

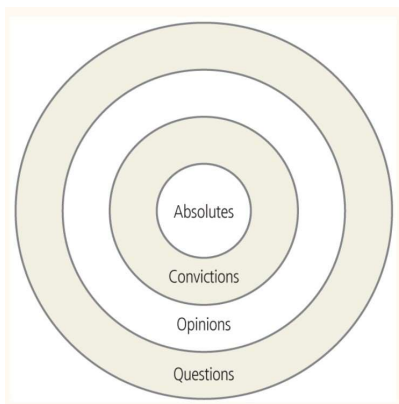
Eschatology and Hope

- From the Greek word, "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

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?

Area of Theology	Technical Title
Method and Foundation	Prolegomena
The Bible	Bibliology
God	Theology Proper
Humanity	Anthropology
Sin	Hamartiology
Christ	Christology
The Holy Spirit	Pneumatology
Salvation	Soteriology
The Church	Ecclesiology
Last Things	Eschatology



-ESV Study Bible, "Biblical Doctrine"

Area of Study	Emphasis
Exegesis	What does the text say?
Biblical Theology	What did they understand?
Systematic Theology	What does the whole Bible teach on this topic?
Historical Theology	What have Christians understood throughout time?
Practical Theology	How can it be applied?
Apologetics	What evidence do we have?

EFCA Doctrinal Statement

9: Christ's Return

We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

Article 10: Response and Eternal Destiny

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.

Hope

Matthew 16:18

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.