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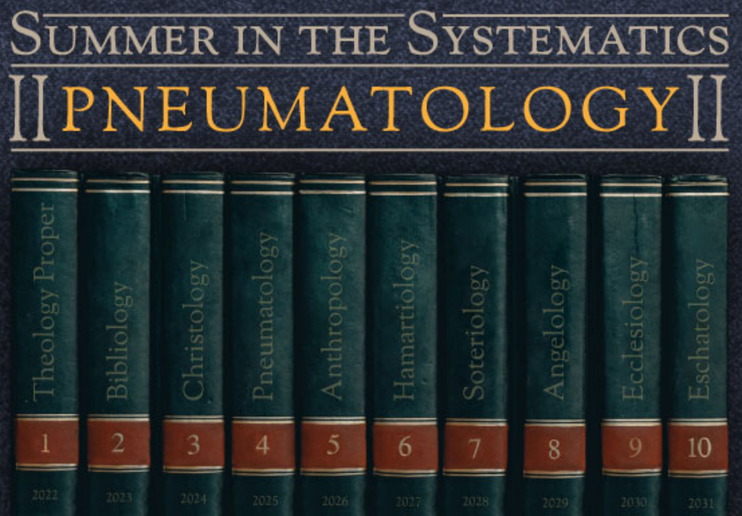

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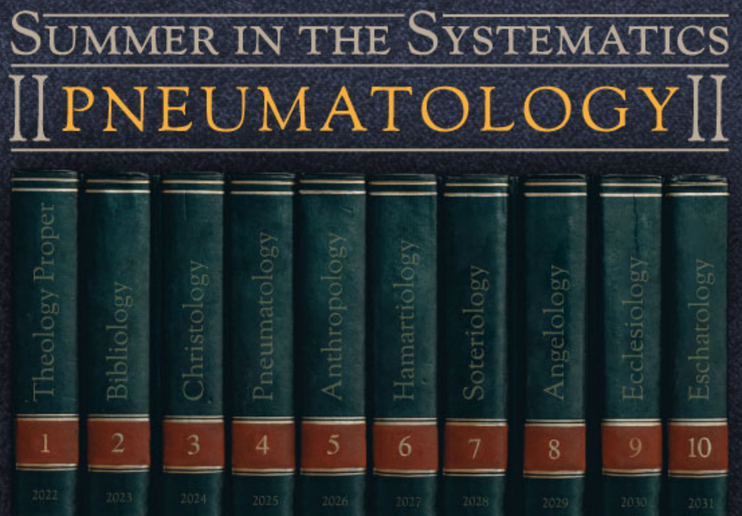

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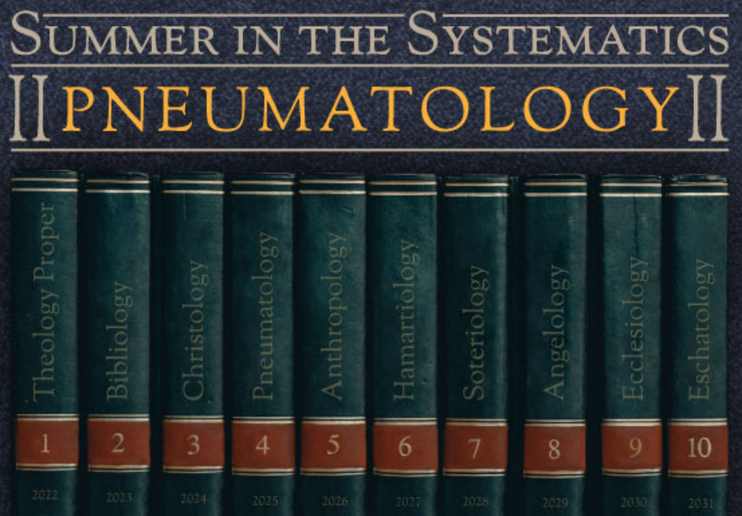

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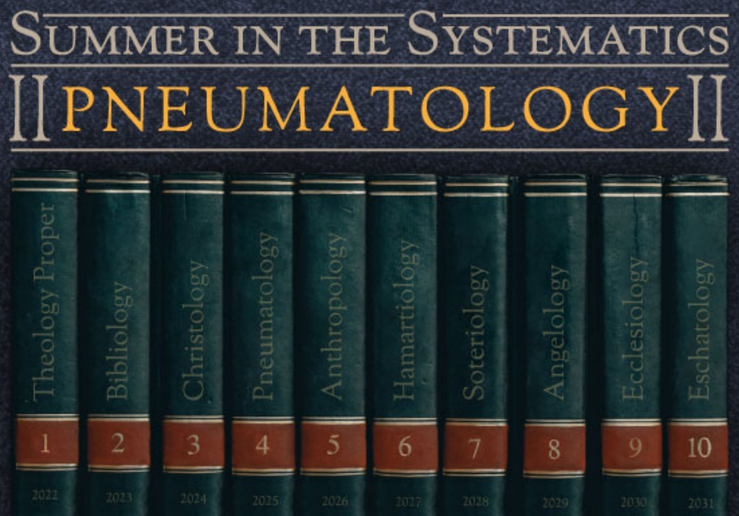
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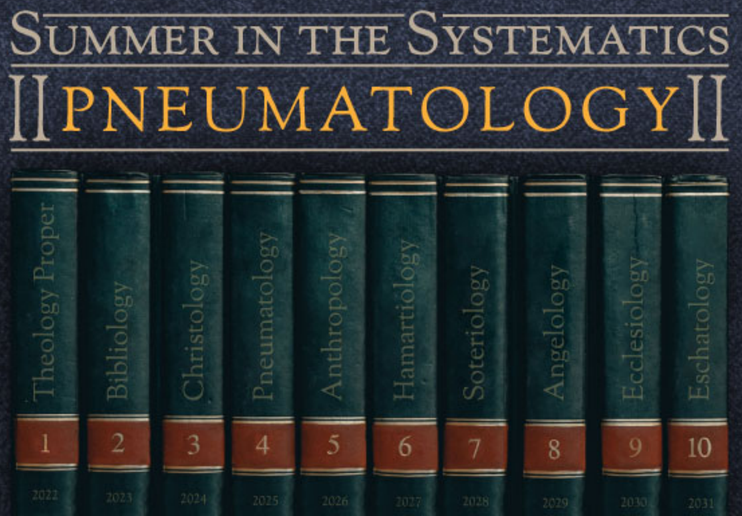
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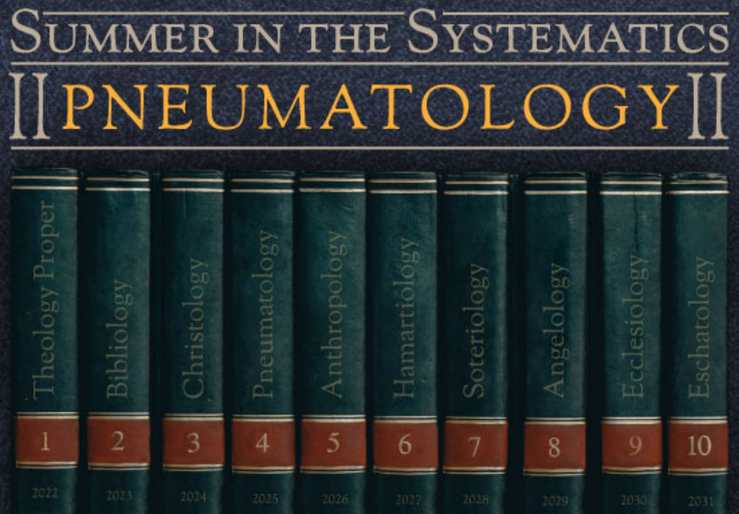
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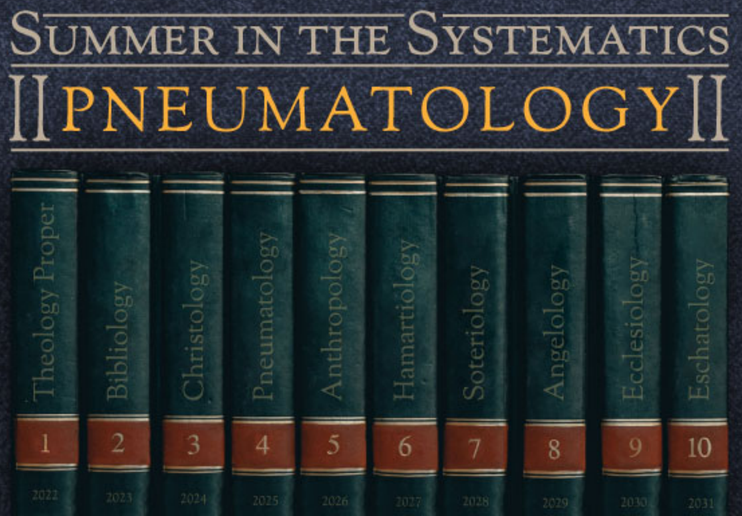
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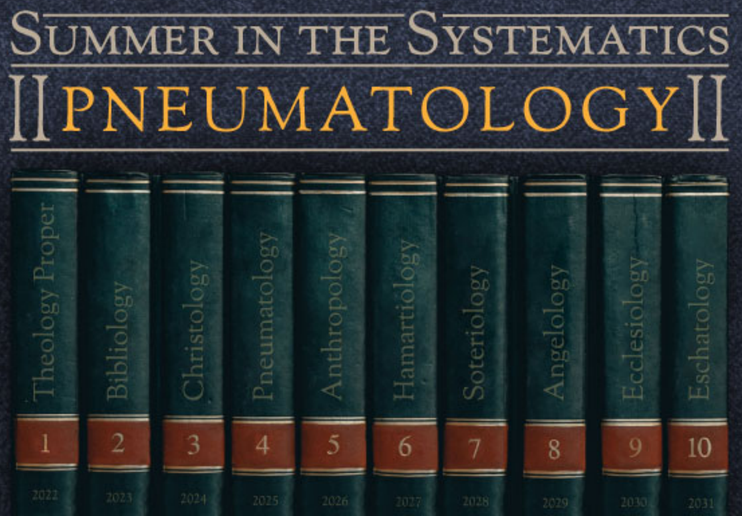
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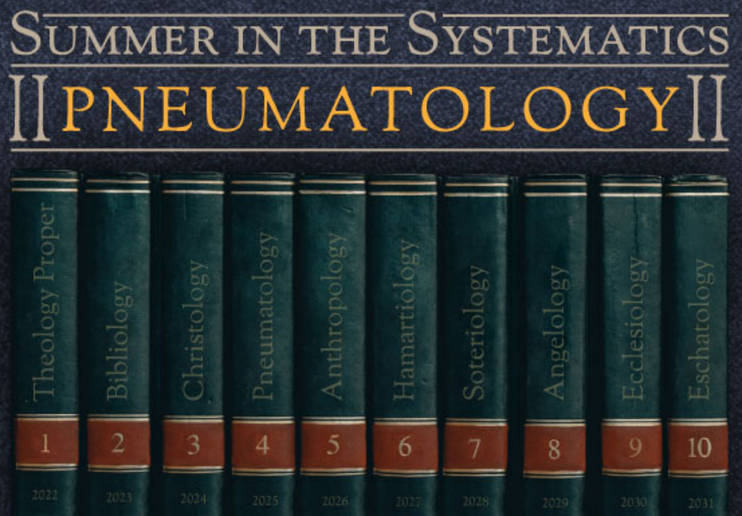
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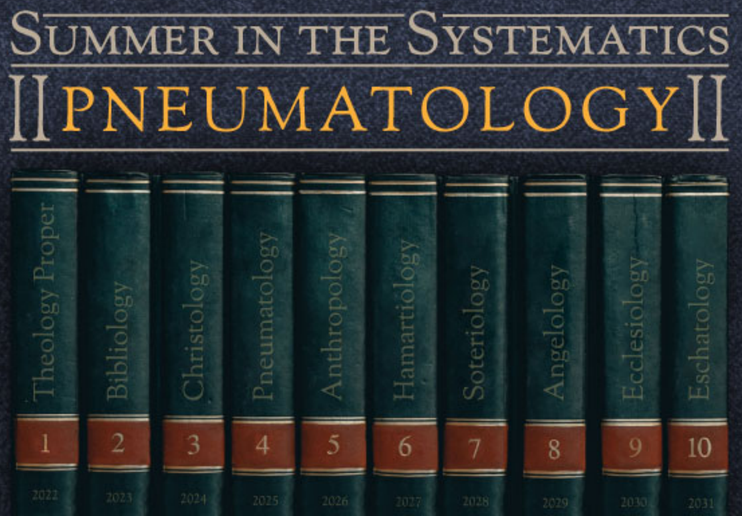

