everything. The Holy Spirit does not behave like our Biology teacher who was taking us down an unknown path. Instead, the Holy Spirit convinces the believer and assists in deriving and mastering the right, true and trustworthy knowledge needed by the believer at the time.
- Everything the Holy Spirit teaches the believer is perfect because not only is He the '*Spirit of truth*', 'He hears from God and tells the believer what God said'. God's revelations are true, pure, perfect and trustworthy. Remember, He inspired all His revelations but not all of Theology.
- He, the Holy Spirit, focuses on what Jesus or God says about the issue under investigation (what is recorded in the Bible). God cannot lie and cannot contradict Himself. Therefore, the Holy Spirit will not give Mr A one particular definition of something and then give Mr B a completely different definition and meaning about the same thing.
- Why does the Holy Spirit function in this manner? Well, as says Jesus, His main role in the lives of believers is to point to all those things God has revealed that bring glory to His Name. The Holy Spirit is interested in Nothing else but on God's glorification in the believer's life on earth.

Looking at what Jesus reveals about the Holy Spirit's role in the life of a believer above, does it, therefore, mean that the different theological schools of thought are completely erroneous since many are in contradiction and continually fight against each other? Does this also indicate that it is better to abstain from Theological Studies? Is the



Holy Spirit really the one inspiring all these diverse and complicated Schools of Thought in the Theological milieu?

These questions and more will be answered in the coming chapters. May the Lord be with you in Jesus Name!



## Chapter 4

### Differences Between The Word Of God In The Bible And Theological Studies


There are many differences between what God has revealed in the Bible and the human being's attempt to interpret His revelations and organize those revelations in an orderly manner. Many of the differences may not be evident to most believers but a critical look at the bunch of literature reveals fascinating reasons for issues we encounter in the Body of Christ. Some of the differences are slightly described in the table below;

*The aim of Theological Studies should be to back God's revelations in the Bible and not to take the place of the Bible.*

The Word of God in the Bible	Theological Studies
Is God's words and will to humanity.	Is an attempt to interpret what God says in the Bible and other pieces of evidence pointing to Him in an organized manner.
Is inspired by God The Holy Spirit.	Not always inspired by God The Holy Spirit. Sometimes human thoughts and concepts are inserted.
Is always true in its entirety.	Not everything is true. Some thoughts are only opinions, assumptions and suggestions. Some are false.
Is sufficient to the believer.	Is never sufficient. It can be developed to infinity.
Is consistent, trustworthy and true.	Sometimes lack logical congruency, trustworthiness and truthfulness. Some topics are very confusing.
Interprets itself sufficiently by the help of the Holy Spirit.	Many time the Word of God is not allowed to sufficiently interpret itself.


	Humans often insert their own opinions and views to some Biblical statements.
Is written and preserved for everyone in the world.	The different school of thoughts will never reach an agreement one day. There will always be differences and scholars will adhere only to what they accept.
The Holy Spirit teaches the believer the Word of God. In fact, the believer is expected to depend only on the Holy Spirit to discern what is of God.	Is taught by the Holy Spirit if inspired by Him. In fact, some opinions are from Satan and man teaches them, not God. Theology alone is not the sufficient truth. It is only a means to assist in understanding the truth.
Contains some things that are difficult to understand but can be understood by the help of the Holy Spirit.	Help to complicate some biblical difficulties through differences in opinions, bias and subjective approaches.
Absolutely needed to know Jesus, how to be saved and how to practice a holy living lifestyle.	Helps to understand some details about God and other doctrinal aspects when inspired by the Holy Spirit but a believer can live a fulfilled life without it. When erroneous, it leads to compromise and can cause one to end up in hell.
Encourages unity, love and peace among believers.	Sometimes inspires disunity, hatred, arguments, quarrels and intellectual pride among believers.

