

INTRO AND THEOLOGICAL TRIAGE

College and Career Life Class
First Baptist Church of Golden

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ANTHROPOLOGY, HAMARTIOLOGY, AND SOTERIOLOGY

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Anthrōpos (ἄνθρωπος) is Greek for human

the study of man

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Hamartēma (ἁμάρτημα) is Greek for sin

the study of sin

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Sōtēria (σωτηρία) is Greek for salvation

the study of salvation

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- Who/what is man?
- What does man have to do with God (vice-versa)?
- How does God understand man to be?
- Can man and God commune?
- What separates man from God? What is this separation?
- What is the remedy for this separation?
- Can we fellowship with God?
- What is our purpose?

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THE GOSPEL

Date	Topic
19 May, 2024	Intro and Theological Triage
26 May, 2024	No Class, Memorial Day (5/27)
02 June, 2024	Anthropology 1
09 June, 2024	Anthropology 2
16 June, 2024	No Class, Father's Day
23 June, 2024	Hamartiology 1
30 June, 2024	Hamartiology 2
07 July, 2024	The Nature and Basis of Salvation
14 July, 2024	BBQ at the Golike's House
21 July, 2024	Calvinism
28 July, 2024	Arminianism
04 August, 2024	Molinism
11 August, 2024	Salvific Views - why they matter / unity not uniformity
18 August, 2024	Wrap-up / review

THEOLOGICAL TRIAGE

The Questions

You have a steady flow of questions being asked of you. These questions represent the doubts, uncertainties, and challenges we face in our Christian walk. Each working day (Mon-Fri) you receive 5 questions that you do not know the immediate answer to, so you put it in your “think tank” aka brain to figure out when you are off-the-clock. Assume it's a function of time, represented by $Q_{in}(t)$.

The Answers

As questions get answered, they no longer require our immediate attention. You have a smaller flow rate that represents the answers or insights we gain as we seek to understand God's will for our lives. You are able to go home and study the scriptures to determine 4 answers per day (regardless of what day it is). Assume it's also a function of time, represented by $Q_{out}(t)$.

The Problem: Unanswered Questions

The problem is that the inflow (Q_{in}) is greater than the outflow (Q_{out}), meaning there are more questions being asked than answered.

Mathematically, we can model this situation using a differential equation:

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = Q_{in}(t) - Q_{out}(t)$$

where Q is the number of unanswered questions. We know that initially there are 3 unanswered questions.

Will we ever be able to answer all the questions?

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Around what do we maintain unity?

A Triage Nurse is a registered nurse positioned in an emergency room (ER) or facility; *responsible for assessing patients and determining their level of need for medical assistance.*

healthcaresupport.com (emphasis added)

THREE LEVELS OF
THEOLOGICAL URGENCY

First-level (A-level, primary) issues

Second-order (B-level, secondary) issues

Third-order (C-level, tertiary) issues

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First-level (A-level, primary) issues

Doctrines most central and essential to the Christian faith.

Can you be a Christian?

Second-order (B-level, secondary) issues

Agree to disagree (Denominations/local church)

Can we worship together?

Third-order (C-level, tertiary) issues

Disagree Together (Liberties)

How do we fellowship within the local church?

THREE LEVELS OF THEOLOGICAL URGENCY

First-level (A-level, primary) issues

- The Trinity
- The full deity and humanity of Christ
- Justification by grace alone through faith alone
- The authority of Scripture

Second-order (B-level, secondary) issues

- Administration of the sacraments
 - Mode of Baptism and Communion
- Roles of women in ministry
- Ecclesiology

Third-order (C-level, tertiary) issues

- Eschatology (timelines, etc.)
- Interpretations of difficult texts
- Age of the earth
- Christian liberty



