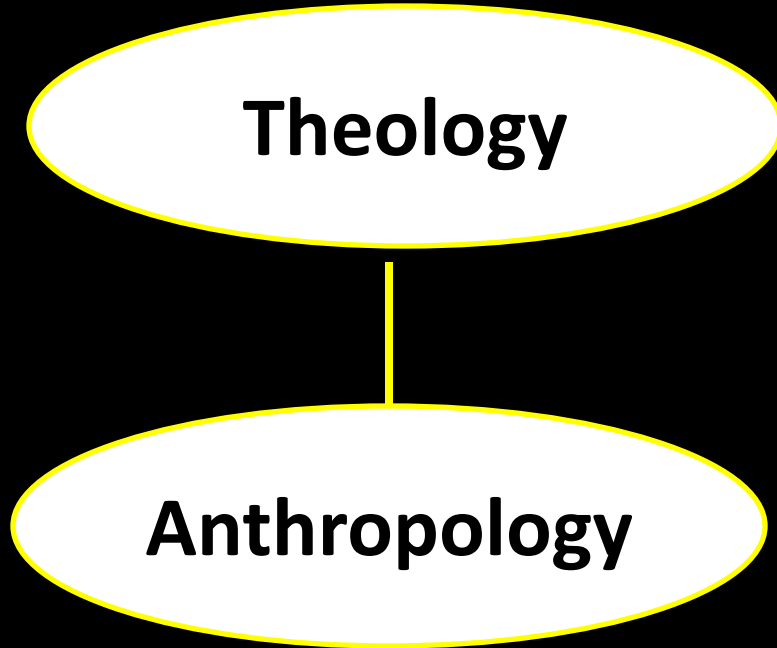


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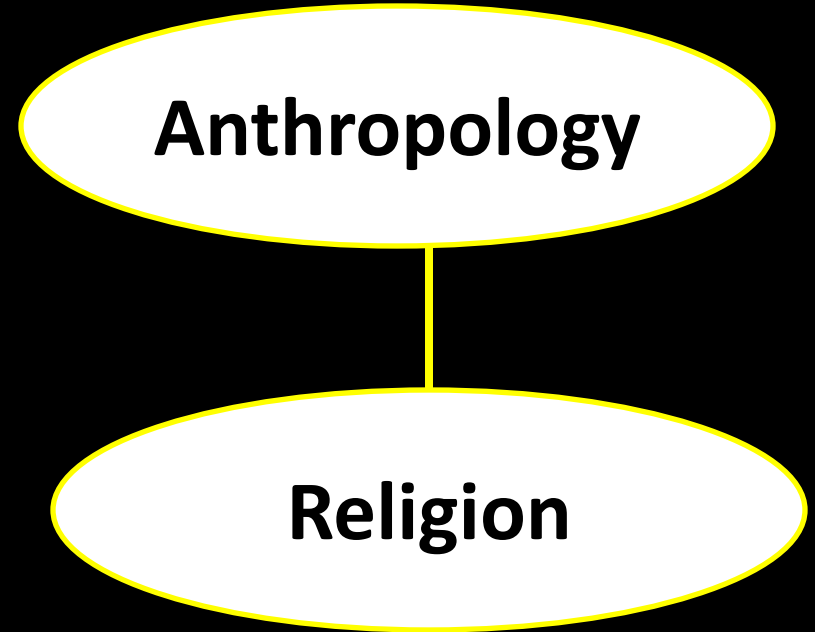
# The Doctrines of Grace

**Pursuing the glory of God in salvation**

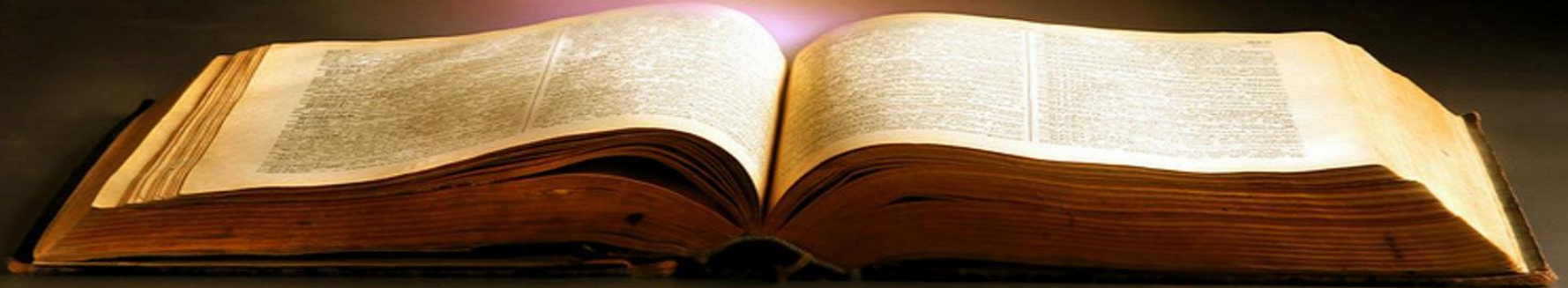
# God Centered



# Man Centered



# The Bible: Absolute Truth OR Relative?



**Ps 5:5** “The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.”

**Ps 11:5** “The Lord tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.”

**Prov 6:16-19** “There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.”

**Jer 12:8** “My heritage has become to me like a lion in the forest; she has lifted up her voice against me; therefore I hate her.”

Jacob I loved and Esau I hated! **Romans 9**

# Invitation or Doctrine?

**John 3:16** “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believed in him would not perish but have everlasting life”.

# Literal or Figurative?

Apocalyptic  
Language





**Matthew 24:21** “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, **nor ever shall be.**”

**2 Kings 18:5** “He (Hezekiah) trusted in the LORD God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him.”

**2 Kings 23:25** “Now before him (Josiah) there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did any arise like him”

John Calvin  
1509-1564



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- Man is basically good
- No original sin
- Adam set a bad example
- No sinful nature
- Libertarian free will
- Grace not necessary

1559-1609



# Remonstrants

- Spiritually Able
- Conditional Election
- Unlimited Atonement
- Resistible Grace
- Uncertainty of Perseverance
- Libertarian Free Will

# Synod of Dort

The Synod was thus constituted of 86 voting members in all. Pastors, elders, professors and delegates.

“a serious departure from the historic Christian faith” “error”



**Gal 1:8-9** “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed”

"To suppose that whatever God requireth of us that we have power of ourselves to do, is to make the cross and grace of Jesus Christ of none effect."

- John Owen

"Man is nothing: he hath a free will to go to hell, but none to go to heaven, till God worketh in him to will and to do for his good pleasure"

- George Whitefield

# Homework

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