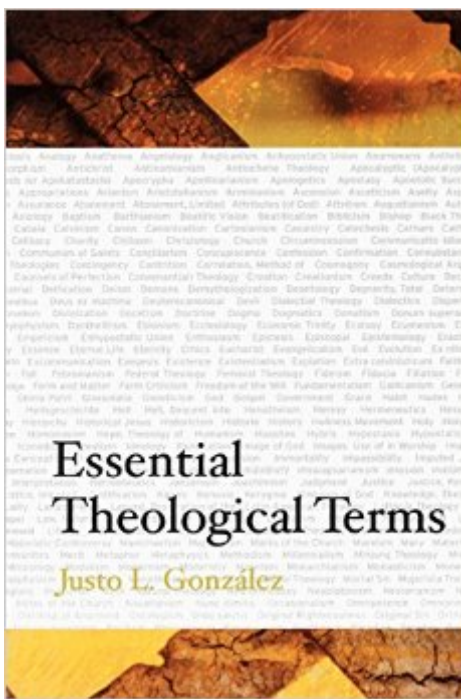


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# Essential Theological Terms



## Synopsis

In *Essential Theological Terms*, renowned church historian Justo González provides students with accessible discussions of over three hundred theological terms. Each entry in this two-column work gives more detail than those typical of a dictionary, introducing the meaning of the term, its importance, and ways it has been understood in both historical and contemporary theology. These reliable discussions of the most common ideas and concepts encountered in theological studies will make this book indispensable for students in all stages of their education.

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A handy book, a good resource. Gonzalez is a very well-respected scholar, and really knows what he's talking about, and expresses even fairly technical things in an accessible, yet accurate, way. In the Kindle edition, it would have been very useful to have had a searchable Table of Contents - or failing that, alphabet tabs - for browsing. That's the only reason I didn't give it five stars.

I am a seminary student working on an M.Div.. My undergrad, however, is in Accounting, and I do not have a complete background on all of the terms and concepts I am now encountering in my studies. Gonzalez's book, *Essential Theological Terms*, is proving to be a fantastic companion to leave on my desk. Definitions appear to be just the right length - long enough to cover the subject and explain the definition, but still short enough where only a quick reference is required to gain an understanding, or refresh my memory, about a concepts covered previously in a textbook. I can tell this is going to be one of my go-to reference books going forward.

A wonderful set of short articles in a handy form! It loses a star with me, because the Kindle edition is very poorly linked. For example, when I click "Presbterianism" I get "premillenial" instead. Many, many terms are linked to somewhere in the vicinity of the article for the term sought, but not on it.

What I love about Justo Gonzalez is the clarity of his explanations. Even the difficult and esoteric theological and doctrinal matters are made more understandable, which is helpful to the layperson who is eager to deepen his or her knowledge, or the pastor who is trying to explain it to laypeople.

Gonzalez writes well anyway, but this is the best book of theological definitions that I have ever read. He uses appropriate illustrations. I recommend this for any seminary student or theologian who wants an excellent and useful reference book of theological terms.

Mr. Gonzalez book on *Essential Theological Terms* is a wonderful resource for definitions and meanings of theological terms. He wrote it as he explains, to fill a gap in understanding of terms used by theologians. It definitely fulfills his purpose and is a great 'go-to' book for people who want a clearer understanding of the language used by religious writers.

Gonzalez simple and concise definitions in this book have been incredible helpful over the years. It seems like an odd purchase at the time. However, it has paid for itself many times over.

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