It can be tempting to observe the differences above and arrive at the conclusion that it is not worth studying Theology. Do not be quick to jump to such a conclusion. It



is true that theological studies seem to add to or subtract from biblical revelations but there are many amazing facts about genuine Theological Studies. For instance;

- ***The Historicity of The Bible and Jesus*** – Through the use of tools such as Archaeology, Linguistic Studies, Dating Techniques and Historical Records, we can understand the Bible's authenticity and how it came to us, whether Jesus truly existed in this world and performed all the miracles attributed to Him and analyse discoveries of the ancient world, manuscripts and events that bring more light to the Christian faith. With the use of these techniques, we have more insights into past Chronologies, Habits, Cultures, Customs, and language meanings. From all these, we can sufficiently investigate and reconstruct many past events. Today, we have a one hundred percent scientific certainty that Jesus truly existed through records from people such as CORENELIUS TACITUS (Born Around AD 52), THE JEWISH TALMUDS, FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS (Born AD 37), LUCIAN OF SAMOSATA, PLINIUS SECUNDUS, SUETONIUS (AD 120), TERTULLIAN, JUSTIN MARTYR, etc (Dr Johnson C. Philip & Dr Saneesh Cherian). These true historical findings come from a mixture of Atheists and Believers. You cannot obtain this knowledge by studying only the Bible. This type of knowledge is not only important in building your personal confidence in the Christian faith but also gives you additional pieces of evidence and tools you can use in propagating the Gospel, especially to Atheists.
- ***Logical Fallacies and Mind Manipulation:*** When adherents of other Worldviews and Non-Believers in general attack the Christian faith, they, sometimes, employ inappropriate logical techniques to refuse the genuine Christian position or establish their own false views. Mind Manipulation is a tool employed by many politicians, business owners, Christian cults and many of those who reject the Christian faith to keep people obsessed with their own




views. Many mind manipulation techniques can be discovered by reading the Bible but Theological Studies in a good institution helps to spell them out clearly. Hence, you can understand how people manipulate other through Fear, Value Shifting, Expansion, Desensitization, Imprinting, Repeated Exposure, Appeal to Emotions and Blinding and most important, how to resist such techniques. By studying Logic and its appropriate use, you can clearly detect when people engage in research unobjectively and how they employ logical fallacies to lure people into errors and properly refute their erroneous views. When the student properly studies the Scripture and submits to the Holy Spirit, these techniques help to appropriately clarify and divide the Word of Truth to unbelievers especially those who have been inculcated by false ideologies.

These are only a handful of things you can gain by studying genuine Christian Theology. Depending on your need and the type of school, you can obtain additional knowledge that deepens your understanding of God and the Christian faith and assists you in clarifying God's will to Unbelievers.

Therefore, there are clear differences between Theological Studies and What God has revealed in the Bible. The aim of Theological Studies should be to back God's revelations in the Bible and not to take the place of the Bible. Those who rely only on what they study in their Theological Institutions and who continually preach only their Theological Concepts and traditions to their followers are making a huge mistake. What people need is the Word of God. It is the Word of God that has the Spirit of God backing it and power to transform a person, not Theological Concepts. Your Theology, if truly inspired by the Holy Spirit, should only assist you in clarifying the Word of God especially topics that are difficult to understand.

The confusion that exists in the Body of Christ today is because some believers have grown in intellectual pride. Some because of their conceived pride, dependence on Theological knowledge alone and resistance to the Holy Spirit's conviction have been




left to pursue their own desires. Many of these people have ended up creating cults in the Name of Jesus Christ forgetting that the Bible has the final say about anything, not human or Theological Views. Others are caught up in certain systems which were started by humans concepts and waste all their lives trying to defend those individual human systems and concepts at the expense of God's revelations.

