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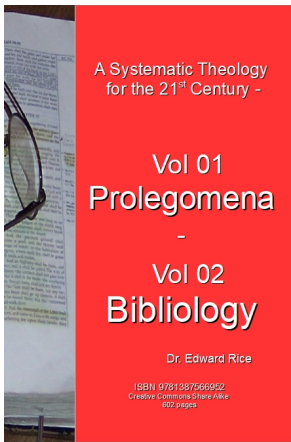
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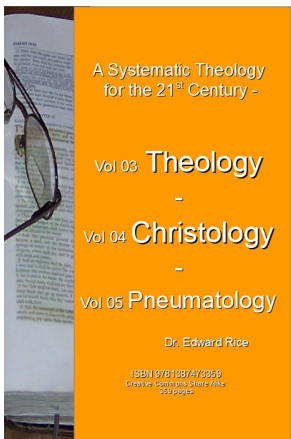
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Vol 1 Prolegomena – the introduction to the 10 volumes of Systematic Theology. “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.”.

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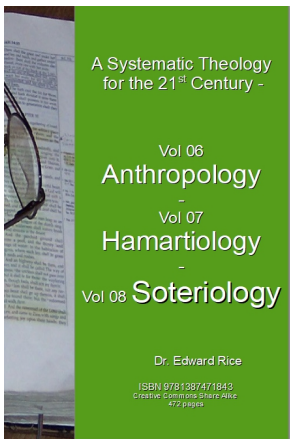
“That all the people of
the earth may know
that the LORD is God,
and that there is none
else” (1Kngs.8:60).

Vol 4 Christology

- is foundational to

everything one is to know in theology. It is “first principle” it is “milk” and it is what brings us to “strong meat.” There is no better introduction to the doctrine of Christ than is found in God's first sentence to the Hebrews. “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; ...” (Heb 1:1-4)

Vol 5 Pneumatology When Jesus summarizes a subject, there is no greater summary. Jesus said, “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:... the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.” (John 16:7-8,13)



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And God said, Let us

make man in our

image, after our

likeness: ... So God

created man in his

own image, in the

image of God created

he him; male and

female created he

them. Having

thoroughly

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nature of God, we

now consider the

nature of man.

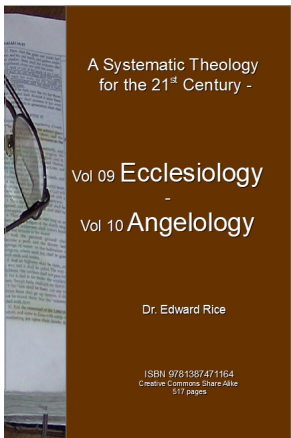
Anthropology is the doctrine of man, or a discourse on human nature.

Vol 07 Hamartiology Man's plight in this world is sin, in Greek hamartia; thus Hamartiology" is the expansion of all that could be said about sin. In this volume is all that can be Biblically said about sin, and herein "Biblically" means from a fully believed, inerrant, infallible, verbally inspired, holy Bible. *"Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned"*

Vol 08 Soteriology - *"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles ..."* There is no greater theme extending from Genesis to Revelation, in the Holy Bible, than that of So Great Salvation, or Soteriology.

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The Doctrine of the
Church

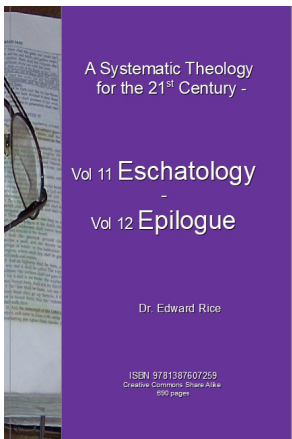
Ecclesiology is the doctrine of the ecclesia, translated to English as the church. The origin of the word church comes from the Greek word kuriakos, meaning "the Lord's house." The English definition was extended to some extent to make it capture the full

concept of Christ's Ecclesia. It had to capture that the Ecclesia is "a called out and assembled body of believers," i.e. believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. Three integral parts of this basic definition need to be emphasized. The church is "called out", it is "assembled", and it is "a body."

