

Biblical Doctrine - Yellowstone Baptist Church

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I. Give a general definition of *perfections*. (pg. 161)

II. What would happen if any of God's perfections were denied? (pg. 161)

III. Method of Identification (pgs. 161-162) – Scripture is the only divinely assured method to identify the perfections of God.

A. Why cannot these perfections be discovered and defined by man? (pg. 161)

B. Define the main three scholastic methods used in the Middle Ages to try and derive knowledge of the perfections of God? (pg. 161)

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C. Define the main four modern methods used to try and derive knowledge of the perfections of God? (pg. 162)

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D. What is the problem with these faulty methods? (pg. 162)

E. Ultimately, Scripture is the only infallible authority for discovering what? (pg. 162)

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C. What are the three reasons for open theism's faulty view that love is God's one superior perfection faulty? (pgs. 163-164)

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D. How does each perfection characterize God's complete essence? (pg. 164)

E. What is the basis of the rationale that identifies why God's perfections are identified with His essence? (pg. 164)

F. Give the five ramifications of this understanding of God's perfections? (pgs. 164-165)

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V. Classifications (pgs. 165-168)

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K. Jealousy (pg. 185)

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N. Glory (pg. 188)

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