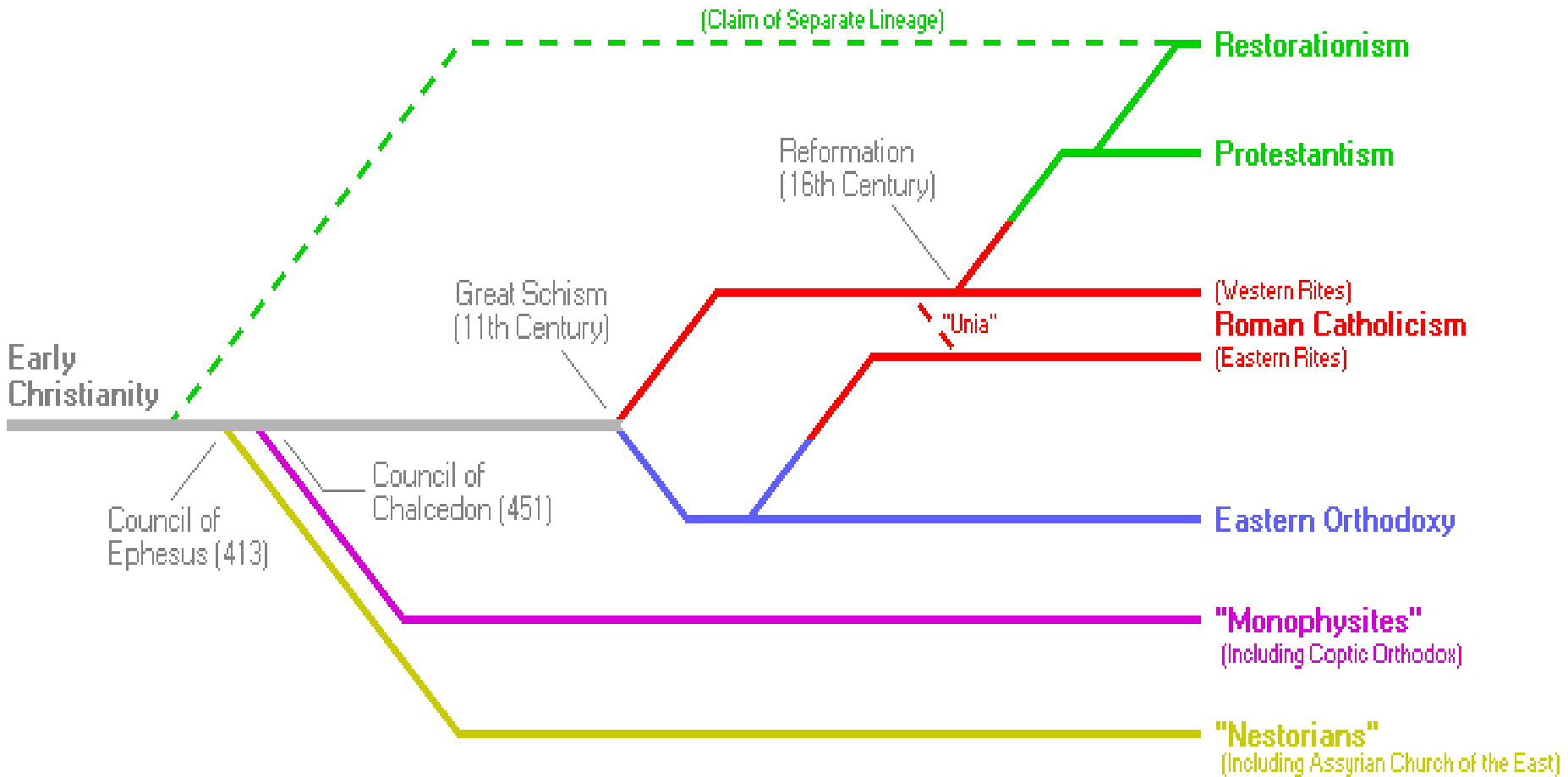


Date	Topic
March 13	What is Reformed Theology?
March 20	Centered on God + Based on God's Word Alone
March 27	Committed to Faith Alone
April 3 (half)	Devoted to Christ Alone
April 10	Covenant Theology
April 17	Total Depravity
April 24	Unconditional Election
May 1 (half)	Limited Atonement part 1
May 8	Limited Atonement part 2 (if needed) + Irresistible Grace
May 15	Perseverance of the Saints
May 22	Catch-up/Conclusion/Q&A



WHAT IS REFORMED THEOLOGY?

5 Sola's of the Reformation:

Sola Scriptura – Scripture alone has unique authority and is *the* standard

Soli Deo Glorias – For the glory of God alone

Solo Christo – By Christ's work alone are we saved

Sola Gratia – Salvation by grace alone

Sola Fide – Justification by faith alone

WHAT IS REFORMED THEOLOGY?

