

Practical Theology – Lesson 2 – “First Things”

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Theological Heritage/Religious Identity

- **Purpose:** Salvation, Worship/Relationship, Sanctification/Daily Walk, Ministry
 - **James 1:27, Galatians 6:2**
 - Words and actions
 - Relationship with God
 - Relationship with Each Other
- Anabaptists, Protestants, Puritans, Separatists >> Congregational, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, others = Evangelical Conservative Protestants>> Non-denom 'Bible' churches
- Non-Catholic, Non-Orthodox, Non-Episcopal
 - Biblical Authority vs Institutional Church Authority (over Scripture & Salvation)
- Non-Charismatic (v Catholic, Pentecostal)
 - Biblical Authority vs Individuals (closed canon vs modern apostle)
- Biblical Authority vs Ecumenicalism (non-denom, but...) like faith and practice
 - **2 John 7-11, CF 2 Corinthians 6:14-18** (Lev 19:19, Deu 22:10 – God’s teaching point)
 - Feminism, LGBT, Hinduism (accept all religion, symbol is Rainbow)
 - Hostility to separatists

Fellowship: Sampling of Related People, Study Bibles, and Schools

Fundamental Commonality – Sola Fide, Sola Scriptura (and Natural Hermeneutic)

- Salvation by Faith, not works or by church actions/authority
- Scripture is the sole source of authority for Christian Faith and Practice

People

CI Scofield (1843-1921)

- Author of Scofield Study Bible
- Founded Philadelphia School of the Bible 1913

Lewis Sperry Chafer (1871-1952)

- Close associate of C.I Scofield (1843-1921) for over 20 years
- Assisted at Philadelphia
- Founder of Dallas Theological Seminary 1924
- Author of Systematic Theology (8 vol) and Major Bible Themes (Primary for Tyndale BI & TS)

John Walvoord (1910-2002)

- Succeeded Chafer as DTS President 1952-1986
- Taught at Tyndale

Charles Ryrie (1925-2016)

- Author of Ryrie Study Bible

- Attended and staff at DTS

Mal Couch (1938-2013)

- Founder Tyndale Theological Seminary
- John Brown University, Wheaton College, DTS, others
- Taught at Philadelphia, Moody, DTS
- Fundamentals for 21st Century – Reaffirming 1917 Publication, 34 contributors

Arnold Fruchtenbaum (1943-)

- Studied at DTS
- Taught at Tyndale
- Founded Ariel Ministries

Norman Geisler (1932-2019)

- Studied at Wheaton College
- Prof at DTS
- Systematic Theology, Chicago Statement on Hermeneutics

Schools

Wheaton College

- John Walvoord earned degrees
- Mal Couch
- Norman Geisler

Dallas Theological

- Chafer founded
- Walvoord presided
- Ryrie Prof of Sys Theo, dean of Doctrinal Studies

Philadelphia College of the Bible, now Cairn University

- Ryrie presided
- Couch taught

Tyndale Bible Institute and Theological Seminary <http://tyndale.edu>

- Mal Couch
- Norman Geisler
- Arnold Fruchtenbaum
- Charles Ryrie
- John Walvoord

Moody Bible Institute

- Mal Couch taught
- Chicago Statements - Geisler