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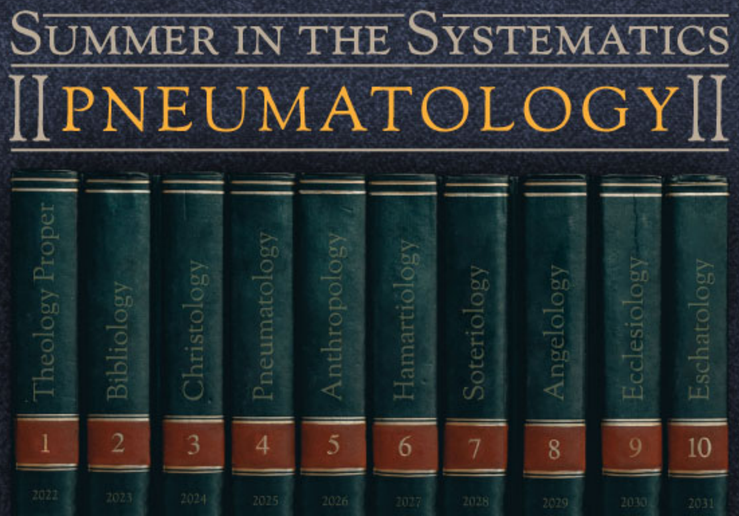

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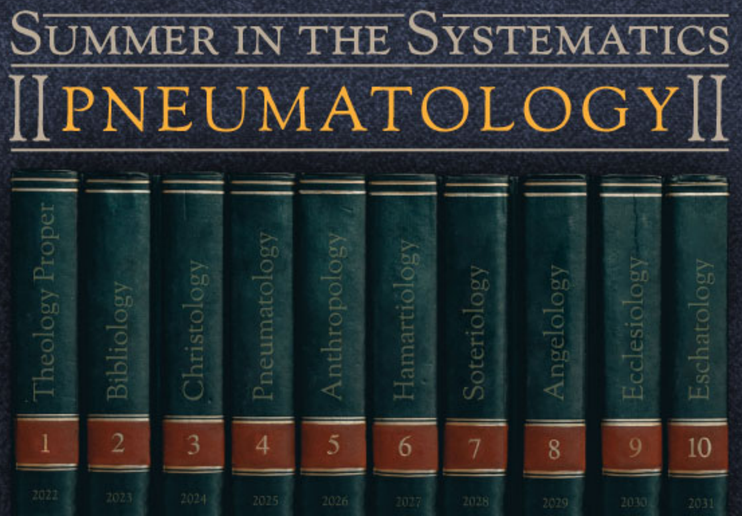
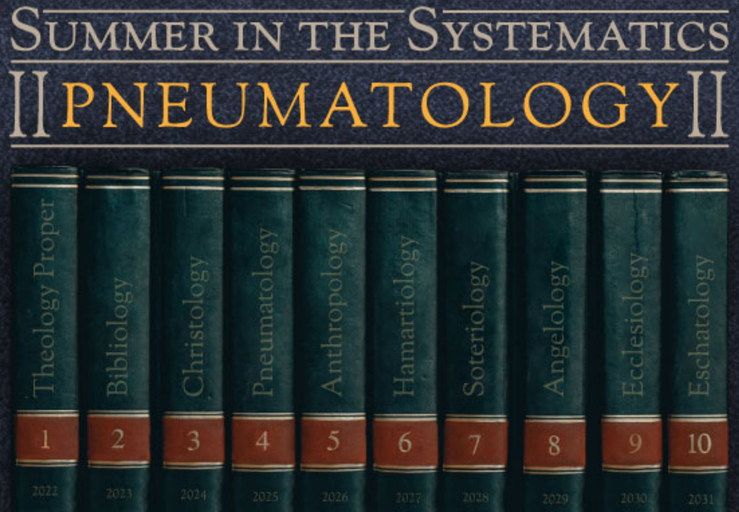


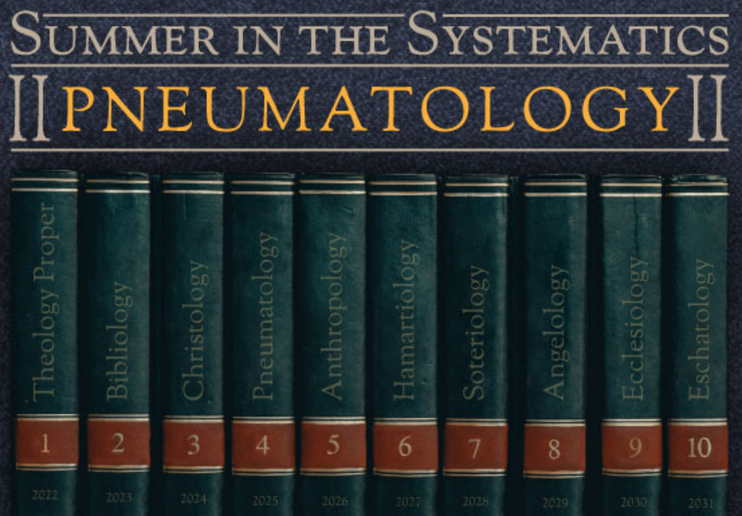
"Without the Spirit's governance, no worthwhile and rewardable efforts are possible for a believer."

Rolland McCune



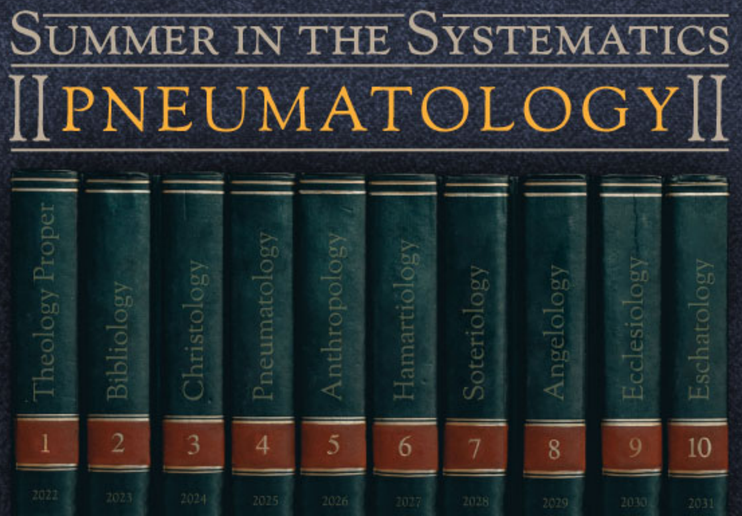
"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord."

Ephesians 5:18-19



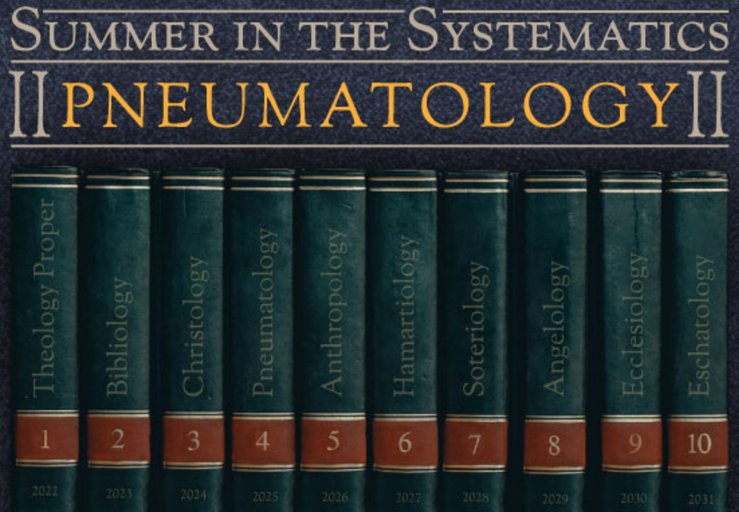
“ . . . speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father.”

Ephesians 5:19-20



"But just as it is written, 'THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.'"

1 Corinthians 2:9-10



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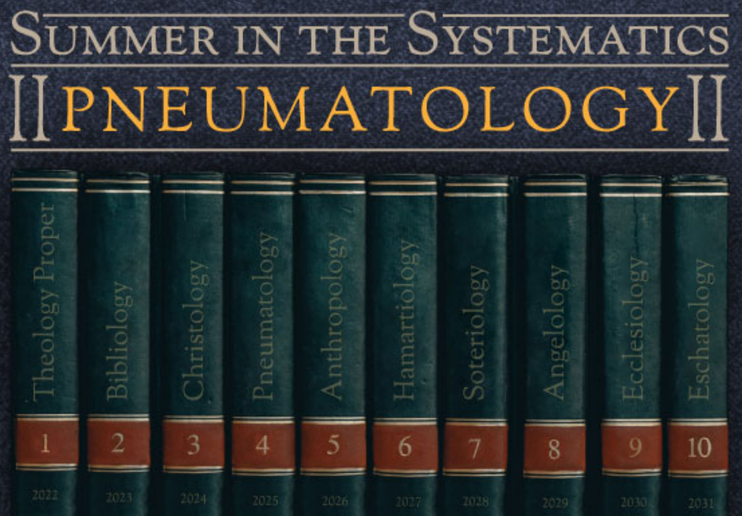
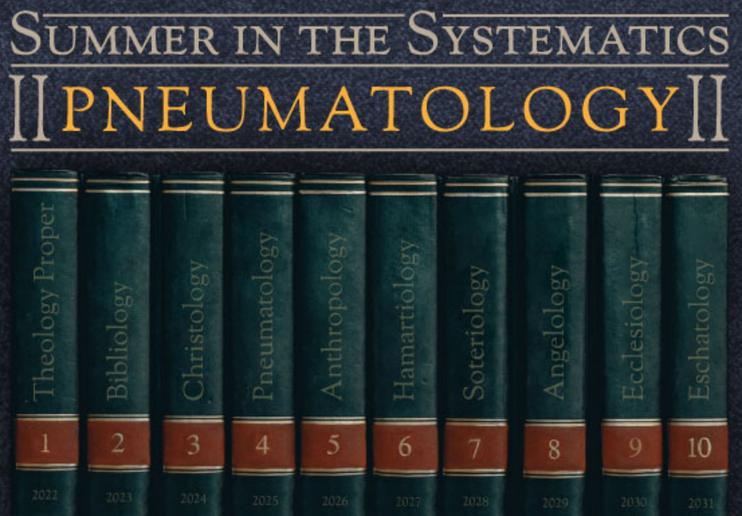


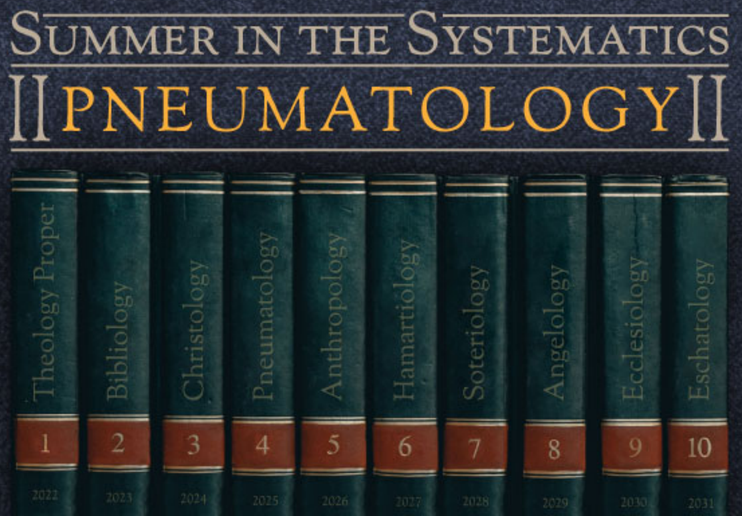
"Therefore I exhort you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice—living, holy, and pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service of worship."