Examples of some reformed theologians are Thomas Manton (1620-1677), John Owen (1616-1683), Richard Baxter (1615-1691), Thomas Goodwin, Jonathan Edwards (1703-1759), George Whitefield (1714-1770) and later Charles Hodge (1797-1878), AA Hodge (1823-1886), C. H. Spurgeon (1834-1892), B. B. Warfield (1851-1921), John Gresham Machen (1881-1937). Louis Berkhof (1873-1957), William Hendriksen (1900-1982), Martyn Lloyd-Jones (1899-1981), Cornelius Van Til (1895-1987), R C Sproul, John Piper.

WHAT IS REFORMED THEOLOGY?

What is the difference between Catholics and Protestants?

Who is God and why does it matter?

Can the Bible really be trusted?

Does the Bible contain any errors?

How are we saved?

What is faith?

Do I have to do anything to earn God's favor?

How can I ever please God?

Is God angry with me when I sin?

WHAT IS REFORMED THEOLOGY?

Why is Jesus so important?

Why did Jesus have to die and what did that accomplish?

Is my free will totally free?

How is God sovereign even though I have free will?

What is predestination and why does the Bible speak of it?

Is God unfair/unjust?

Did Jesus actually save me or did he just make salvation possible?

Can God really overcome my resistance towards him? Or my friend's resistance?

Can I ever be sure that I am saved?

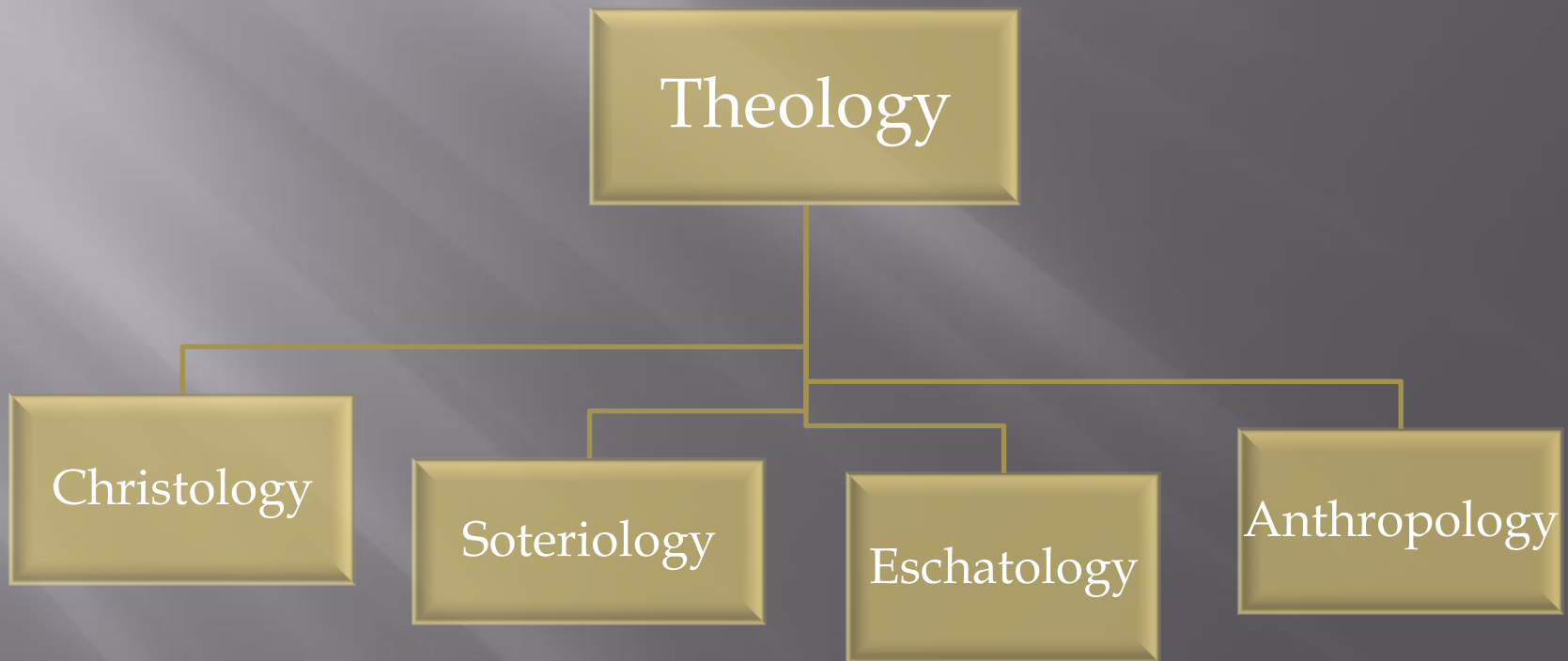
Can anyone lose their salvation?

WHAT IS REFORMED THEOLOGY?

