

Brief Summary of the Five Optional Books for THS201 Systematic Theology I  
(alphabetical by title)

*The Courage to be Protestant – Truth-lovers, Marketers, and Emergents in the Postmodern World*, by David F. Wells

A description of the current culture in relation to Christ and the church. A prescription of how the church can faithfully fulfill God's purpose in the current world and a critique of alternate approaches that are ultimately fruitless.

*The Great Evangelical Disaster*, by Francis A. Schaeffer

A prophetic warning to the church not to compromise and the tragic consequences of doing so. Gives historical context for understanding the current church and profound direction for living radical lives for Christ.

*The Holiness of God*, by R.C. Sproul

An in depth discussion of the primary characteristic of God and its implications for the Christian life. Sproul brings this often ignored, but central doctrine to life and gives practical implications of this foundational truth.

*The Knowledge of the Holy*, by A.W. Tozer

A description of the attributes of God and their meaning for Christian life. Connects the nature of God, our theological understanding of God, and its application to all of life.

*Think – The Life of the Mind and the Love of God*, by John Piper

Describes the need to BOTH think clearly and deeply AND feel passionately about God. Gives instruction and example how to connect the life of the mind and good theology with all of life lived for God's glory.