Romans 12:1-2



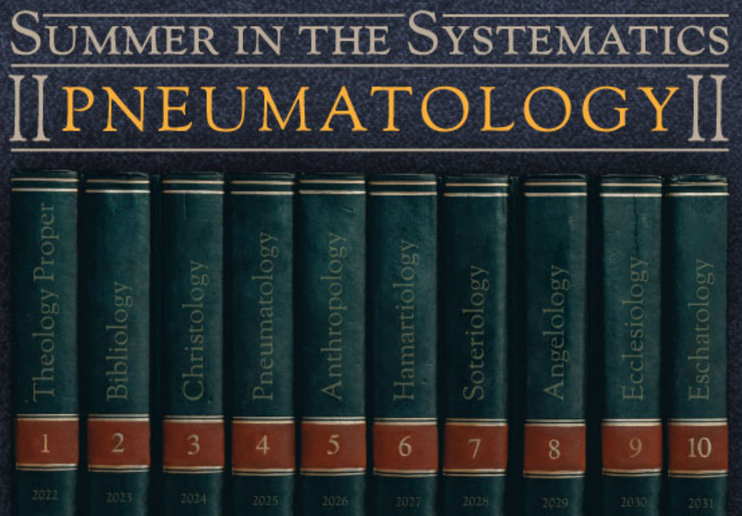
"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may approve what the will of God is, that which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Romans 12:1-2



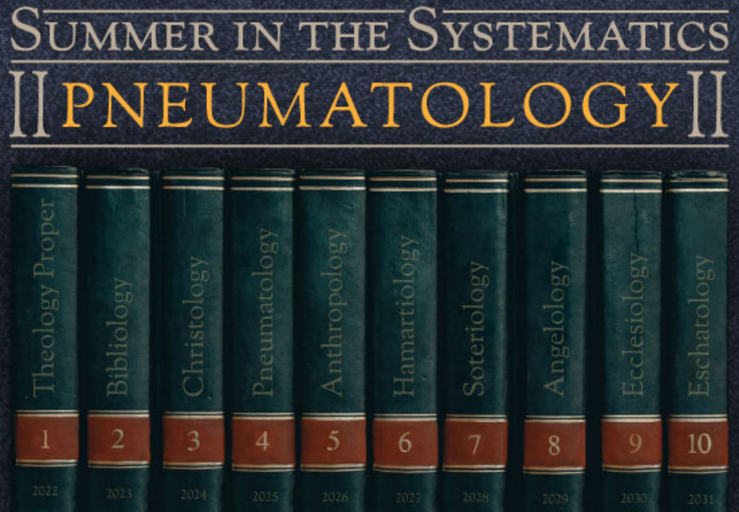
“ . . . for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 14:17



"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 3:17-18



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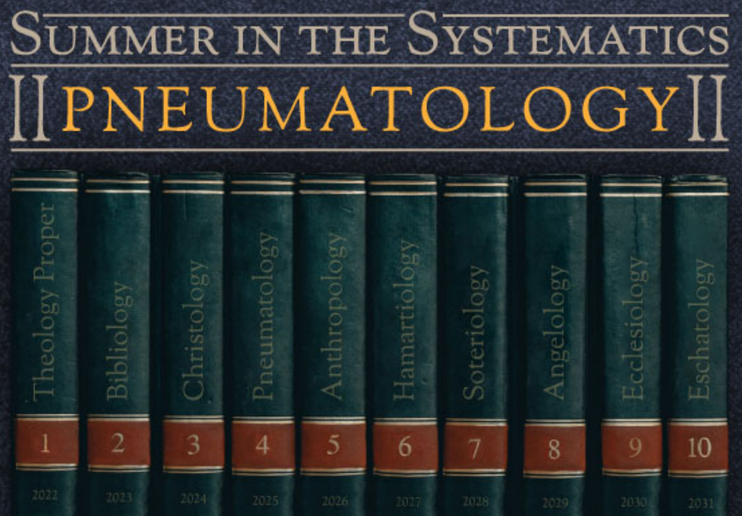
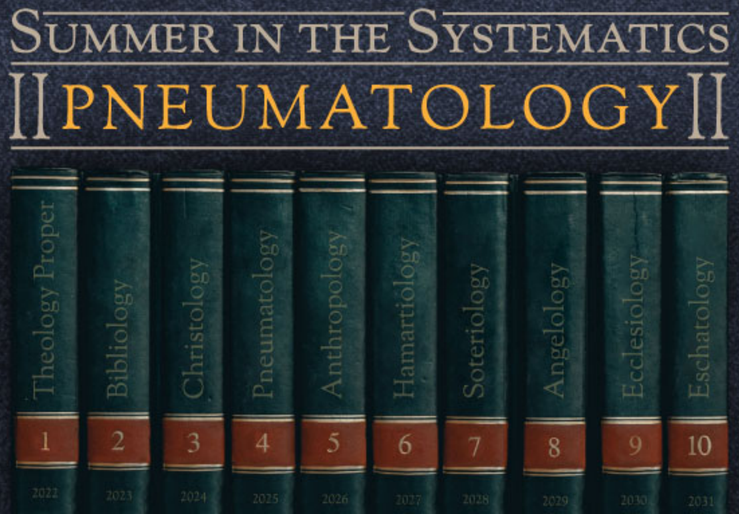


“But I say, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”

Galatians 5:16



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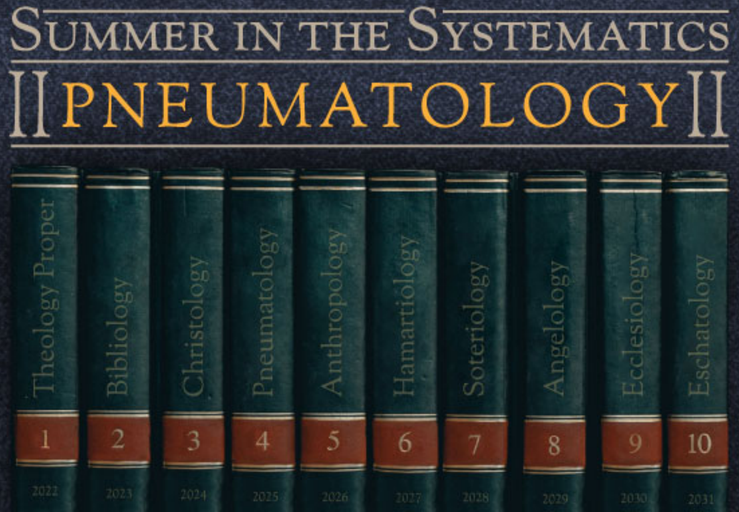

"If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in step with the Spirit."

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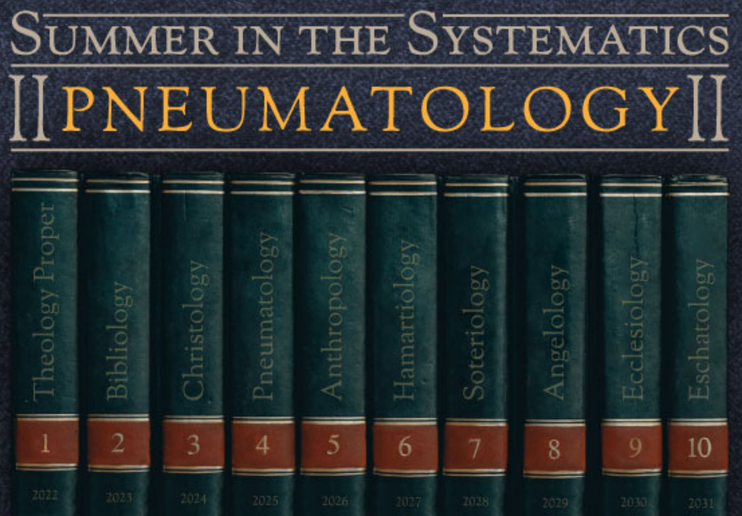

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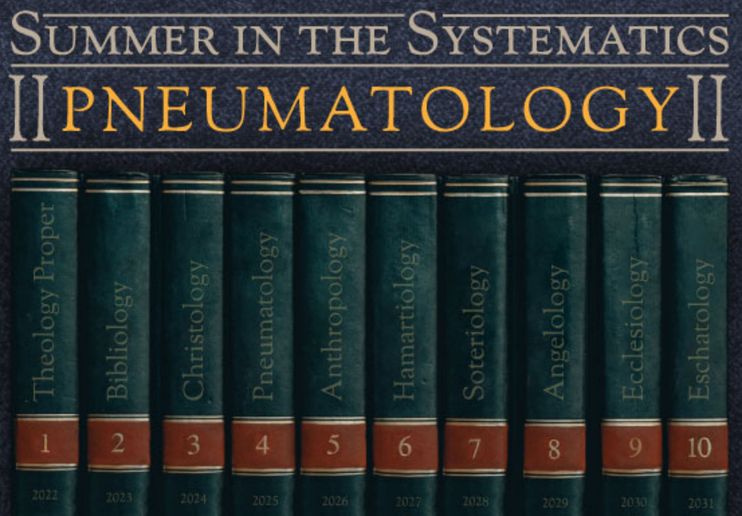
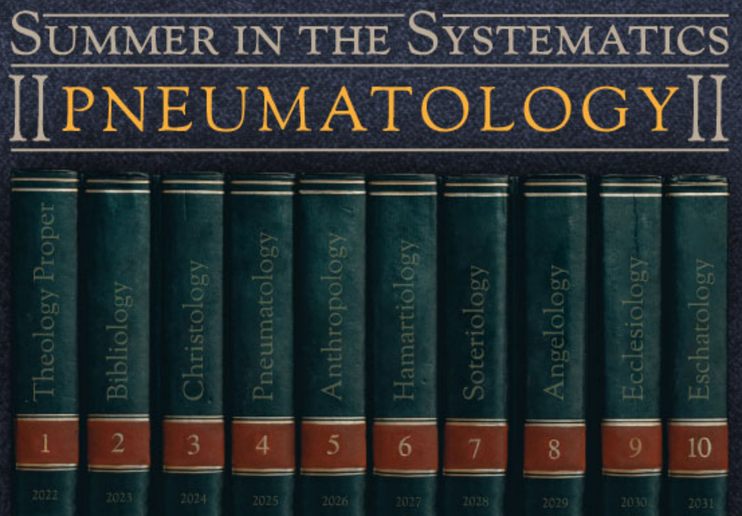


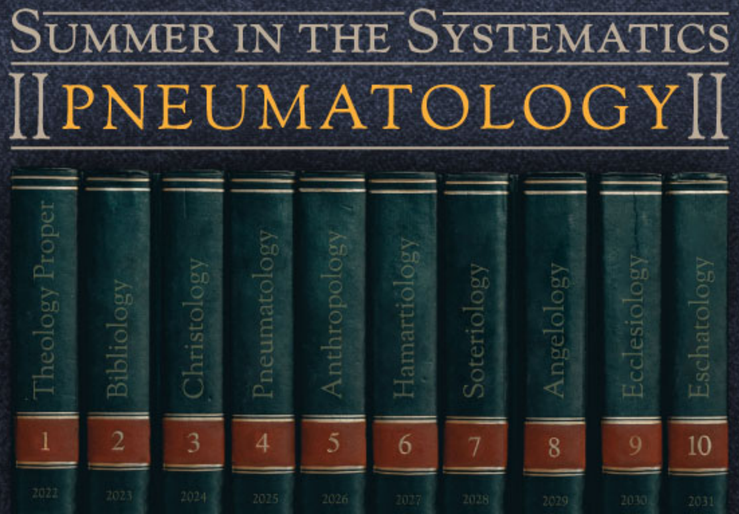
“ . . . the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to the obedience of Jesus Christ and the sprinkling of His blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.”

1 Peter 1:2



“But we should always give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.’”

2 Thessalonians 2:13



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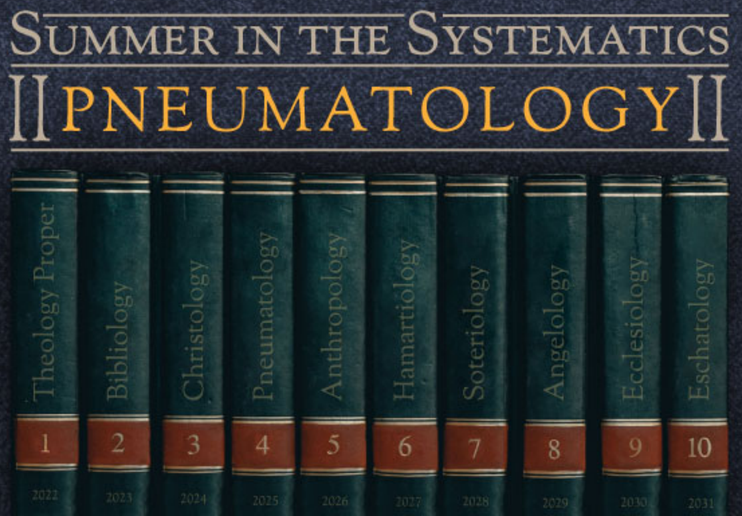

“ . . . spiritual development is an incremental process of continuous sanctification that is ongoing from the new birth to glorification. Spiritual maturity issues from Spirit control . . .”

