

# “Theology” and “Religion”

1) Introduction: “What is ‘Theology’?”

2) “Theology”

a) Press for definition

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b) Etymology

i) Introduction

ii) Greek

Θεολογία, *theology*

Θεοῦ λόγος, *theou logos, a word of, or pertaining to, God*

Θεός/*theos/God* + λόγος/*logos/word*

Θεοῦ λόγια, *theou logia, the oracles of God*

Θεός/*theos/God* + λόγια/*sayings*

1 Peter 1:23-25: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God (διὰ λόγου—Θεου), which liveth and abideth for ever. <sup>24</sup> For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: <sup>25</sup> But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

iii) “Christian Theology”

c) “Doctrine for life”

Titus 1:1: Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to (κατὰ) the faith of God’s elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after (κατ’) godliness...

1 Timothy 6:3-6: If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according (κατ’) to godliness; <sup>4</sup> He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, <sup>5</sup> Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. <sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain.

3) "Religion"