**Religion 131 Homework for January 30 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*Read the course syllabus*. Be prepared for a reading quiz on the syllabus, followed by a discussion of the syllabus, course requirements, and any questions you have about the expectations for this course.

*Go to the following URL and fill out a Student Information Sheet*: <https://goo.gl/forms/4pSsWsgsq51DGjMs2> (You can also find a link on the Moodle site for this course.)

*Read 12-17 and 435 - 437 in* An Introduction to Christian Theology(hereafter abbreviated as PTL or “the Green Book”). As you read, reflect on the following questions and write responses to them. Also, be ready *to discuss* some of these questions in class on Wednesday.

* What are the three sources and norms of theology? What’s involved in each one?
* Generally speaking, how can they be ranked in terms of their importance and authority?

According to the book, why is the task of ranking and ordering the sources/norms actually fairly complex?

* What does the account of the formation of the New Testament “canon” on pp. 435-437 suggest about the relationship between Scripture and Tradition?
* Give a one sentence definition of each of the three “branches” of theology that correspond to the three sources/norms.
* What is “systematic theology”? How does it relate to the previous three branches of theology?

You may be asked to turn in this homework sheet, so you may also want to make a copy of it or take a picture of it for your own use. You can find an electronic copy of this sheet on Moodle, in case you’d like to complete it on a computer. However you do it, make sure that *you* do your own work. Do not copy a classmate’s answers. (In addition to potentially getting you in trouble, you also won’t learn as much.) It is important that *you* work through the reading and questions.