*“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Ephesians 4:1-6).*

When you understand that there is only one true church, one Lord, one Spirit and one God, you will focus more on being a part of that true God and not part of a human system. Of course, as of the way things are in this world, even if you choose not to join a denomination or Theological Camp, you are still forced to collaborate with other denominations and schools of thought to propagate the Gospel. The problem is not being part of a denomination or Theological Camp; the problem is when the presuppositional beliefs of that denomination do not agree with fundamental doctrines the Bible teaches or when the denomination's adherents develop additional traditions and values that become more important to them than what God reveals in the Bible. You see, when you focus more on the traditions of your church or denomination or Theological Camp or School of Thought, you neglect some important facts;


- Other denominations and Theological Camps also regard their own values and traditions as the best.
- Other denominations and Theological Camps also believe that they have the best interpretation of Scripture.



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- There will forcefully be competition among values and traditions of different denominational or Theological schools of thought.
  - Those values and traditions from these different organizations can never be compatible because most are humanly inspired.
  - There will certainly be disunity, lack of peace and conflicts when Denominations and Theological Camps confront each other based on what they adhere to.

If on the other hand, you focus more on the Word of God instead of trying to defend your system or denominational beliefs, you will live by the following facts;

- Glorifying God is your main focus even though you are part of a denomination or Theological Camp. You are not interested in uplifting people and the system you adhere to above Christ and Scripture.
- You verify that the ideas of your Theological Camp or Denomination are sufficiently Biblical (you won't get 100%). You understand that the knowledge you acquire outside of the Bible should help strengthen your faith and the Gospel, not to prove the importance of a certain system of belief.
- You understand that the main system you adhere to is the Spiritual Church of Jesus Christ and the doctrines and values laid by Jesus, the Apostles and God in the Bible and not any worldly system or traditions or values.
- You respect the thoughts of your brothers and sisters in other denominations or Theological Camps who accept the basic Christian doctrines despite the minor differences in opinions on certain topics but you stick to the Bible and value what it reveals more than human opinions.
- The Holy Spirit is the main Teacher. Sometimes He is misunderstood by believers who lack concentration. Therefore, you stay close to your Bible and verify everything that is taught even in your own camp. Don't be fooled by big names and titles and avoid depending on human beings. As a matter of fact,



good preachers always lead their followers to read and meditate the Word of God and seek guidance directly from God by depending on the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit is your main teacher.

- You don't leave your Theological Camp or Denomination because of minor differences in opinions except the Holy Spirit leads you to something else. Although you identify few issues with the true Biblical church you adhere to (especially with traditions, culture and interpretation of some difficult topics), you understand that no human system is perfect. Therefore, you stay still, rely on the Holy Spirit and wisely approach your leaders to express your concerns if you have the opportunity but learn to meditate and stick to what your Bible says and trust the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In the Body of Christ, we see all sorts of arguments, insults and disputes among brothers and sisters in Christ. What many have not understood is that God knows those who are His; He knows the faithful among His Children; He knows those who are focused on glorifying His Name irrespective of their denomination or School of Thought and His rewards for these faithful people are plentiful. He also knows those who are prideful, arrogant and claim to know everything yet are disorderly and cause confusion and disunity and seduce believers to worship humans systems and concepts.

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding;  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He shall direct your paths.  
Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
Fear the Lord and depart from evil.”*

(Proverbs 3:5-7)

May the Lord guide your steps in Jesus Name!



## Chapter 5

### How To Choose A Good Theological Institution

#### What To Aim At During Your Studies

There are thousands of Theological Institutions in the world offering seducing courses on various platforms with different agendas. Some require physical attendance while others adopt distance, correspondence and online mechanisms. Some demand high tuition fees, are prestigious and recognized all over the world while others are quite affordable or don't require any tuition and are less prestigious. Some Theological Institutions are mission-oriented, others are pastorally inclined, many are interested in training spirit filled disciples and few train and develop Confrontational Apologists, etc.


