


Eschatology

From the Greek word, eschatos (ἔσχατος) meaning final or last.

Eschatology, the doctrine of “last things” (Gk. eschata), relates both to human individuals (comprising death, resurrection, judgment, and the afterlife) and the world." -Evangelical Dictionary of Theology

Area of Study	Technical Title
Method and foundation	Prolegomena
The Bible	Bibliology
God	Theology Proper
Humanity	Anthropology
Sin	Hamartiology

Area of Study	Technical Title
Christ	Christology
The Holy Spirit	Pneumatology
Salvation	Soteriology
The Church	Ecclesiology
Last things	Eschatology



Outline

1. Systematic Theology
2. Hope
3. Purpose of Christ's Return
4. Will Christ return?
5. How will Christ return?
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Systematic Theology

"Systematic theology seeks to summarize biblical teaching on particular topics in order to draw definitive conclusions that intersect with life."

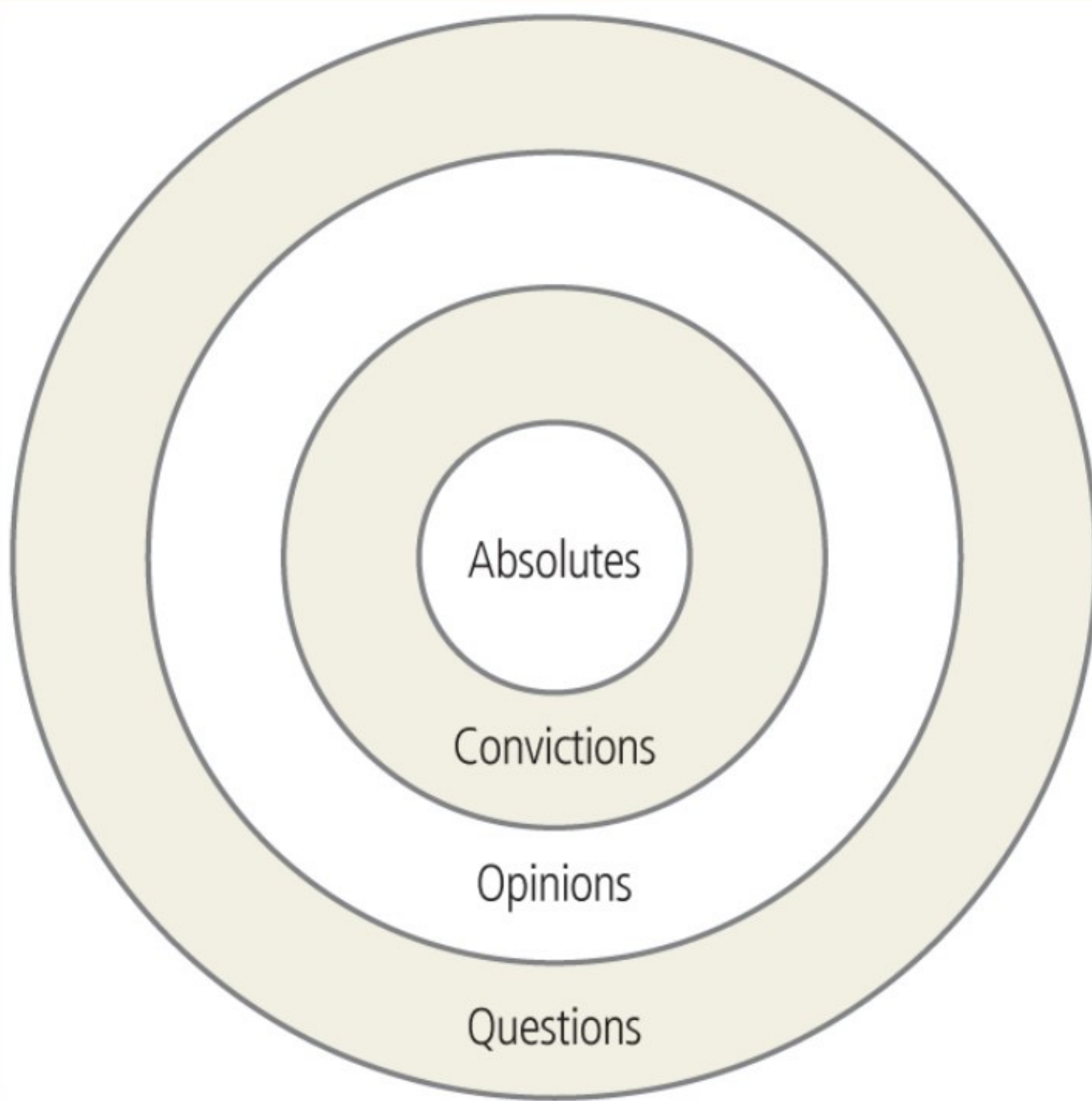
"A study that answers the question, "What does the whole Bible teach us today about a given topic?""

-Crossway Bibles. 2008. The ESV Study Bible.

Area of Study	Emphasis
Exegesis	What does this text say?
Biblical Theology	What did they understand?
Systematic Theology	What does the Bible teach?
Historical Theology	How have Christians understood?
Practical Theology	How can it be applied?
Apologetics	What is the evidence for the faith?

Questions?

-ESV Study Bible,
“Biblical Doctrine”



Absolutes: define the core beliefs of the Christian faith

Convictions may have significant impact on the health and effectiveness of the church

Opinions are less-clear issues that generally are not worth dividing over

Questions are currently unsettled issues.

- (1) biblical clarity
- (2) relevance to the character of God
- (3) relevance to the essence of the gospel
- (4) biblical frequency and significance
- (5) effect on other doctrines
- (6) consensus among Christians
- (7) effect on personal and church life

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Article 9: Christ's Return

We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

Article 10: Response and Eternal Destiny

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ.

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We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

Questions?

Hope

- **“If you study eschatology and don't have hope, you're doing it wrong.” –Pastor Seth**
- All the authors of the NT deal with this in a hopeful way.

Matthew 16:18

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I **will build my church**, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.