

YOUR THEOLOGY MATTERS

(2 Peter 1:3 NLT) Through his divine power, God has given us everything we need to live a righteous life. We receive all of this when we come to know the one who called us by his wonderful glory and excellence.

1. Your view of God affects your life

- What we believe about God determines how we approach prayer, difficulties, relationships, finances, and our decisions.

2. We all have a story to explain our lives.

- Four fundamental questions: **Creation:** Where do we come from? **Sin:** What went wrong? **Salvation:** What is the solution? **Redemption:** How should we live?

3. We have an illusion of control.

- We can control some things, but we do not control the future, circumstances, other people, or God.

4. The truth does not depend on our opinion

- Theology helps us learn to live in accordance with the reality of who God is, not simply in accordance with our preferences.

5. Good theology should change the way we live

- It is not enough to know that God is good, a provider, loving, or forgiving. Our lives must reflect those truths.

6. We must build our lives on Christ

- We should not build our lives on isolated ideas, opinions, or good intentions, but on Christ and His Word.

7. We need to deconstruct and readjust our vision of God

- “Deconstruct” means to take something apart in order to give it a new structure