Some require Denominational affiliations or memberships while others are open to everyone. Many Theological Schools and Colleges emanate from physical churches or Denominations such as the Catholic, Presbyterian, Apostolic, Anglican, etc. while others developed from certain Schools of Thought such as Calvinism and Arminianism and could be either Denominational or Non-Denominational. Many Non-Denominational Institutions are inspired by a combination of many Schools of Thought. Some schools and colleges teach general Theology while others offer possibilities of specializing in specific branches such as Ministry, Evangelism, Apologetics, Church Planting, Children and Youth Ministry, Prayer Ministry, Humanitarian Work, etc.

*If your aim for studying Theology is not to know more of God and obey His will, you study in vain and build on sinking sand.*

In fact, there are many possibilities and it can be very difficult to know what to study. Below is a helpful guide to making your choice:


### *How To Choose A Good Theological Institution*

It is a good idea to attend a Theological School if you have the possibility, time and means to do so. Theological Studies as earlier said, will broaden your understanding



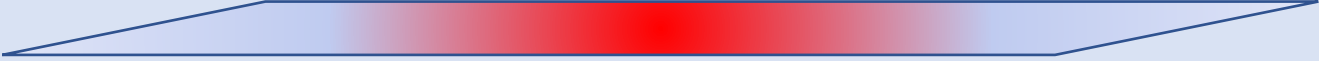
horizon. If you allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in identifying and defining your study objectives, the new knowledge you obtain will empower you to trust and preach the Word of God in the Bible in an efficient and effective manner. There are certain things to keep in minds when deciding where to study. Many people don't take some of these things seriously and find themselves doing what they are not supposed to do in the Body of Christ. The things include but are not limited to:

- ***Your calling:*** Don't join a Theological Institution because of a mere desire to become knowledgeable. It makes no sense to acquire knowledge haphazardly because you are required to apply most of the knowledge you acquire in life. As you well know, a wise person is someone who properly applies Godly knowledge. Therefore, it much helpful to have hints of how God wants to use you before looking for a school. It is true that, sometimes, everyone faces hard times figuring out God's plans for life. Nevertheless, God expects us to trust Him and ask Him for wisdom when we don't know what to do (James 1:5), listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and obey His leading. God has many offices or job vacancies in His Great Commission Project. He is looking for Apostles to bring the Gospel to new places, Prophets to warn communities of ungodliness, Evangelists to plant seeds of the Gospel in the whole world, Pastors to nurture flocks and Teachers to rightly divide the Word of truth. He is also looking for administrators, Christians to govern, edifiers, comforters, street evangelists, missionaries, encouragers, Christian humanitarian workers, God-fearing professionals in diverse fields of life who fear God and desire Him to work through their lives to influence their environments, prayers warriors, etc. When God urges you to do something it becomes easier to know how to prepare yourself to confront the mission.
- ***Your area of specialization:*** Don't be a jack of all trades. Your ministry will be inefficient and ineffective if you don't specialize in an area God has called



you to operate in. Once you know your calling or field of operation, you can easily choose an institution that will strengthen your know-how and improve your skills and techniques in that field. For instance, if the Holy Spirit urges you to become an apologist who confronts Jehovah Witnesses and Mormons, you will obviously choose an institution that offers courses that improve your understanding of these cults, their techniques and how to confront and refute their false arguments. It will also be helpful to study courses that clarify questions about the authenticity of the Bible, its origin, interpretation, mind manipulation and concerns members of these cults raise and how to sow the Word of God efficiently in their lives. Given your calling to reach out to Jehovah Witnesses and Mormons, it is inefficient to specialize in Biblical Theology or Natural Theology.