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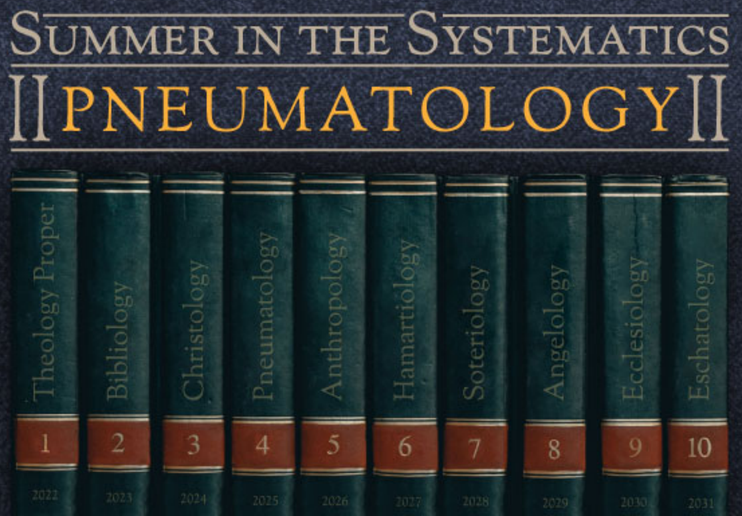
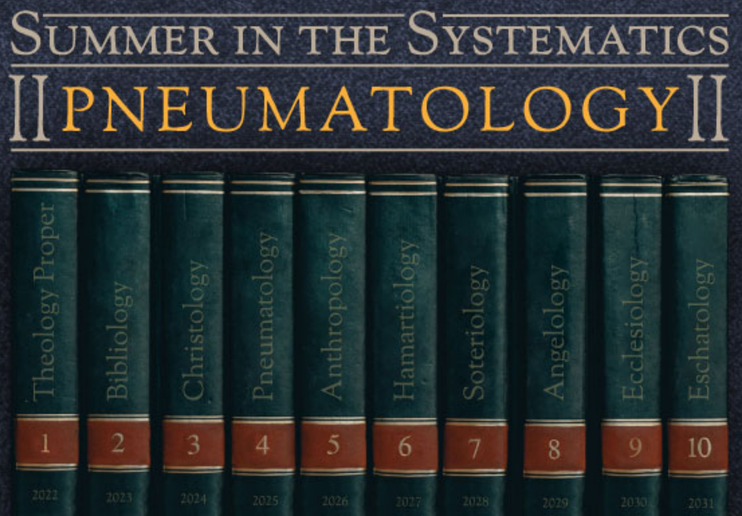


"Those who once rejoiced in fornication now delight in continence alone. Those who made use of magic arts have dedicated themselves to the good and unbegotten God. We who once took most pleasure in the means of increasing our wealth and property now bring what we have into a common fund and share with everyone in need."

Justin Martyr



"We who hated and killed one another and would not associate with people of different tribes because of [their different] customs, now after the manifestation of Christ live together and pray for our enemies . . ."

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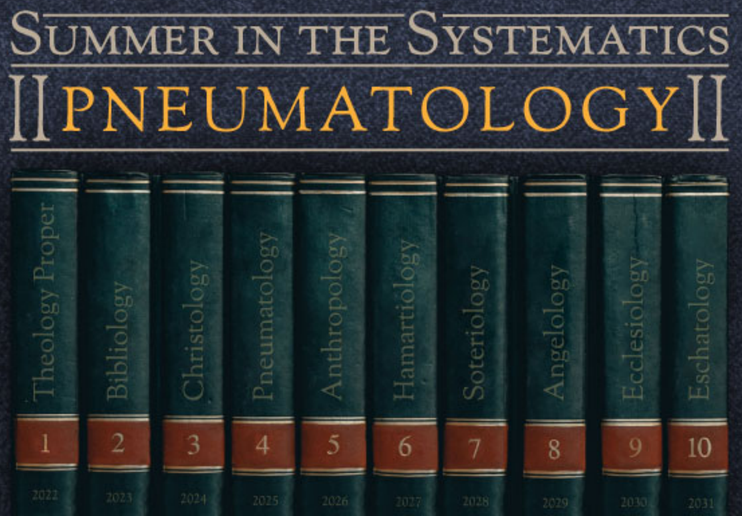

“ . . . and try to persuade those who unjustly hate us, so that they, living according to the fair commands of Christ, may share with us the good hope of receiving the same things [that we will] from God, the master of all.”

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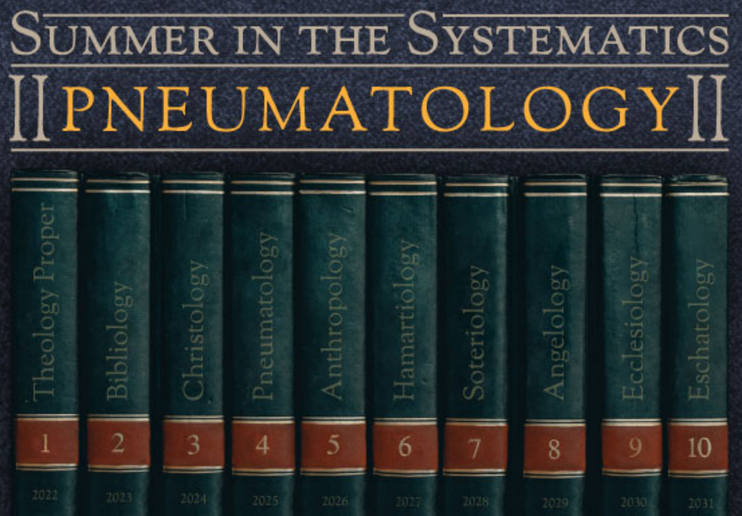
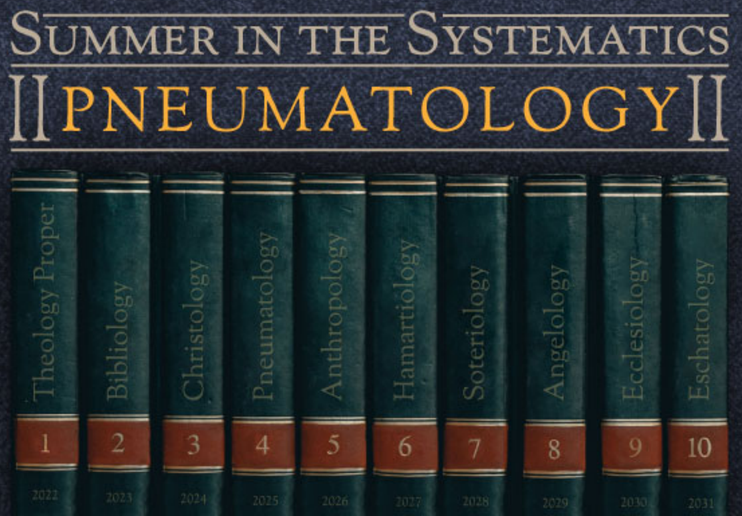


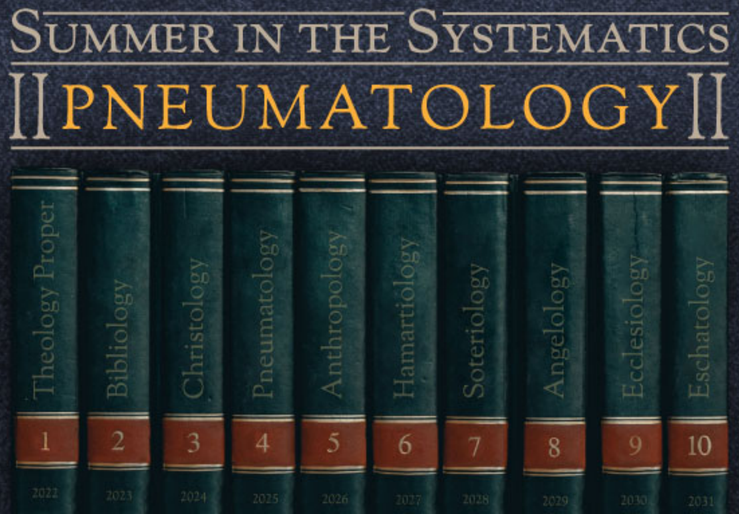
"The growth of trees and plants is secret and imperceptible, and discerned only in the effects and consequences of it; the most watchful eye can discern little of its motion; and so it is in the progress of holiness."

John Owen



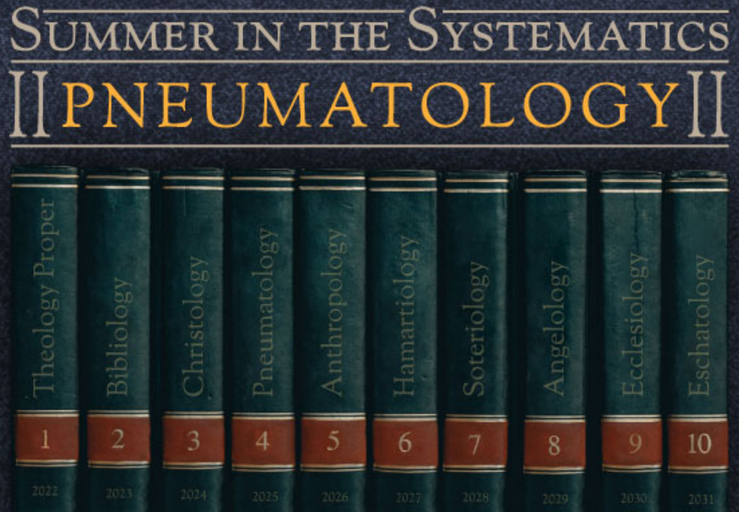
"For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you do not do the things that you want."

Galatians 5:17



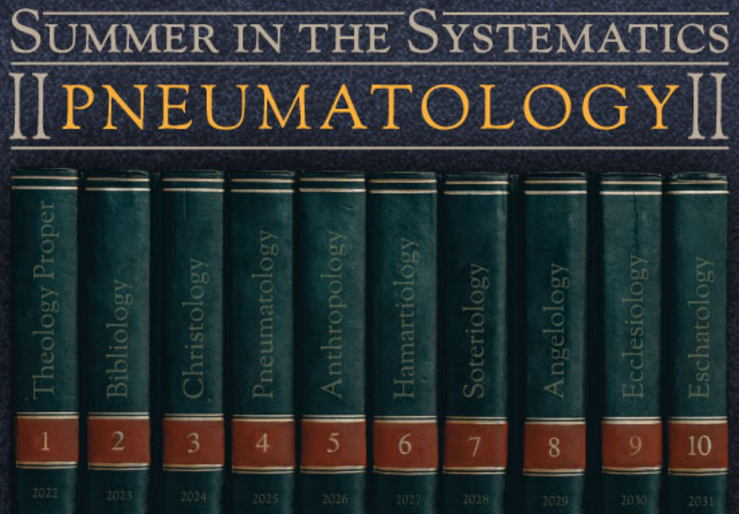
"Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these . . ."

Galatians 5:19-21



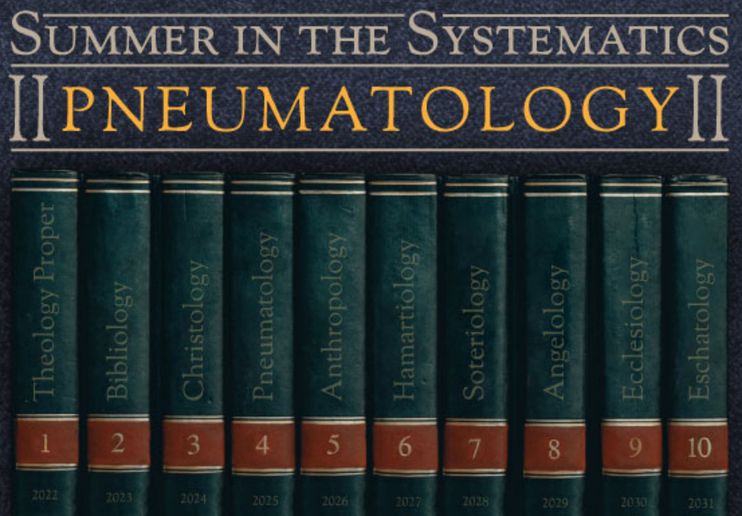
“ . . . those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Galatians 5:21



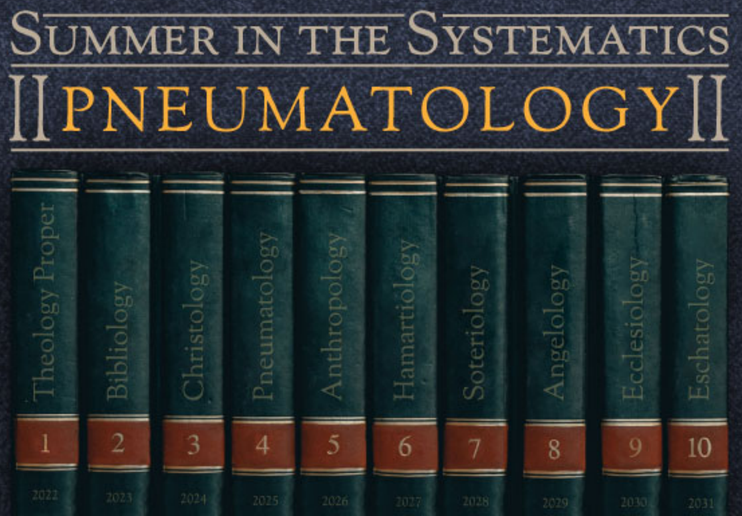
“ . . . the gifts of the Spirit receive far more attention in our culture than the fruit of the Spirit. The fruits of the Spirit seem to be doomed to obscurity, hidden in the shadow of the more preferred gifts.”

