**HISTORICAL THEOLOGY**

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*Lesson #1 - Introduction*

**A. What is Historical Theology?**

 Definition:

 “Historical theology is the study of the interpretation of Scripture and the formulation of doctrine by the church of the past.” (Allison).

 “Historical Theology is the branch of theological inquiry which aims to explore the historical development of Christian doctrines, and identify the facts which were influential in their formulation and development.” (Alister McGrath).

 **Exegetical theology** – seeks to determine the **meaning** of biblical texts.

 **Biblical theology** – describes the **progressive development** of revelation found in Scripture by examining the theology of its various parts – Pentateuch; OT history, Poetry, Prophets; Gospels, Epistles.

 **Systematic theology** – condenses the teachings of **all** of Scripture on each doctrine.

 **Historical theology** – the study of the progression of Christian doctrine through the history of the church.

 **Practical theology** is the communication of the Word of God to churches today through prea11ching, teaching, discipline, discipleship, mentoring, counseling, etc. This should all reflect the wisdom of the past.

**B. WHY is it important?**

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