- ***The institution itself:*** Don't complicate your life and don't be deceived by prestige, names and titles. Never forget that the Holy Spirit is the main Teacher, not human beings. The Holy Spirit teaches you directly but can also teach you through humbled and God-fearing men and women of God all over the world as He pleases. He has the ability to manifest Himself anywhere He is sincerely invoked. Therefore, there are few things to check out for when choosing the institution you will attend. First, make sure that it is a ***Biblical School***. You want to make sure that the institution holds to the fundamental doctrines – *the fall of mankind, salvation by grace and only in Jesus, deity of Jesus, virgin birth of Jesus and His sinless lifestyle, the gospel, Christ's death, resurrection and return, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, judgement and eternal life after physical death (some to eternal damnation in hellfire and others to eternal joy in the presence of God)*. Even if only one of these fundamental beliefs is denied, the whole institution or School of Thought crumbles. Never join an institution that distorts these fundamental doctrines. You see, without a good foundation, a house cannot last long, no matter its beauty. The Psalmist says “*If the*



*foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?”* (Psalm 11:3). Keep in mind that Liberal Christian Movements and Cults deny at least one of these fundamental doctrines. Some of those movements also have attractive and prestigious Theological Colleges and courses but you should avoid them. Only study their courses if you have been called by God to know what they teach with the aim of confronting them apologetically. Few of these liberal movements and cults include Freemasonry, Christian Science, New Age, Jehovah Witness, Mormons, Scientology, Judaism, etc.

Second, understand the *Agenda* of the Institution. Some Theological Institutions are only interested in promoting a particular school of thought. Please, avoid them. If you don't, you will waste your whole life in polemics rather than adoring and serving God. These type of institutions usually don't adhere to some of the fundamental beliefs or define these beliefs in a manner that suits their values. All they do is raise a generation of Christians who waste most of their time promoting the values of that School of Thought. Students of such institutions are trained to involve and focus more on polemics than the Great Commission. Good examples of such schools are special institutions whose main role is to train its students on how to defend Catholicism, Calvinism, Arminianism, Dogmatism, etc. Usually, God's calling in the lives of these trained believers is mixed with additional unnecessary goals which deviate their attention from the main goal and cause them to develop a hatred for their brothers and sisters in Christ who belong to other sufficiently Bible believing movements.

The reader should not misunderstand the statements above. The problem is not being part of a Denomination or School of Thought as mentioned earlier. The problem is thinking that your School of Thought explains the Bible more than everyone else's and doing everything to defend the views of your school. By so doing, Theology is not helping you to advance or promote the Great Commission. Rather, it helps you to raise all types of polemics and confusion.



Don't get it wrong; all false doctrines must be exposed. However, it is not from the angle of your School of Thought that false doctrines are exposed. The Bible is capable and has sufficient criteria to expose false doctrines and teachers. One does not need to be a part of your School of Thought to expose false doctrines. One only needs to read the Bible with the help of the Holy Spirit to recognize and refute false teachers. Focusing on defending your values and traditions is a weak and ineffective approach to your faith walk.

Therefore, if the agenda of the school is to promote its values and traditions and not to train you to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ who obeys the Great Commission Mission, avoid the school. If you don't, you will be trained by the School to hate other Christians because of their views on certain difficult topics in the Bible.


Third, the ***Cost, Location and Time*** requirement. Some believers think that studying in a well-known theological school in the US, UK, Europe or Australia is the best approach. Others are fooled to believe that the higher the tuition, the better the quality of the courses. Judging by such criteria is deceptive and erroneous. There are some free Theological Institutions with very high-quality courses than expensive and prestigious schools. Except you live in the Islamic world, all you need is a proper research around your environment. Some denominations and churches have very good schools and Theological Programmes at affordable prices and sometimes even free of charge.

It is true that some denominations add courses about their traditions and values but that is okay provided they believe the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and you can obtain specialized training in your area of calling. Some schools also offer courses online and it is possible to choose from a variety of options.

Also, you need time and enormous efforts to complete your courses. You need to assimilate these courses and do your practical assignments.

Therefore, depending on your schedule, you have to decide whether you will do part-time studies, diploma studies or study a degree. Also, align all these things with your objectives – whether you target a full-time or part-time ministry or you only desire





a personal spiritual build-up and development. All these things will play important roles in choosing your institution and planning your studies.