R.C. Sproul



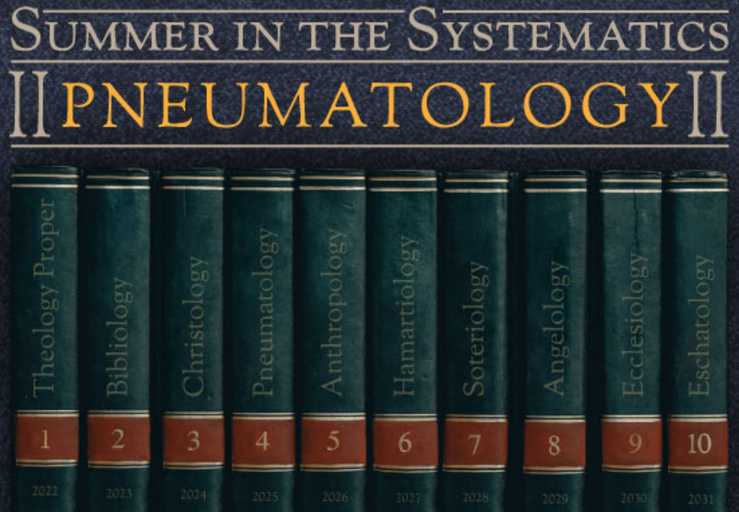
"These virtues are not like so many separate flowers in a bouquet, as the variegated petals of one lovely flower exhibiting different shades and forms. A rainbow is one, yet in it all the primary colors are beautifully blended together. These graces which the Spirit imparts to a renewed soul are distinguishable, but they are inseparable."

A.W. Pink



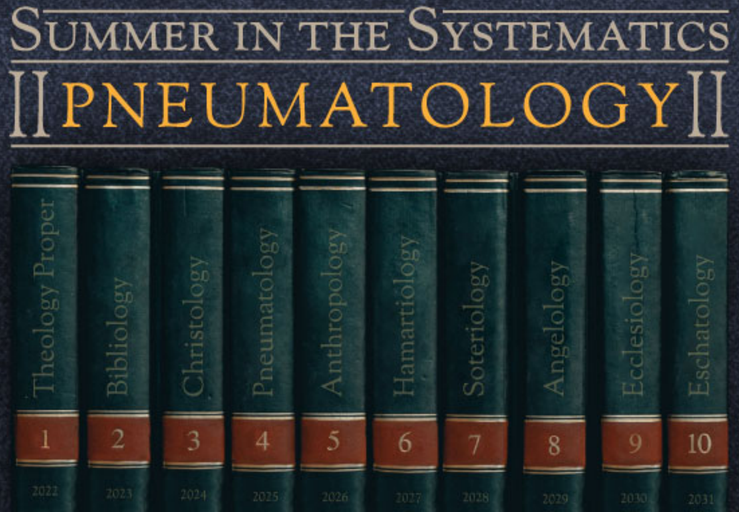
"Joy is love exulting, peace is love in repose, longsuffering is love on trial, gentleness is love in society, goodness is love in action, faith is love in endurance, meekness is love at school, and temperance is love in discipline."

A.T. Pierson



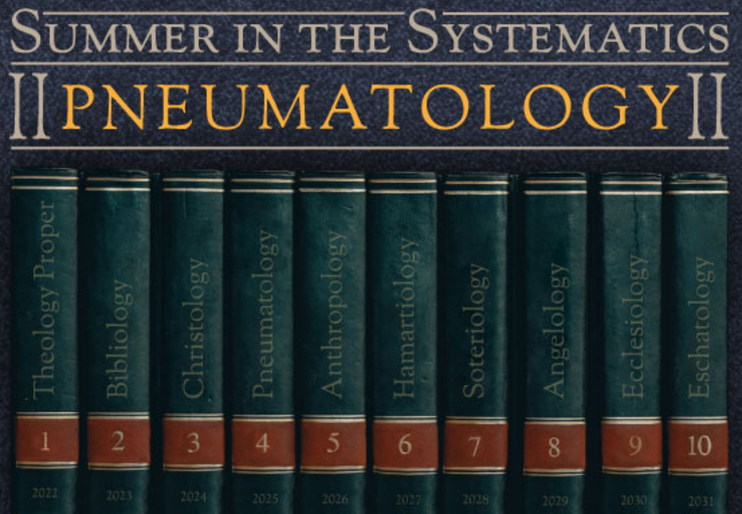
"It is well to notice that these graces are not said to be the fruits of the Spirit but the fruit, i.e., if the Spirit is given control of our life, He will not bear one of these as fruit in one person and another as fruit in another person, but this will be the one fruit of many flavors that He produces in each one."

R.A. Torrey



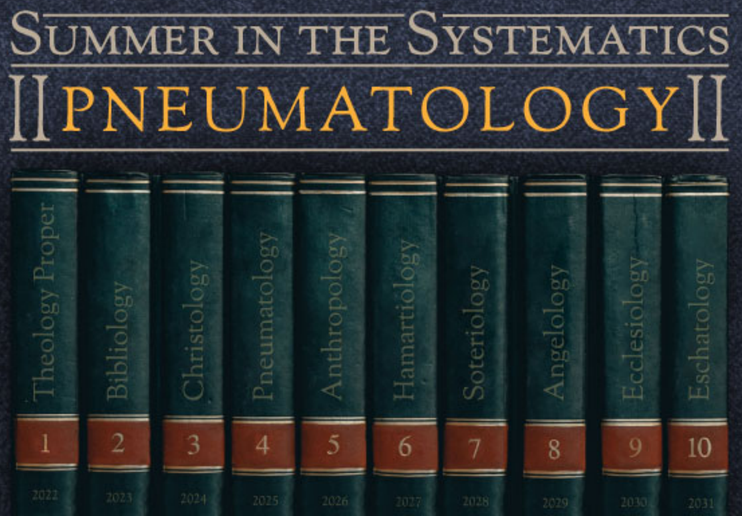
"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit from itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

John 15:4-5



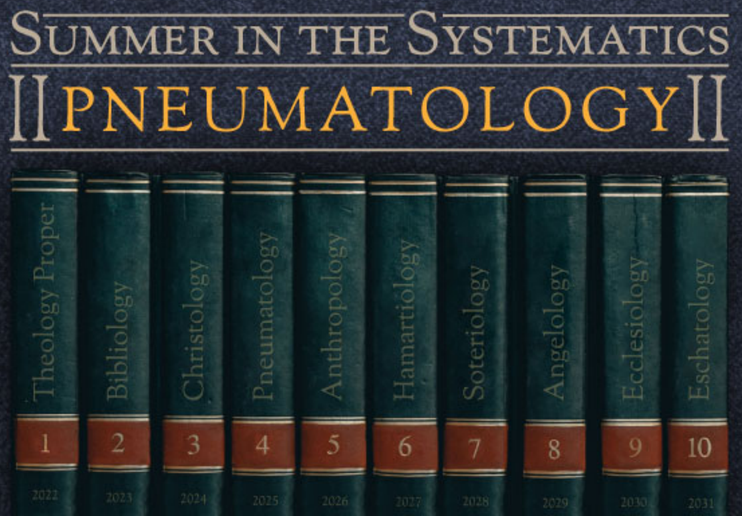
"You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would abide, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you."

John 15:16



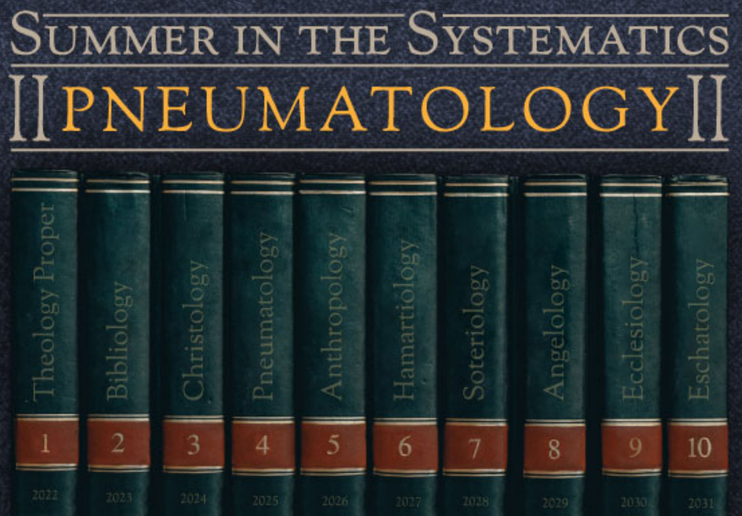
“ . . . walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and multiplying in the full knowledge of God.”

Colossians 1:10



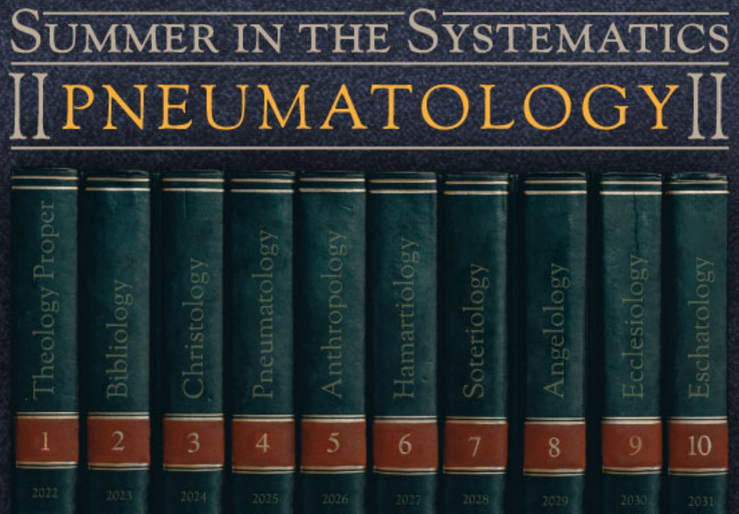
"A non-fruitbearing 'believer' is a total anomaly—a biblical, theological, and practical perversity. Such is in reality an unbeliever."

Rolland McCune



"The Spirit's fructifying of the believer is the conforming of him into Christ, first in his heart, and then in his life. By nature we are totally unlike Christ, being born in the image of Adam and dominated by Satan . . ."

A.W. Pink



“ . . . far from resembling a beautiful and well-kept garden, we are like a barren desert, where nothing but useless shrubs and poisonous weeds are found.”

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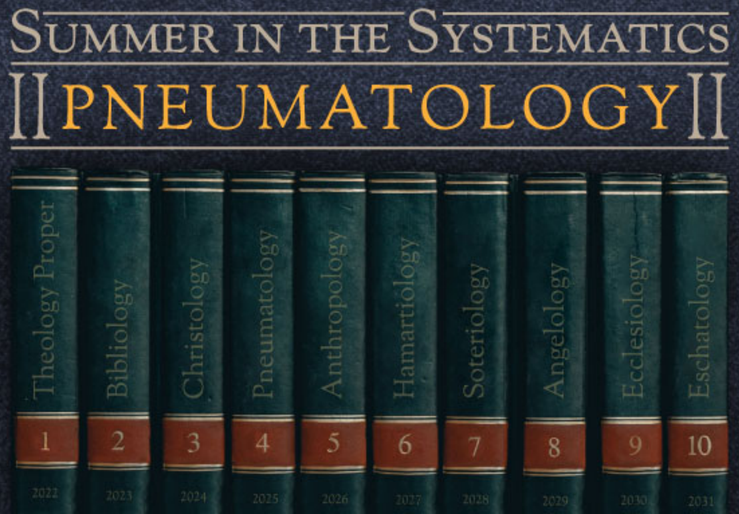

“ . . . That is how we appeared unto the holy eye of God in our unregenerate state! It is only when a miracle of grace has been wrought in our hearts that Christ begins to be formed in us.”