- ▣ It is a Theology (study of God)
- ▣ Theology vs. Religion
 - Not the same thing
- ▣ Religion is the study of a certain kind of human behavior (towards the divine)
- ▣ The **subject** of Theology is **God**
- ▣ The **subject** of Religion is **man**

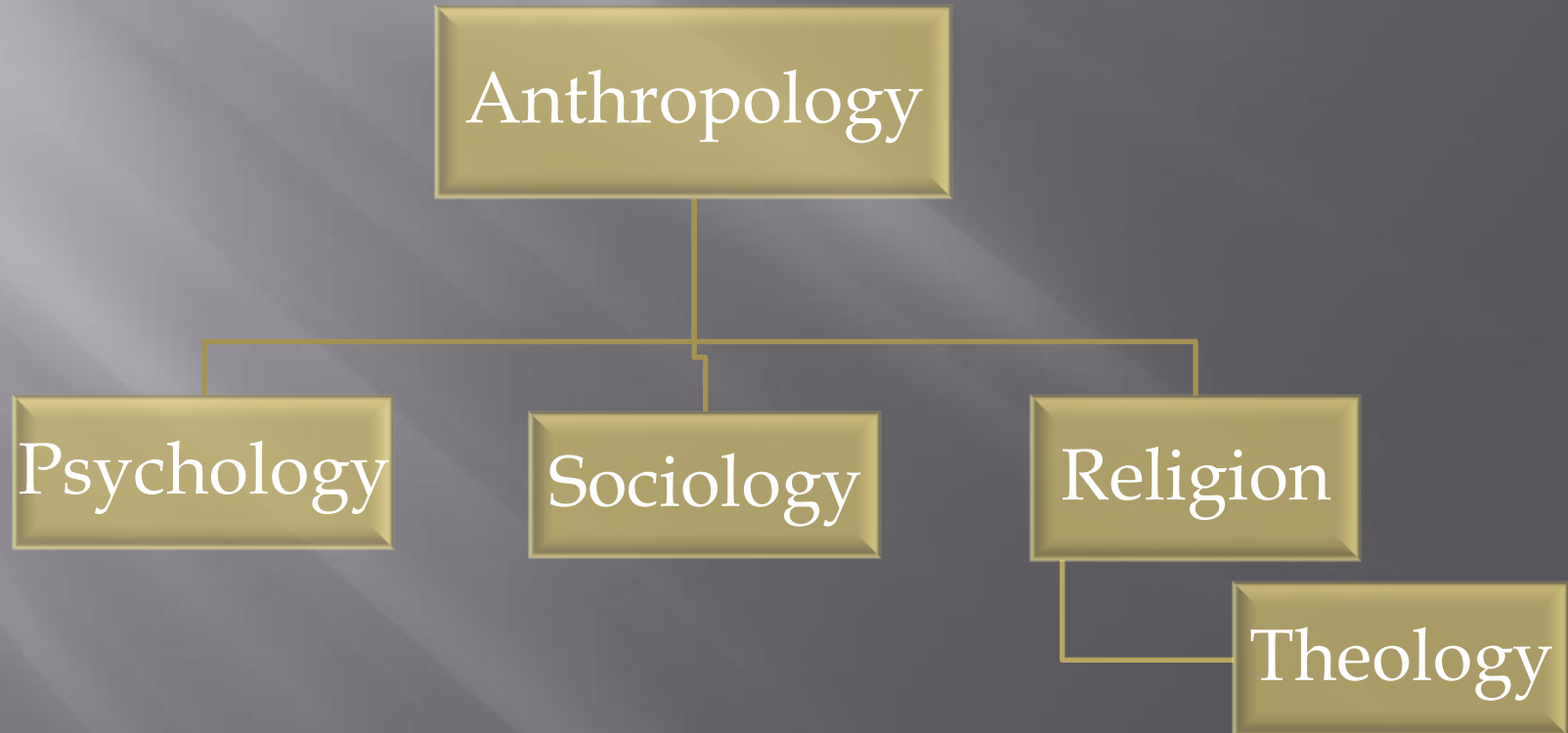
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GOD-CENTERED THEOLOGY



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MAN-CENTERED THEOLOGY



WHAT IS REFORMED THEOLOGY?

Reformed Theology is...

- ▣ 1) Systematic
- ▣ 2) Catholic (universal)
- ▣ 3) Evangelical

WHAT IS REFORMED THEOLOGY?

- ▣ 1) Systematic
 - Entirely dependent on the Doctrine of God
 - ▣ The substance and ground of Reformed Theology are found within the very nature and Person of God
 - Thus, the **whole** Bible is necessary since every verse is believed to be God-breathed.
 - “Let Scripture interpret Scripture”



WHAT IS REFORMED THEOLOGY?

- ▣ 2) Catholic (universal)
 - Reformers, not Revolutionaries
 - Much in common with historic Christianity
 - Reformers called the Church back to its apostolic and biblical roots, while eliminating what is inconsistent.
 - If tradition is elevated to the level of divine revelation and above Scripture itself, then it needs to be put back in its proper place
 - "*Ecclesia Reformata, semper reformanda*," which means "the Reformed church, always to be reformed."

WHAT IS REFORMED THEOLOGY?

- ▣ 3) Evangelical
 - *evangel* = “gospel” (i.e. evangelism)
 - Recovering and asserting the *true gospel* was at the heart of the Protestant Reformation
 - Two chief issues of the Reformation: issues of authority and justification.
 - Evangelicals agreed on these 2 basic issues over and against the Roman Catholic Church.
 - *Sola Scriptura* (Scripture alone) and *Sola fide* (faith alone)