Nevertheless, even if the things discussed above are not very clear to you, you can still engage in studying Theology provided you verify that the school holds to the fundamental Christian doctrines and define clear objectives. There are few people who in the course of studying discover God's purpose, direction and will for their lives. If the urge to study is so strong and you have peace about where to study despite not knowing your calling, go for it. May the Lord guide your journey to select the right institution in Jesus Name!

### ***What To Aim At When Studying Theology***

- ***To know more about God:*** This should be your primary objective. Your life and everything else depends on your knowledge of God and obedience to His will. If this is not your primary objective, you study in vain. Some believers study Theology because they want to occupy positions of honour in their church or organization but that should not be your primary objective. Others use the Theological platform as a means to exploit others and enrich themselves. Forget about Theological studies if your main focus or objective is not to know God. When God is not your main focus, your priorities are distorted and God is not able to use you to glorify His name in that condition. The Psalmist and Paul say;

*“One thing I have desired of the Lord,*

*That will I seek:*

*That I may dwell in the house of the Lord*


*All the days of my life,*

*To behold the beauty of the Lord,*

*And to inquire in His temple.”*

*(Psalm 27:4)*





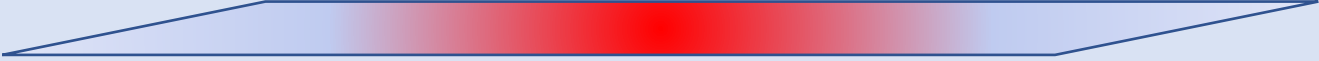
*“But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead” (Philippians 3:7-11).*

- ***To add essential knowledge to your Biblical knowledge:*** God has revealed Himself sufficiently in the Bible but there are some aspects of Him you won't know only by reading the Bible. For instance, the History of the Bible and how it was preserved right up to our recent generations require a study of the historicity of the Bible. A deep understanding of the cultures, stories, traditions and cities of the people who lived in times when the Bible was written require a careful study of archaeological discoveries and the right interpretations and meanings of certain Biblical expressions in Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic languages. Intelligent Design is another area of scientific research which shows the inevitable existence of a Master designer (God) who created all things with precise, complicated and many unknown details and functionalities yet to be discovered by human beings. Therefore, there are many scientific research studies that are related to the Bible and provide additional information and pieces of evidence in support of Biblical claims. Those which relate to your area of calling are important to know.

*“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?*

*Tell Me, if you have understanding” (Job 38:4).*


- ***To add to your efficiency and effectiveness in answering your call:*** Your aim is not to obtain all the knowledge in the world and do nothing with it. Also,



God has not called you to defend the ideas and concepts of human beings. He has called you to submit to His will and obey His voice. Remember, the Bible is more than enough and you can perfectly survive without Theological Studies. Therefore, your studies should only help to broaden your horizon and to obtain a deeper understanding of certain aspects so that you can improve your efficiency and effectiveness in serving God.

*“... giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge...be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble...” (2 Peter 1:5-11).*

- ***To Better serve God, not human beings:*** This does not mean that you don't have to serve human beings. In fact, all your life on earth, you will be serving human beings and communities. However, it is very important to note that your service is primarily to God, not humans. It is God who guides you on how to serve other people. A good Theological Institution will teach you humility to the Word of God and the necessity to submit to God's will by the help of the Holy Spirit, not human concepts. Some Theological Thoughts have leadership principles and hierarchical organizations that create fear and force dependence on human orders. Your aim is to serve God with all your spirit, soul, body and might. Although in some cases, you might be under authority, traditions, rules and regulations, your primary aim is pleasing God in all you do. Your primary authority is the Holy Spirit, not human beings. In some cases, if you discover that there are minor traditions and values believed by members of your Bible-believing organization that seem to be wired or contradictory to Scripture, don't make a whole drama out of that. You will never find a perfect physical church or organization in this world. Nevertheless, be determined to be the perfect example who depends on Scripture in your church or organization. Perhaps, God will use your lifestyle as a



channel to help others in your surrounding consider the nitty-gritty of a Christian lifestyle.

