READING SCHEDULE – MODULE 1/PART 1

Textbook Reading
☐ Kapic, Acknowledgements & ch. 1 (pp. 9-20) ☐ Grudem, Abbreviations & Prefaces (pp. xii-xx)
Supplemental Reading (After Lecture Material)
☐ "Definitions of Theology" - https://www.scriptureexegesis.com/TF/TH255TheologyDefinitions.pdf

Study Guide

For Kapic pp. 9-20

Acknowledgements:

- What is "Theological detachment"? Does Kapic argue it is a good thing or bad? Why?

Chapter 1 – *Entering the Conversation*

- What is Theology? Think about examples of theological questions you or people in your life are asking.
- What do you think about the quote from Feuerbach? How can it serve as a caution to Christian theologians?
- How does Kapic define "Theological Reflection"? In what ways can you see this having positive impact on your own life and faith?
- What does Kapic say about the idols of our own age? Do you agree? Why or why not?
- What does Kapic say is "one of the greatest theological challenges of our time"? Do you agree? Why or why not?
- What is the danger of idols? How can good theology protect us from these dangers?
- How does each quote in a blurb box summarize or contribute to the teaching of this chapter? Which stood out to you most? Why? What difference does it make for your life?

For Grudem pp. xii-xx

Preface

- Describe each of Grudem's six distinctive features in your own words. For each, do you think this is a desirable trait for your own personal theology and theological work? Why or why not? And for each, how can you grow toward the desirable goal in this area of your theology and lifestyle?