

Outline

1. Systematic Theology
2. Hope
3. Purpose of Christ's Return
4. Will Christ return?
5. How will Christ return?
6. When will Christ return?
7. What accompanies Christ's return?
8. What happens after Christ's return?

Eschatology

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

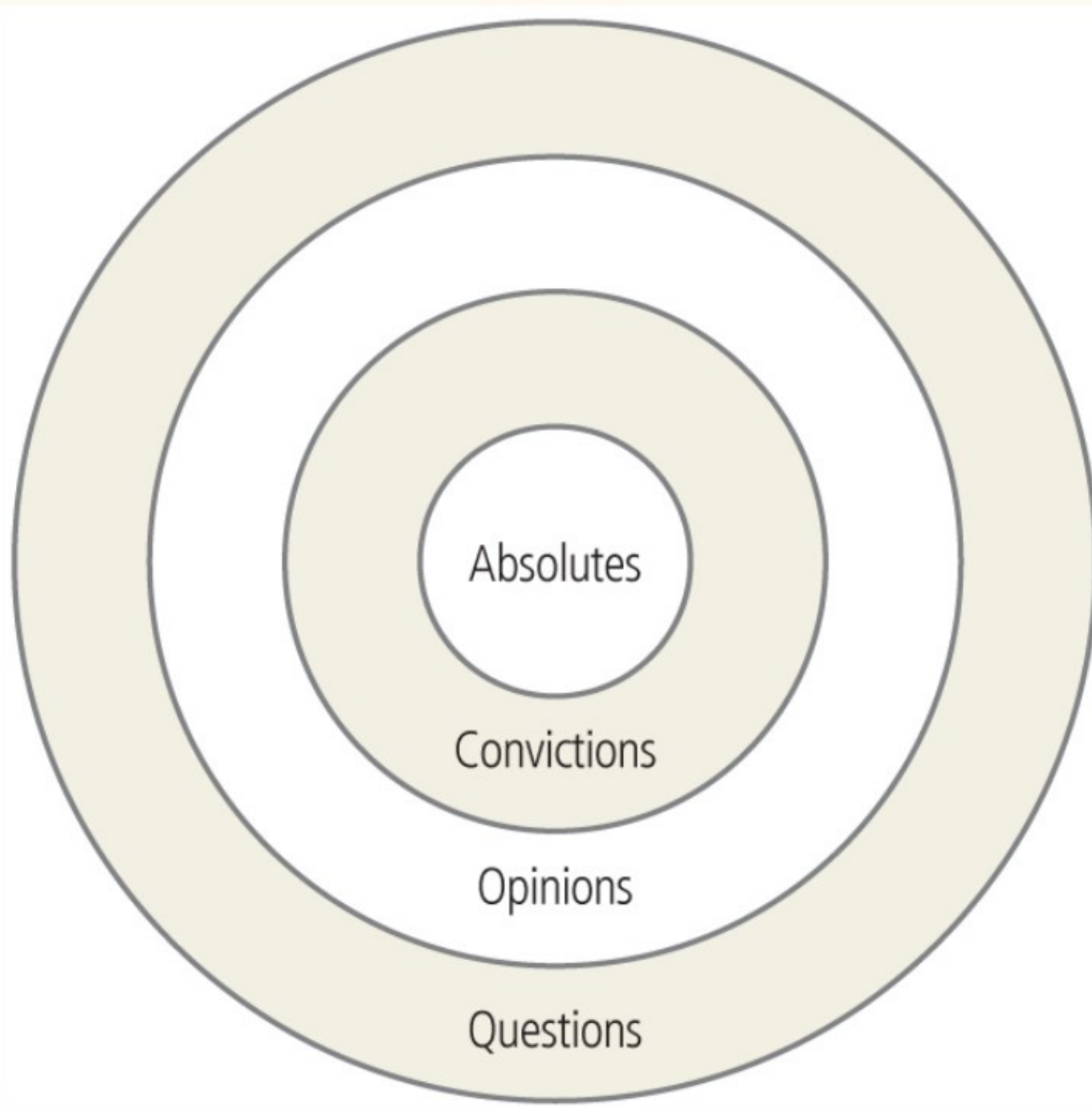
Eschatology, the doctrine of “last things” (Gk. eschata), relates both to human individuals (comprising death, resurrection, judgment, and the afterlife) and the world." -Evangelical Dictionary of Theology

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”



Absolutes: define the core beliefs of the Christian faith

Convictions may have significant impact on the health and effectiveness of the church

Opinions are less-clear issues that generally are not worth dividing over

Questions are currently unsettled issues.

Purpose of Christ's Return

To undo the curse caused by sin

Purpose of Christ's Return

- God's Original Design
- The Fall
- God Dealing with the Fall
- God Dwelling with Man

God's Original Design

³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, **and behold, it was very good.** And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

-Genesis 1:31 (ESV)

The Fall

¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for **in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**

-Genesis 2:17 (ESV)

The Fall

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so **death spread to all men because all sinned.** -Romans 5:12 (ESV)

The Fall

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its **bondage to corruption** and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² **For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. –**

Romans 8:20-22 (ESV)

God Dealing with the Fall

⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for **the former things have passed away.**

- Revelation 21:4 (ESV)

Satan

¹⁰ and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. - Revelation 20:10 (ESV)

Humanity

¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and **they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done...**¹⁵

And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. - Revelation 20:12-15 (ESV)

Death

¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

-Revelation 20:14 (ESV)

Earth

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

-Revelation 21:1 (ESV)

God Dwelling with Man

⁸ And they heard the sound of **the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day**, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. - Genesis 3:8 (ESV)

God Dwelling with Man

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. **He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.** - Revelation 21:3 (ESV)