Vol 10 Angelology The Doctrine of Angels: Much has been written about angels, more has been presumed and misunderstood. The Holy Bible has no dissertation or thesis on the subject, but it does provide tremendous insights to angels. Even though it is not a theme of the Bible, there is much that could be learned about angels, and that learning can greatly benefit the believer. *"Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty....Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire..."* Psalm 104:1,4

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Vol 11 Eschatology
The Doctrine of Last Things. The Holy Bible, as “Thus saith the LORD”, portrays the past, the present and the future; that is, all the past of this universe, all the present of our circumstance, and all the future through eternity. *“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him:*

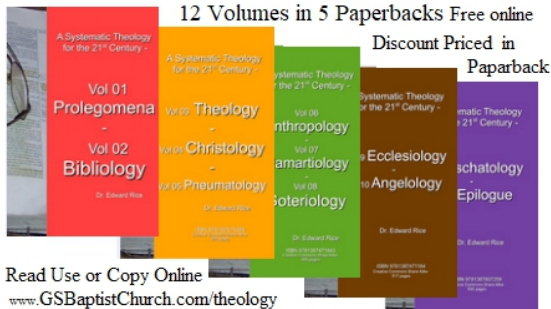
and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.” (Rev 1:7) The fulfillment of Biblical prophecy of end times has, in the past, by sincere but misled scholars and theologians, been shrouded in mystery and allegorical misinterpretation. It need not be. When a Bible student keeps God's larger picture in focus, the coming Kingdom age, where the Messiah, the only begotten Son of God, rules this world from the throne of David set in God's holy hill of Zion, Biblical prophecy is no mystery, but a mainstay for the Bible believer!

Vol 12 Epilogue contains the introductions, table of contents and conclusions for eleven previous volumes of “*A Systematic Theology for the 21st Century*”:

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Why A Systematic Theology for the 21st Century

In 1972 I avoided the Vietnam draft by enlisting in the USAF; they made me a Missile System Analyst and in 1982 sent me to OSU where I became a Systems Engineer who did that for 13 more years. While TDY in Fort Worth Texas, at the largest used book store in the world, I bought a Practical Theology book, a Biblical Theology Book and 7 sets of Systematic Theology books, to include Charles Hodge, Augustus Strong (a Baptist?), Lewis Sperry Chafer, Henry Thiessen (a Baptist), Charles Finney, and John Milton.

Practical Theologies were not Biblical; Biblical Theologies were not

Practical, and Systematic Theologies were neither Practical nor Biblical.

Christianity has Dogma – teachings of the Catholic Church, Creeds – teachings of one's beliefs, and Doctrine – teachings of the Holy Bible. Baptists base all faith and practice on a sole authority, the Holy Bible: “A Systematic Theology for the 21st Century” is a Baptist Systematic Theology with the Holy Bible as its sole source and sole authority.

Lewis Sperry Chafer, founder and president of Dallas Theological Seminary supposed “a systematic theology should capture everything ever believed about God.” He cites RC Saint Augustine, Saint Aquinas, and philosophers like Socrates, he forms various theories about the rapture, and statistically measures what majorities believe.

Theology is NOT a Science; Science produces Theories about truth. Science may have a place in the natural world, It has NONE in the Supernatural world. It is “Believed” by “Science” that if I breed beagles long enough I'll end up

with a Clydesdale Horse! THAT is no basis for TRUTH, especially Theological Truth.

Theology is NOT Statistics; Statistics finds means and standard deviations of what the majority of people Believe; THAT is no basis for TRUTH, especially Theological Truth.

Theology is NOT Philosophy; Philosophy is thrashing something around in logical thought until it gels into "What I Believe." Case in point, Mary Baker Glover Eddy's "Christian Science" beliefs! Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, These have NO PLACE in Theology.

What is TRUTH? A Systematic Theology MUST draw a circle around the inerrant, infallible, inspired and preserved Word of God, acknowledge no scientific theories, no statistical analysis, no philosophying, no Dogma of the Church, nor Creed of Man, and Systematically compile a Theology, based only on God's revelation.

A compiled Prolegomena, Bibliology, Theology, Christology, Pneumatology, Anthropology, Hamartiology,

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Compiled in vol 9 is F.W. Grant's complete 1902 book “The Prophetic

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“Revelation: An Ironside Expository Commentary.”

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Face to face with Jesus, Pilot said, “What is truth?” John 14:6 & 2Tim 3:16 is answer, and here is a Systematic Theology based solely on it.

God Bless. Pastor Edward Rice

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