

Elder Study Outline-6/21/13

1. Introduction to Biblical, shepherding Eldership

- 1.1. Read through Strauch, listing thoughts, salient points, & questions
- 1.2. Cover elementary eldership development in Strauch

2. Systematic Theology

2.1. *Bibliology*-Scripture

- 2.1.1. Grudem-2, Forms of the Word of God
- 2.1.2. Grudem-3, Canonicity [cht 2 Allison]
- 2.1.3. Grudem-4-5, Authority/inerrancy/inspiration [chts 3-5 Allison]
- 2.1.4. Grudem-6, Perspecuity [cht 6 Allison]
- 2.1.5. Grudem-7, Necessity-will of God, general revelation [cht 7 Allison]
- 2.1.6. Grudem-8, Sufficiency-plus discussion on pragmatism & psychology [cht 7 again]
- 2.1.7. Translation pandemonium-KJV onlyism & good translations*
- 2.1.8. Hermeneutics-history and principles of Bible interpretation* [cht 8 Allison]
- 2.1.9. Inspiration & transmission*
- 2.1.10. Problem passages-how to deal w/*

2.2. *Theology Proper*-1st member of Trinity

- 2.2.1. Grudem-9, Existence [cht 9 Allison]
- 2.2.2. Grudem-10, Knowability [cht 9 again]
- 2.2.3. Grudem-11, Character: Incommunicable attributes [cht 10 Allison]
- 2.2.4. Grudem-12-13, Character: Communicable attributes [cht 10 again]
- 2.2.5. Grudem-14, Tri-unity [cht 11 Allison]
- 2.2.6. Grudem-15, Creation-why, how, & when of the universe [cht 10 Allison]
- 2.2.7. Grudem-16, Providence-also sovereignty & decrees [cht 13 Allison]
- 2.2.8. Grudem-17, Miracles
- 2.2.9. Grudem-19-20, Angels, satan, demons [cht 14 Allison]
- 2.2.10. Theodicy*
- 2.2.11. Names*?

2.3. *Anthropology*-Man

- 2.3.1. Grudem-21, Creation-why & image of God [cht 15 Allison]
- 2.3.2. Grudem-22, Gender & role distinctions
- 2.3.3. Grudem-23, Nature-soul, spirit
- 2.3.4. Grudem-24, Sin-incl fall, imputation, definition, depravity [cht 16 Allison]
- 2.3.5. Grudem-25, Covenants

2.4. *Pneumatology & Christology*-Holy Spirit & Christ

- 2.4.1. Grudem-26, The God-Man-incl deity, sinlessness, temptability, kenosis [cht 17 Allison]

- 2.4.2. Grudem-27, Atonement [cht 18 Allison]
- 2.4.3. Grudem-28, Resurrection & Ascension [cht 19 Allison]
- 2.4.4. Grudem-29, Offices of Christ
- 2.4.5. Grudem-30, Work of Holy Spirit-before & after Pentecost [cht 20 Allison]
- 2.4.6. Grudem-39, Baptism, filling, sealing of Holy Spirit*
- 2.4.7. Charismatic chaos*

- 2.5. *Soteriology*-Salvation
 - 2.5.1. Grudem-31, Common grace
 - 2.5.2. Grudem-32, Election, & reprobation-incl ordo salutis [cht 21 Allison]
 - 2.5.3. Grudem-33, Effective calling [cht 21 Allison]
 - 2.5.4. Grudem-34, Regeneration [cht 21 again]
 - 2.5.5. Grudem-35, Conversion-true repentance & saving faith [cht 21 again]
 - 2.5.6. Grudem-36, Justification [cht 23 Allison]
 - 2.5.7. Grudem-37, Adoption
 - 2.5.8. Grudem-38, Progressive sanctification [cht 24 Allison]
 - 2.5.9. Grudem-40, Perseverance of saints [cht 25 Allison]
 - 2.5.10. Grudem-41, Death & intermediate state
 - 2.5.11. Grudem-42, Glorification
 - 2.5.12. Grudem-43, Union with Christ

- 2.6. *Ecclesiology*-Church
 - 2.6.1. Grudem-44, Nature, marks, & purpose [cht 26 Allison]
 - 2.6.2. Grudem-45, Purity & unity
 - 2.6.3. Grudem-46, Power-what authority for discipline?
 - 2.6.4. Grudem-47, Government-polity & leadership [cht 27 Allison]
 - 2.6.5. Grudem-48, Involvement & body life
 - 2.6.6. Grudem-49-50, Ordinances-baptism, communion [chts 28-29 Allison]
 - 2.6.7. Grudem-51, Worship [cht 30 Allison]
 - 2.6.8. Grudem-52-53, Spiritual gifts-sign, speaking, & serving
 - 2.6.9. Evangelism-distinctives like lordship and evangelizing children*

- 2.7. *Eschatology*-End Times
 - 2.7.1. Grudem-54, Return of Christ [cht 31 Allison]
 - 2.7.2. Grudem-55, Millennium [cht 31 again]
 - 2.7.3. Grudem-56, Final judgment & eternal punishment [cht 32 Allison]
 - 2.7.4. Grudem-57, New heavens & earth-incl eternal state [cht 33 Allison]
 - 2.7.5. Rapture*
 - 2.7.6. Tribulation*
 - 2.7.7. Dispensational distinctions, incl hermeneutics*

*Suggested addition to Grudem's presentation

3. **Bible Knowledge**-book themes, major events/people, outline

4. **Biblical Discipleship**

4.1. Philosophy of ministry-high view of God & Scripture; accurate view of man, church, & leadership

4.2. Distinctives, such as expository preaching, evangelism, women's role, eldership, etc...

4.3. Biblical counseling

4.3.1. Comparison of methods

4.3.2. Biblical process of change

4.3.3. Sanctification models

4.3.4. Marriage, divorce, remarriage...

5. **Required reading**

-*Biblical Eldership*, Strauch (1)

-*Rediscovering Pastoral Ministry*, MacArthur & TMS Faculty (2)

-*Introduction to Biblical Counseling*, MacArthur & Mack (3)

-*The Five Points of Calvinism*, Steele, Thomas, Quinn (4)

-*The Master's Plan for the Church*, MacArthur (5)

-*Dispensationalism*, Vlach (6)

-*Systematic Theology*, Grudem

-*Historical Theology*, Allison

-*Titus Mandate*, Bigelow

+Make sure to read the books in their suggested order, for maximum benefit; Grudem & Allison are being read concurrently w/ our ongoing study.

Notice the doxological nature of Grudem, that all theology is to lead to a greater, more consistent worship of the One, true God!!

Also, note the helpful glossary at the end of Allison, referencing key leaders, writings, & movements!