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Eschatology

From the Greek word, eschatos (ἔσχατος) meaning final or last.

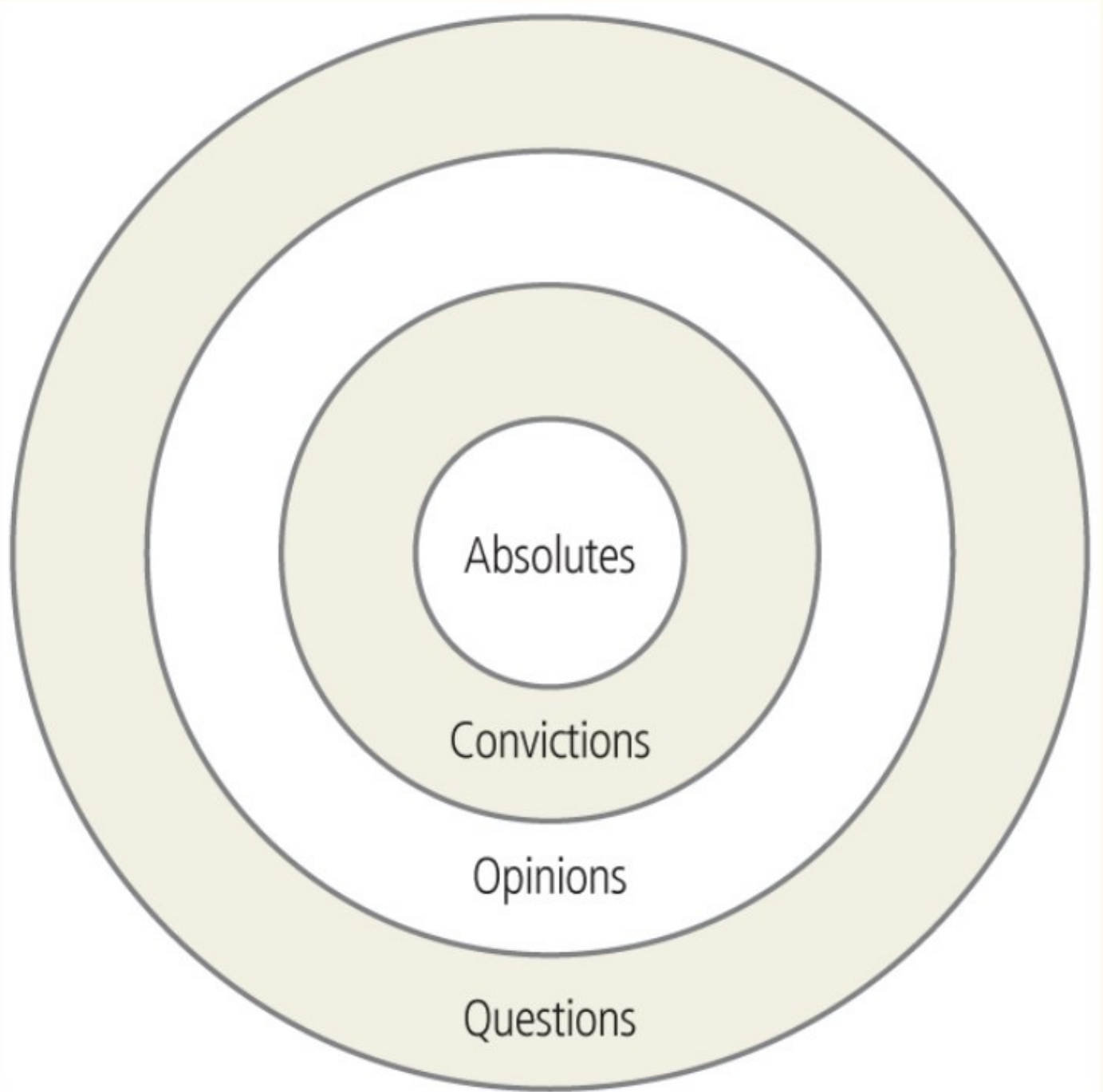
Eschatology, the doctrine of “last things” (Gk. eschata), relates both to human individuals (comprising death, resurrection, judgment, and the afterlife) and the world." -Evangelical Dictionary of Theology

Area of Study	Emphasis
Exegesis	What does this text say?
Biblical Theology	What did they understand?
Systematic Theology	What does the Bible teach?
Historical Theology	How have Christians understood?
Practical Theology	How can it be applied?
Apologetics	What is the evidence for the faith?

Hope

- “If you study eschatology and don't have hope, you're doing it wrong.” –Pastor Seth
- **All the authors of the NT deal with this in a hopeful way.**

-ESV Study Bible,
“Biblical Doctrine”



Will Christ return?

EFCFA Article 9: Christ's Return

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John 14:1-4

¹ “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.** ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

Colossians 3:4

4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Hebrews 9:28

²⁸ so **Christ**, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, **will appear a second time**, not to deal with sin **but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.**

How Will Christ return?

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Acts 1:11

¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? **This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.**”

Revelation 19:11-16

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

Revelation 19:11-16

¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.

Revelation 19:11-16

¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

On Pentecost via the Holy Spirit

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. —John 14:16-17

At conversion

²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**. -Colossians 1:27.

At Death

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. - John 14:3 (ESV)

Full Preterist

Christ's coming in judgment was fully fulfilled in the past (Destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 or AD 135.)

Full Preterist

Some prophesied events have happened, but future events are still to happen.

