



## **THEOLOGICAL TERMS PART 1**

### 1. **Adonai**

- The Hebrew word for lord or master, and one of the names used for God in scripture. This name emphasizes God's absolute authority over all creation, including all people. - Gen 18:30-32
- This name is related in meaning to the preceding ones. It is derived from either dun (din) or 'adan, both of which mean to judge, to rule, and thus points to God as the almighty Ruler, to whom everything is subject, and to whom man is related as a servant. In earlier times it was the usual name by which the people of Israel addressed God. Later on it was largely supplanted by the name Jehovah (Yahweh).

### 2. **Advent**

- The coming of Christ, used to refer to either his incarnation (first advent), or his future second coming (second advent).
- Also used in reference to the season of worship (or the period of the church calendar) leading up to and anticipating the celebration of the birth of Christ. - Gal 4:4-5

### 3. **Anthropology**

- The branch of theology that studies what the Bible teaches about humanity. – Gen 1:26-28

### 4. **Apocrypha**

- Biblical or related writings not forming part of the accepted canon of Scripture.
- Writings not included in the Bible eg book of Enoch

### 5. **Apologetics**

- The theological discipline concerned with explaining and defending the truthfulness of the Christian faith. – 1 Pet 3:15-16

### 6. **Apostasy**

- The abandonment or renunciation of a profession of the Christian faith. – 1 Tim 4:1, 1 John 2:19

## 7. the Apostles' Creed

- An early creed of the Christian church that serves as a summary of the apostles teaching and emphasizes the true humanity of Christ.
- I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.

Amen

## 8. Ark of the Covenant

- The box or chest made of acacia wood covered with gold which the Israelites used to hold the tablets of the Law, along with a pot of manna and Aaron's rod which had blossomed. It was kept in the Holy of Holies, first in the Tabernacle and later in the Temple – Ex 25:10-22

## 9. Arminianism

- Arminianism is a system of belief that attempts to explain the relationship between God's sovereignty and mankind's free will, especially in relation to salvation. Arminianism is named after Jacob Arminius (1560—1609), a Dutch theologian. – John 3:36, 1 John 2:2
- This opposes Calvinism