*“In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you” (Titus 2:7-8).*

*“He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked” (1 John 2:6).*



## Conclusion


Over the years, the Christian world has had many famous intellectuals from various Schools of Thought. Many of these intellectuals have positively aided the exploration of the Bible and pieces of evidence outside of it in support of Scripture but others have contributed in creating more confusion by believing that their views are the standards by which Scripture should be judged. The Bible is perfectly able to interpret and defend its assertions without human points of view;

*Biblical revelations  
guide Theological  
revelation, not the  
other way round.*

*“For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept,  
Line upon line, line upon line,  
Here a little, there a little.” (Isaiah 28:10).*

An argument often used by many believers to defend their adherence to a particular Denomination or School of Thought is that you need to have your own Theological foundation on which to build your faith. The argument continues that you have to decide to which School of Thought or denomination you belong. However, a critical look at this argument reveals nothing less than a misconception of the role of Theological Studies in support of Scripture. If you don't read and understand the Bible, you cannot even detect a false doctrine and consequently an erroneous School of Thought or Theological Institution which compromises the basic Christian doctrines. It is Scripture or the Bible's Revelations first before Theological Studies, not the other way round. Paul says *“For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ”* (1 Corinthians 3:9-11).

It is a mistake to believe that you need Theological Studies to define your spiritual foundation or standpoint. You have been called by God to die completely to self and




focus on Jesus. Paul tells the Galatians *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me”* (Galatians 2:20). The only foundation of your belief and faith is Christ and the Bible that has been written for you. No philosophical standpoint should replace this foundation. *“He must increase, but I must decrease. “He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all”* (John 3:30-31).

You see, a Christian who never studies Theology but constantly reads the Bible and meditates the Word of God is sufficiently equipped to survive all the fiery darts of the evil one. However, a Christian who does not study the Bible but depends on the thoughts of his/her Theological Institution is spiritually paralyzed. If your foundation is your own Theological point of view or School of Thought, you build on sinking sand. For this reason, there is confusion, arguments, competition, disorder, hatred, ineffectiveness and inefficiency in obeying the Great Commission in the Body of Christ and in the lives of many.

The right reason for your adherence to a particular Bible Believing Denomination or School of Thought or Movement should be your loyal service to God in the area He called you to operate and your obedience to His voice. In other words, you are not part of that School of Thought or Denomination or Movement because it is the best in the world; that's deception. You are there because God uses you to reach out to people through it. *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind”* (2 Timothy 1:7). *“For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints”* (1 Corinthians 14:33).

The misunderstanding of the role of Theological Studies is the reason why some have replaced the Bible's Revelations with those invented in their Theological Schools of Thought.

It is our belief that by now, you have understood what the Bible is and how Theological Studies can be helpful or used to improve your understanding and defence of the Word of God. It is also our hope that you have understood that the Word of God

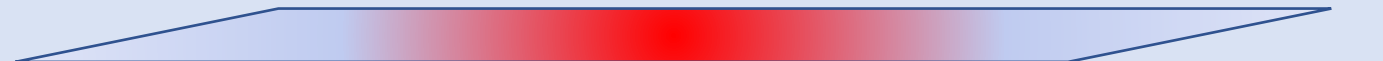


comes first before Theological Studies, not the other way round. Since you have been so much enlightened, let go of yourself and your selfish ambitions and give yourself completely to God and He will guide you to where you should serve Him in Spirit and truth.

***“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ” (Colossians 2:8).***

***“Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them” (Ephesians 5:6-7).***

May the Name of the Lord be glorified in your life in Jesus Name!



***If you still don't know Jesus, He is knocking the door of your heart and willing to reveal Himself to you. You can also become God's son or daughter and join God's household and family. All you need to do is invite Jesus in your life.***

*“...If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” (Romans 10:9-11).*

*“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and dine with him, and he with Me.” (Revelations 3:20)*

# Remain Blessed!



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