

Introduction

In the preface of Dr. McClain's book, "The Greatness of the Kingdom", he explains that his book is volume 5 of a series he was planning to write on the subject of Christian Theology. He goes on to remind the reader that he has been lecturing on the subject of Christian Theology to theology students for almost 30 years. Dr. McClain's lecture subjects that that he planned to use for volumes 1-7, of his series on Christian Theology, included:

1. God and Revelation
2. The Persons of the Triune God
3. God and the World
4. Salvation and the Christian Life
5. The Kingdom of God
6. The Christian Church
7. The Last Things

Dr. McClain goes on to say that he decided to start with volume 5, "The Kingdom of God", because it was the most difficult. He thought that it was best to take on the larger and more difficult tasks first. Due to age and health problems, he was not able to finish the other 6 volumes he had planned.

The outlines of these books are preserved in the student handouts that Dr. McClain gave to his students in his Theology classes. The outlines and handouts used in 1962, the year that Dr. McClain retired, have been transcribed and reproduced in this book. Also included is Dr. McClain's outline of his class on the book of Romans which Dr. Hoyt later edited and had published as "Romans the Gospel of God's Grace". It is the publisher's hope that these outlines clearly reveal the doctrinal understandings and teachings of the founder of "Grace Theological Seminary" and indirectly, "The Fellowship Grace Brethren Churches".

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