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Systematic Vocabulary Study sheet

Theology Proper: part II



**Transcendence*:*** The term used to describe God as being greater than the creation; stresses His 'otherness'.

**Immanence:** The term used to describe God as being personally involved with creation; stresses His 'nearness'.

**Trinity:** The doctrine that God eternally exists as three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and each person is fully God, and there is one God.

***continuity:*** Aspect of the Trinity describing their similarity that is, that each person is fully God.

***discontinuity*:** Aspect of the Trinity describing their dissimilarity that is, that God eternally exists as three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and that each is distinct.

**Ontological Trinity:** Aspect of the Trinity describing their equality of essence (focus: 'being').

**Economic *Trinity:*** Aspect of the Trinity describing their distinct roles and voluntary authority structure (focus: Father plans, Son executes, Spirit applies).

**Sovereignty:** God’s exercise of power over his creation--every subatomic particle and aspect.

**God's Secret Will (sovereign):** Sometimes referred to as God's 'hidden will' as it is not plain to us until it is revealed (happens) and always occurs (cannot be thwarted).

**God's Revealed Will (preceptive):** God's Will as revealed in Scripture; this aspect of God's will can be violated, but it is exactly that--disobedience to His precepts/law/character.

**Decrees of God:** The eternal plans of God whereby, before the creation of the world, he determined to bring about everything that happens.

**Providence:** Ordinary demonstrations of God's lordship.

**Preservation:** An aspect of God’s providence whereby he keeps all created things existing and maintaining the properties with which he created them..

**Concurrence*:*** An aspect of God’s providence whereby he cooperates with created things in every action, directing their distinctive properties to cause them to act as they do.

**miracles:** Extraordinary demonstrations of God's lordship.

***'ex nihilo'*:** Latin phrase meaning “out of nothing,” referring to God’s creation of the universe without the use of any previously existing materials.

**cherubim:** A class of created spiritual beings who, among other things, guarded the entrance to the Garden of Eden.

**seraphim:** A class of created spiritual beings that are said to continually worship God.

**demons:** Evil angels who sinned against God and who now continually work evil in the world.

**Election:** An act of God before creation in which he chooses some people to be saved, not on account of any foreseen merit in them, but only because of his sovereign good pleasure.

**Reprobation:** The sovereign decision of God before creation to pass over some persons, in sorrow deciding not to save them, and to punish them for their sins and thereby to manifest his justice. 

**Sabellianism:** Another name for modalism, a term derived from the third-century teacher Sabellius, who propagated the heretical doctrine that represents the Trinity as God in three different modes/forms at different times.

**Arianism:** The erroneous doctrine that denies the full deity of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Note: These terms will be split into 2 matching sections, but will be tested the same day.