

**Title:** Welcome to the Academy

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**Scripture:** Hebrews 6:1-2

The word theology is made up of two Greek words: theos and logos. In its simplest interpretation theology is God-talk.

Without good theology there is no difference between the Christian Jesus and the Mormon Jesus (where he is the brother of Satan) or the Islamic Jesus (where he is just a good teacher).

The writer of Hebrews commands us to leave behind the elementary things of the Messiah and press on to maturity.

*. . . but set apart the Messiah as Lord in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you.*

– 1 Peter 3:15

Can you use your Bible to show that Jesus is the Son of God and lead someone to a saving knowledge in Him?

“Without theology we cannot fully appreciate the glory of God. We cannot understand how His mercy and wrath go hand-in-hand. Without theology our faith is anemic, our defense of faith impoverished, and the future of the church endangered.” – Peter Beck

Why Do We Need to Study Theology

1. We are commanded to (Heb.6:1).
2. It deepens our faith.
3. It prepares us to give a reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15).

It is theology that is going to give us that well to draw from that shows us the greatness of our God and His worthiness in trusting what He has for us.