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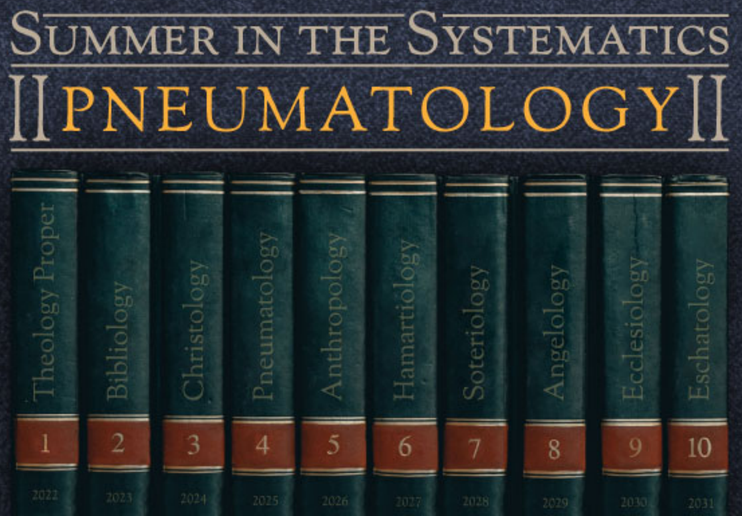
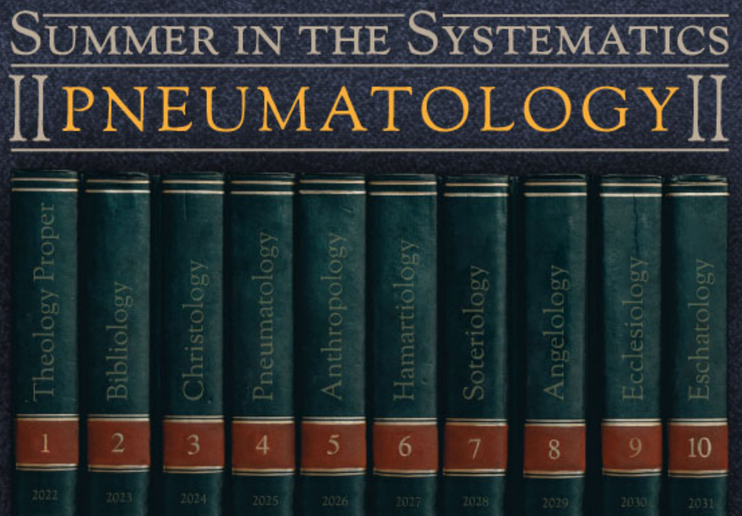


"The Christian controlled by the Spirit and empowered to do the will of God manifests a fundamental change in character."

John Walvoord



"While is former sin nature is still present, it has been reckoned dead, and the new nature energized by the Spirit is producing the fruit of the Spirit."

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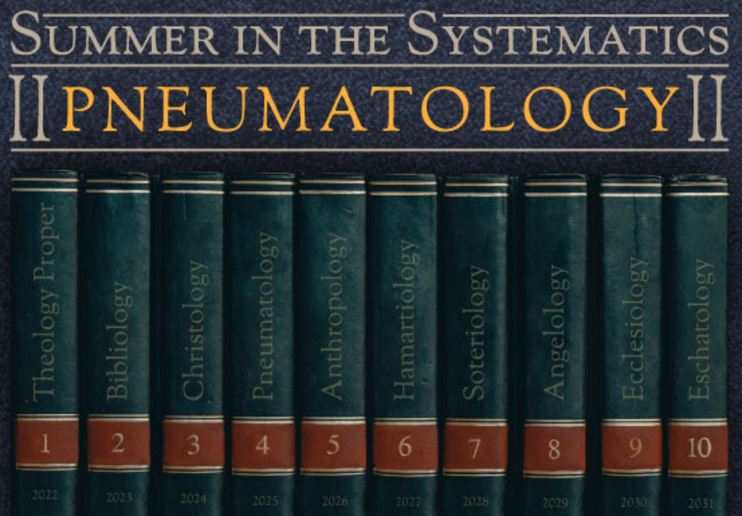
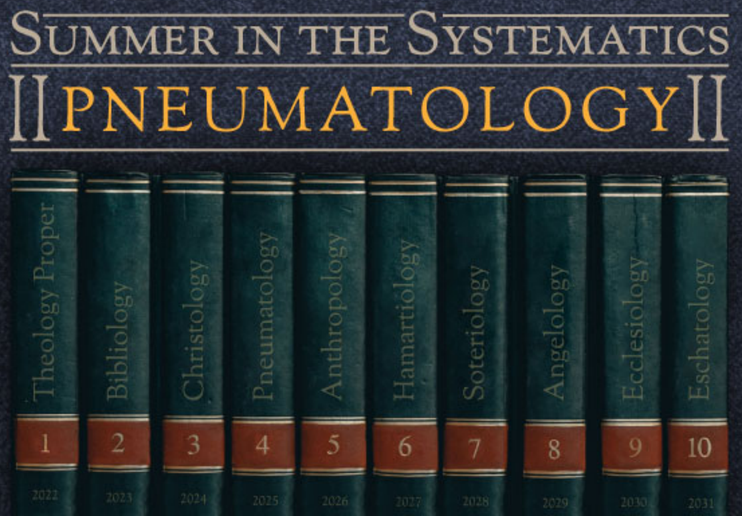


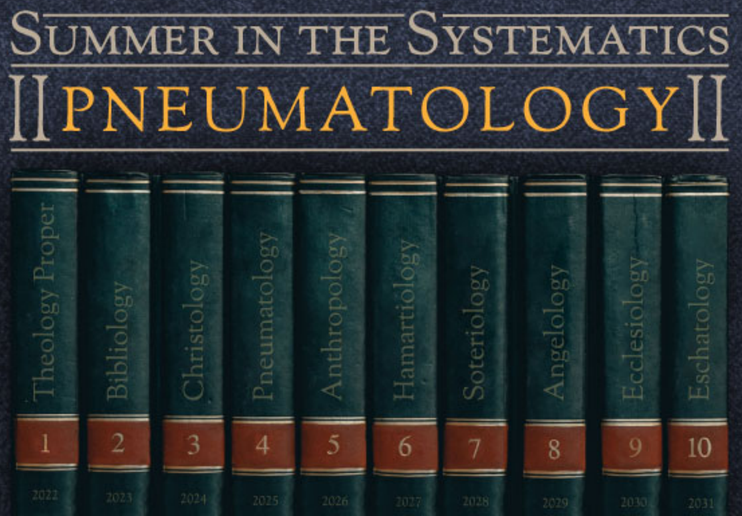
"We can be skilled preachers without the Spirit. We can be theological geniuses after the flesh. We can be silver-tongued orators apart from grace. But the only source of the fruit of the Spirit is the work of the Holy Spirit within us."

R.C. Sproul



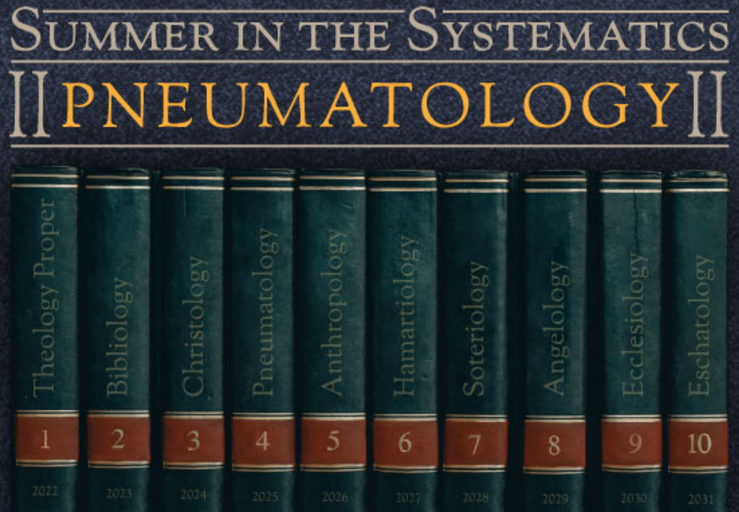
"Just as edible fruit is not produced in one moment, neither is the fruit of the Spirit. It is His fruit, produced by Him as His life flows through us."

Robert Gromacki



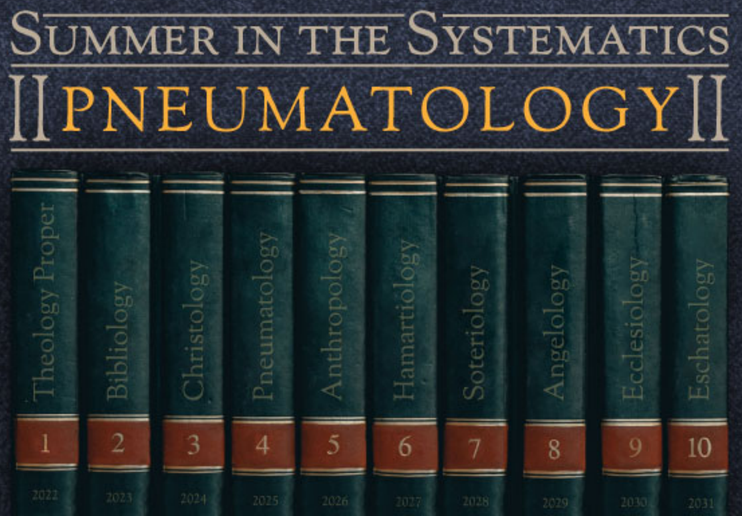
"The question is not, 'Do I perfectly exemplify all of this characteristics in my life?' but rather, 'Are these things a general characteristic of my life? Do I sense these attitudes in my heart? Do others (especially those closest to me) see these traits exhibited in my life?"

Wayne Grudem



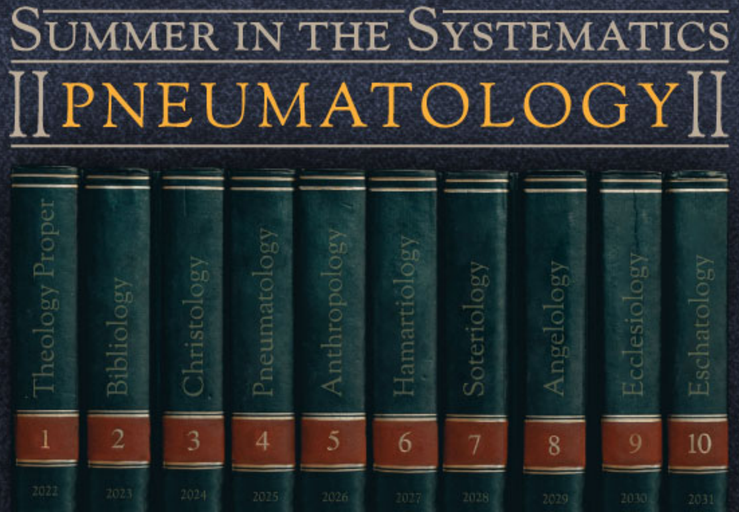
"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

Galatians 5:22-23



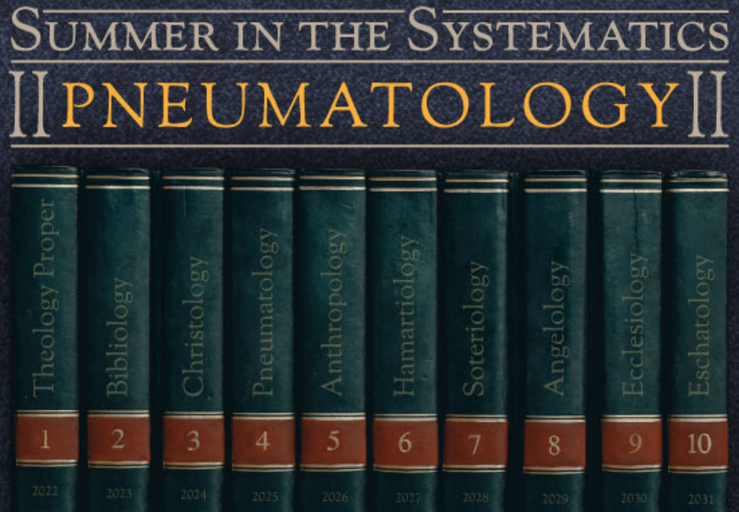
"It has often been pointed out that this fruit produced by being filled by the Spirit is a perfect picture of Christlikeness. And so it is. Therefore, it may be said that one of the consequences of being Spirit-filled is the producing of Christlikeness."

Charles Ryrie



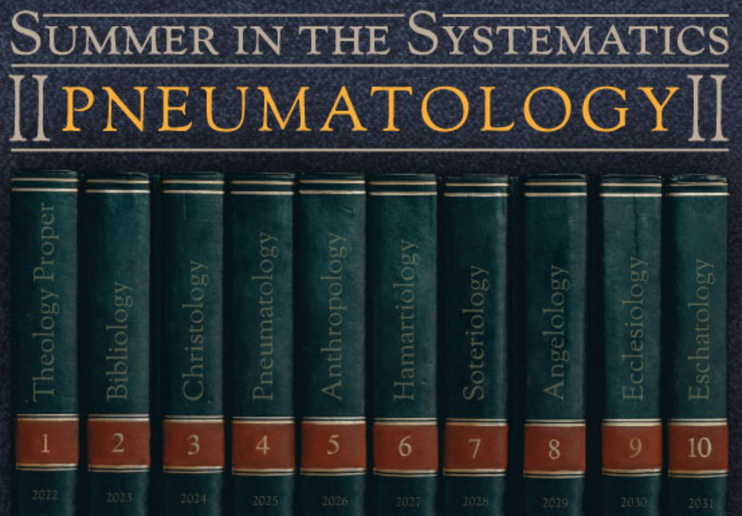
"We have here [in Galatians 5:22-23] a perfect picture of the life of Jesus Christ Himself."

