**Lesson 4 –Theology: Who is God?**

1. Introduction – Theology – Who is God?
   1. Theology: The study of the existence, nature, and attributes of God
   2. The Ultimate Source of Truth – Colossians 2:2-3 "Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."
   3. Westminster Confession – trying to capture the infinite essence of God's nature
2. What is Eternal Life?
   1. Scriptural emphasis on eternal life – Luke 18:18, John 3:16, John 4:13-14, John 5:24, John 5:39-40, John 6:27, John 6:54
   2. "Now this is eternal life ..." John 17:1-3 "... that they may know you ..."
   3. Spurgeon's and Paul's perspective – "I want to know Christ ..."
   4. God's perspective – Hosea 6:6, Jeremiah 9:23-24 ... that he knows me ..."
   5. Connection between knowledge of God and knowledge of self
3. Meaning of Names
   1. Names of God – El Qanna – A jealous God – Deuteronomy 4:23-24, Zechariah 8:2, Exodus 34:14
   2. Jacob, Abram, Moses, Simon, Saul, John, Jesus
   3. Your name – Your identity in Christ and as a child of God
4. The Attack
   1. The Battle – 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 – "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself against the knowledge of God ..."
   2. On God – His nature, His character
   3. On His Word – Throughout history men have tried to destroy God's Word
      1. Jesus Seminar – democratic voting process on God's Word
      2. Ezekiel 22:26-28 – "... her priests have done violence to my law ..."
      3. Joram and Jehoram – Unraveling a supposed conflict – Can you trust the Word of God? – "The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings"
   4. 1 Peter 1:24-25 "... the word of the Lord stands forever."
   5. Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and active ..."
5. Conclusion – God's word can be trusted