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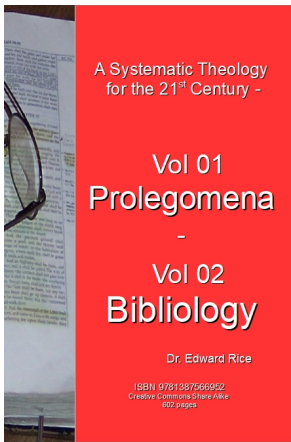
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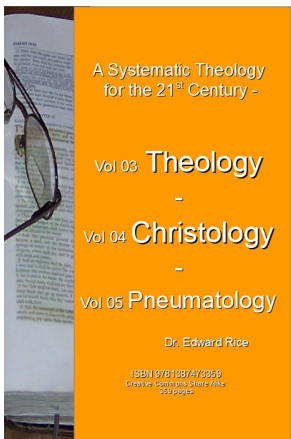
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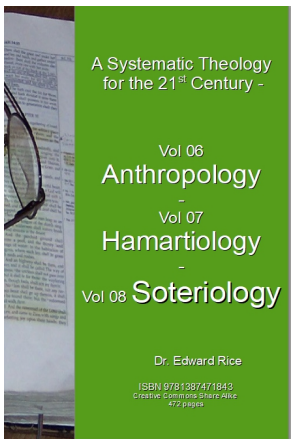
“That all the people of  
the earth may know  
that the LORD is God,  
and that there is none  
else” (1Kngs.8:60).

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- is foundational to

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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*

*considered the*

*nature of God, we*

*now consider the*

*nature of man.*

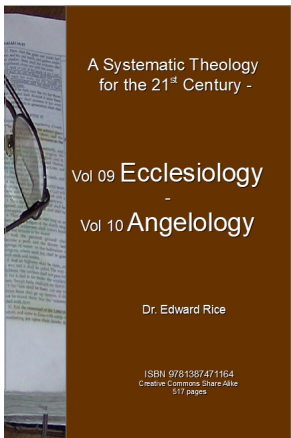
Anthropology is the doctrine of man, or a discourse on human nature.

**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"*

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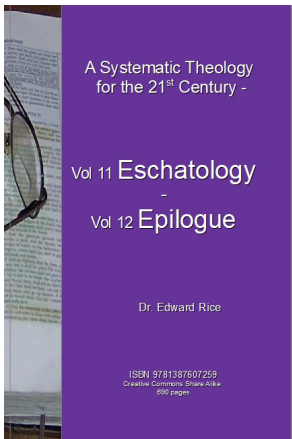
Ecclesiology is the doctrine of the ecclesia, translated to English as the church. The origin of the word church comes from the Greek word kuriakos, meaning "the Lord's house." The English definition was extended to some extent to make it capture the full

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."

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## Why “A Systematic Theology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

In 1972 I avoided the Vietnam draft by enlisting in the USAF; they made me a Missile **Systems Analyst**, and my youth pastor, Hank Hayes encouraged me to study Systematic Theology. In 1982 the AF-AECP sent me to OSU where I became a **Systems Engineer**; I did that for 13 more years. While TDY in 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, Lewis Sperry Chafer, Henry Thiessen (a Baptist), Milton, et al.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> Century” is a Baptist Systematic Theology with the Holy Bible as its sole source and authority.

Lewis Sperry Chafer, founder and president of Dallas Theological Seminary said “a systematic theology should capture everything ever believed about God.” He

sites RC Saint Augustine, and Saint Aquinas, philosopher Socrates, he forms various theories about the rapture, and measures what majorities believe, and supposes it is truth.

**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, allow no scientific theories, no statistical analysis, no philosophings, no Dogma of the Church nor Creed of Man,

and Systematically compile a Theology, based on revelation from God.

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Face to face with Jesus Pilot said “What is truth?” God said “*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 perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*” (2Tim 3:16,17).

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