R.A. Torrey



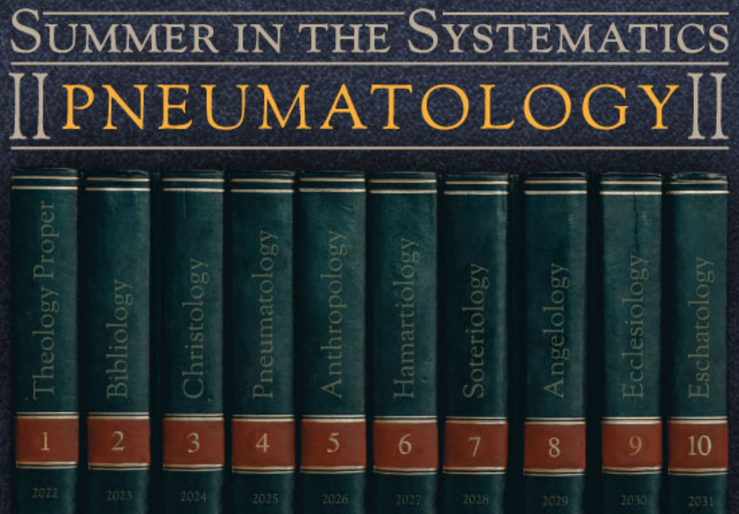
"Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end."

John 13:1



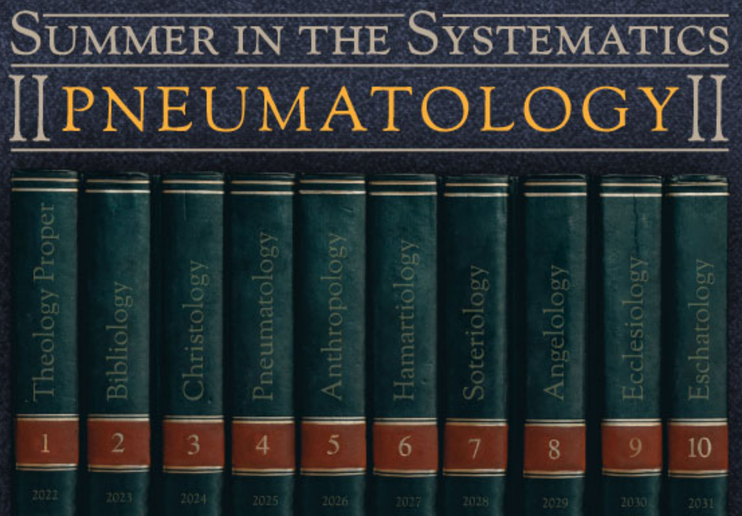
"Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."

John 15:9-10



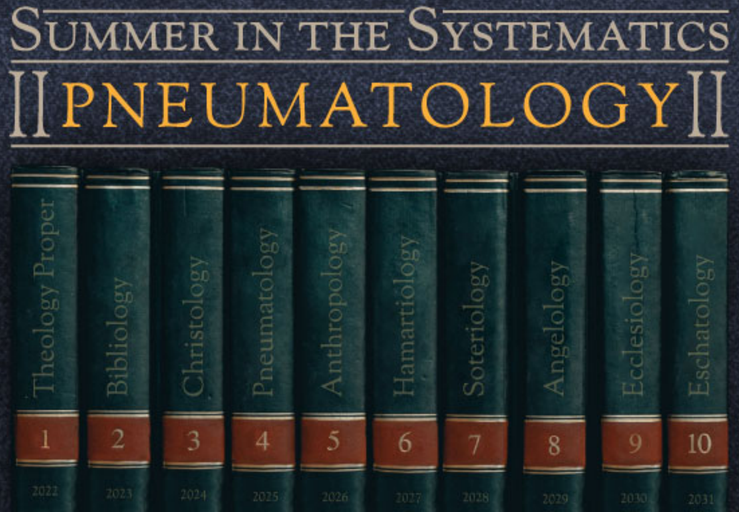
“. . . walk in love, just as Christ also loved us and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.”

Ephesians 5:2



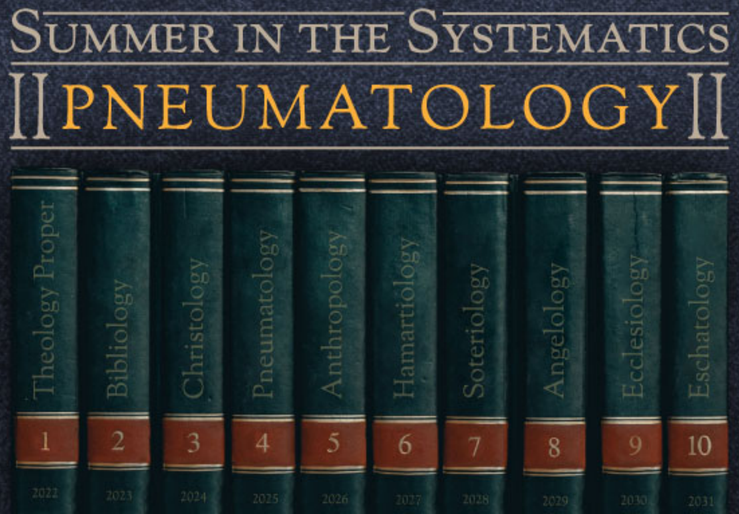
"These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

John 15:11



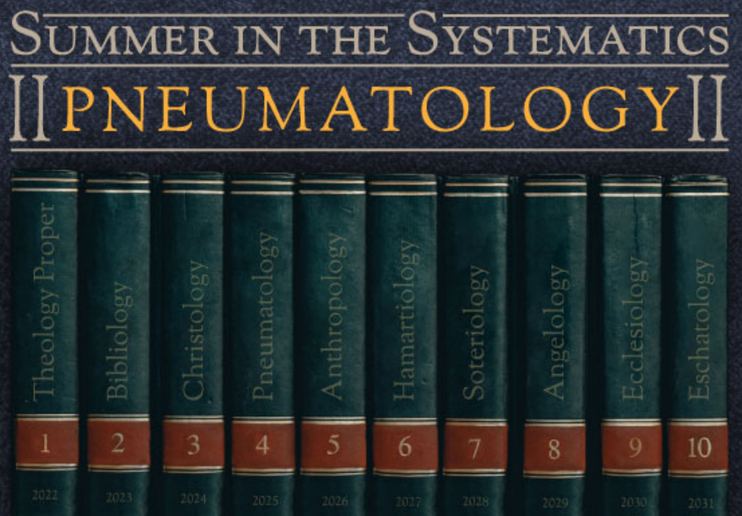
"But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves."

John 17:13



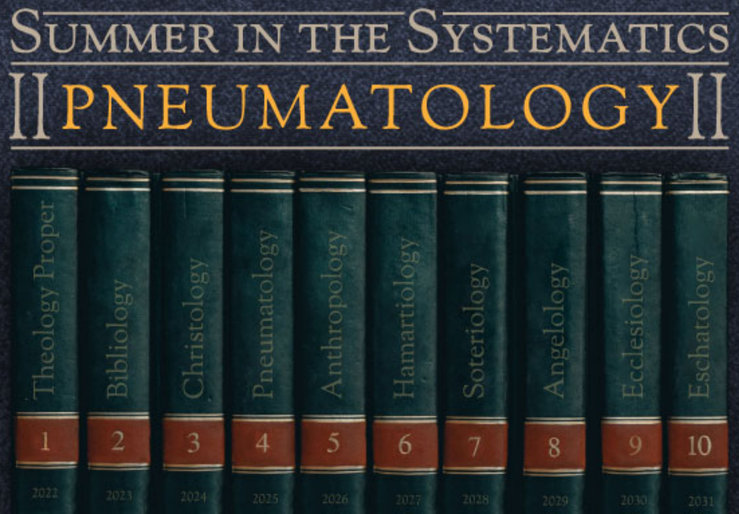
“ . . . since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, laying aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, let us run with endurance the race that is set before us . . .”

Hebrews 12:1-2



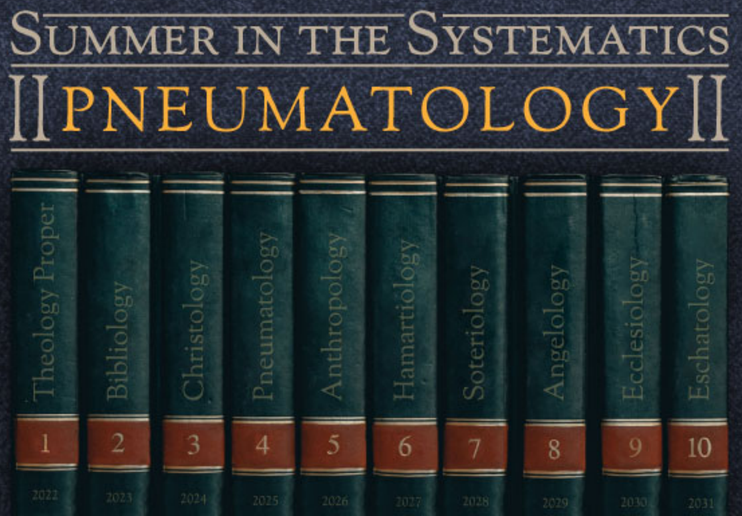
“ . . . fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:1-2



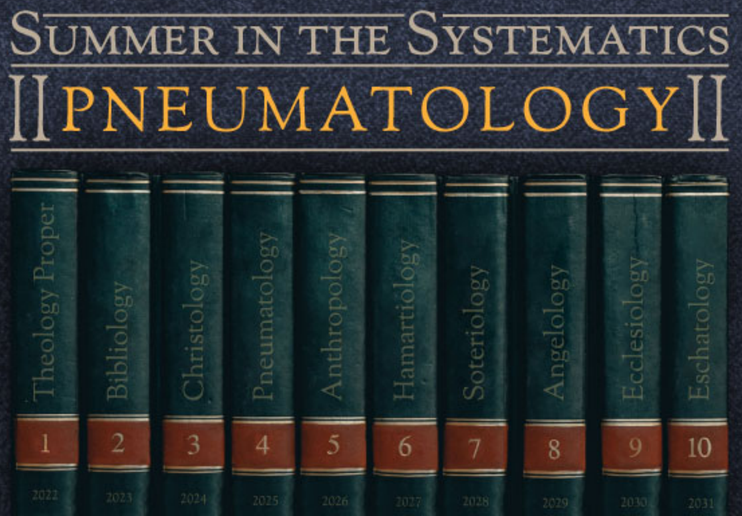
“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”

John 14:27



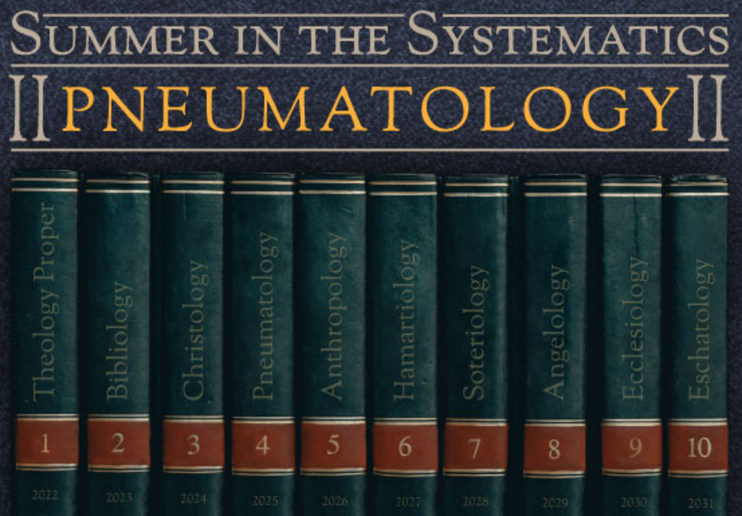
"These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33



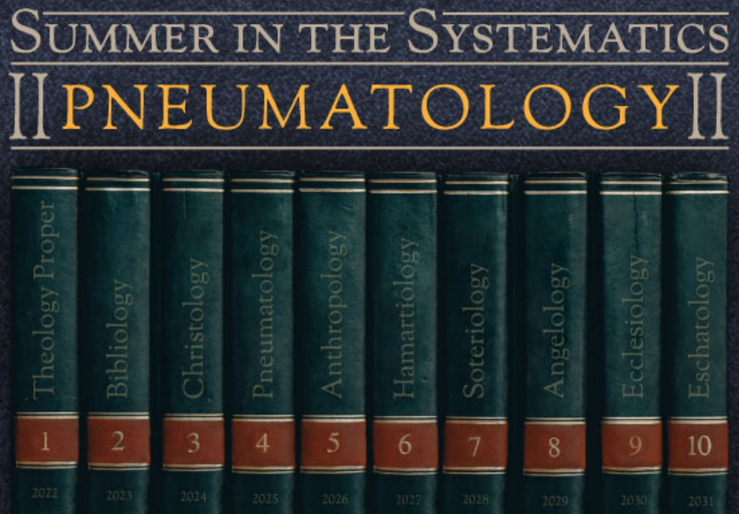
"Yet for this reason I was shown mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Christ Jesus might demonstrate all His patience as an example for those who are going to believe upon Him for eternal life."

2 Timothy 1:16



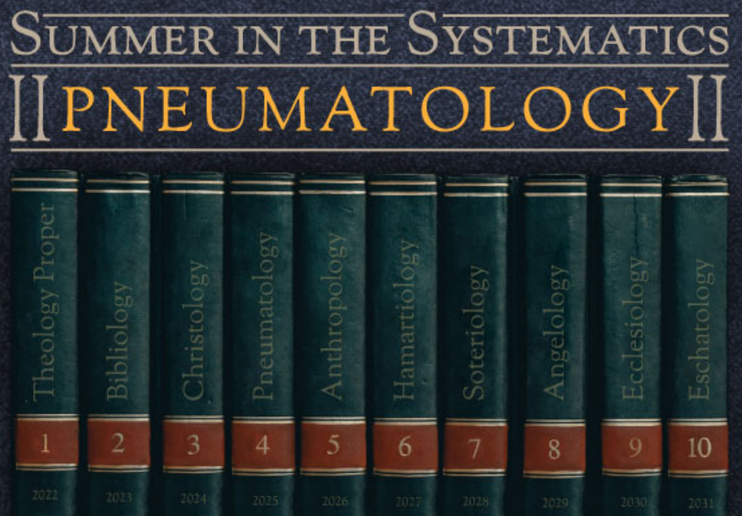
"Therefore, beloved, since you are looking for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, and consider the patience of our Lord as salvation . . ."

2 Peter 3:14-15



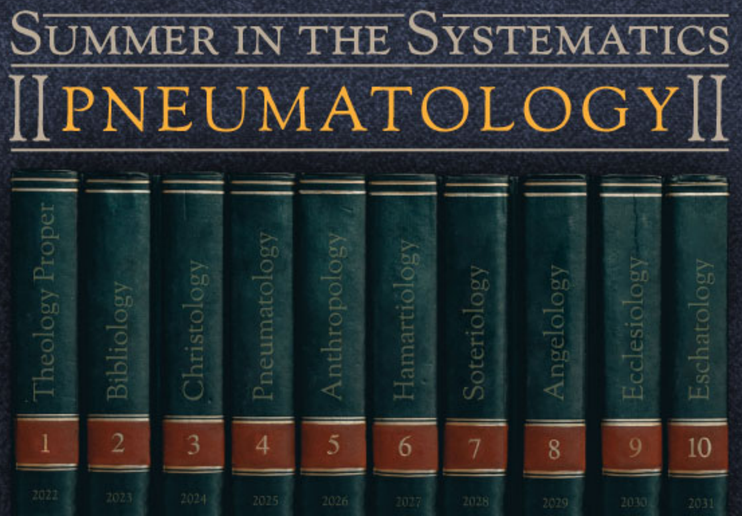
"But when the kindness and affection of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not by works which we did in righteousness, but according to His mercy."

Titus 3:4-5



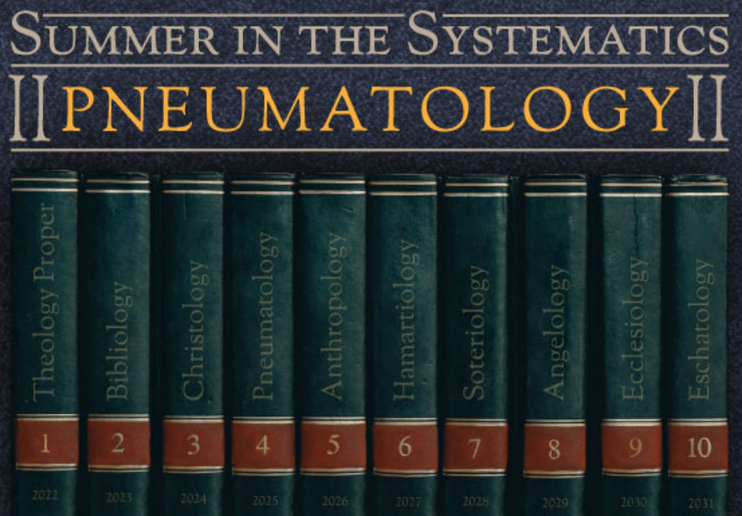
“And a ruler questioned Him, saying, ‘Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.’”

Luke 18:18-19



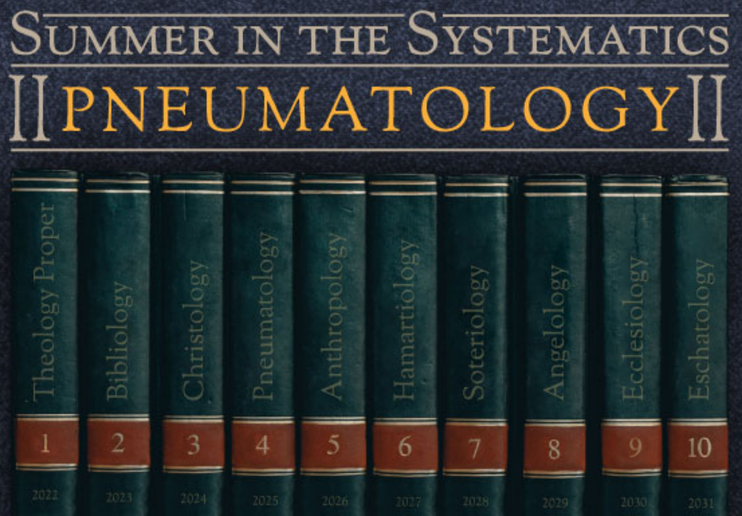
"John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from the One who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead . . ."

Revelation 1:4-5



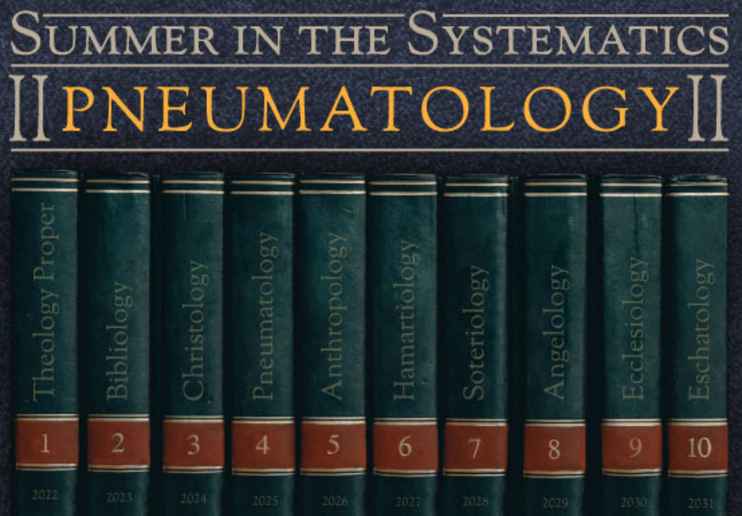
"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS."

Matthew 11:29



“ . . . Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in His steps, WHO DID NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; who being reviled, was not reviling in return; while suffering, He was uttering no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously.”

1 Peter 2:21-23



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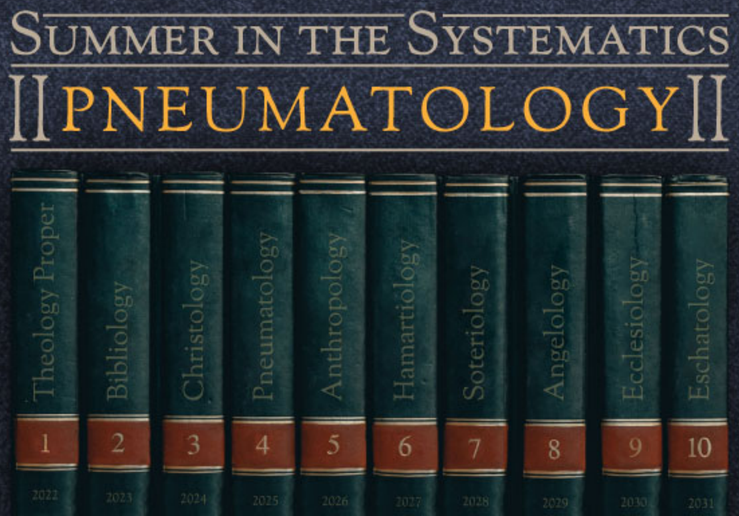
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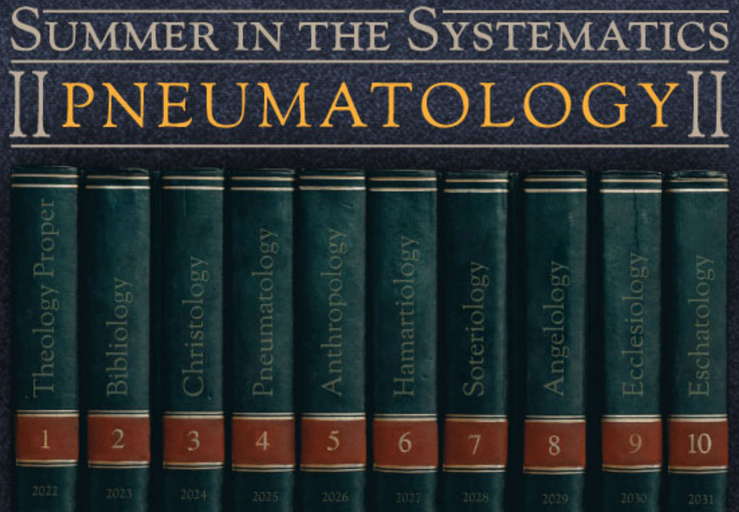
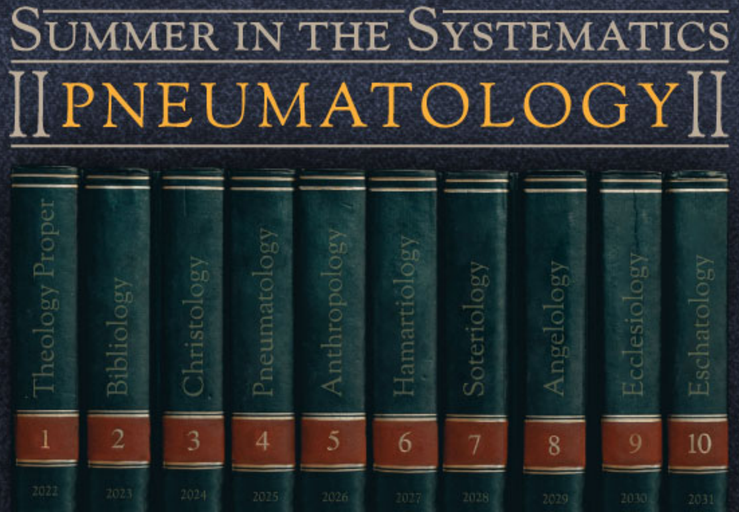
“. . . God is love.”

1 John 4:8



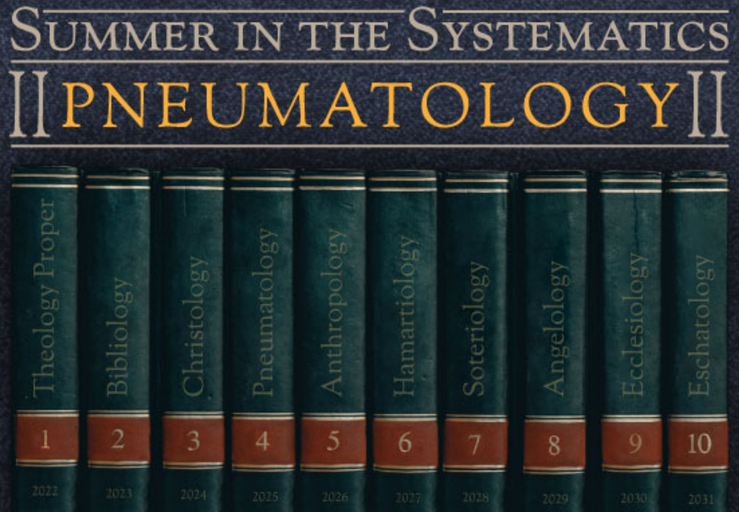
"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

John 15:13



“ . . . the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Romans 5:5



“ . . . who also informed us of your love in the Spirit.”

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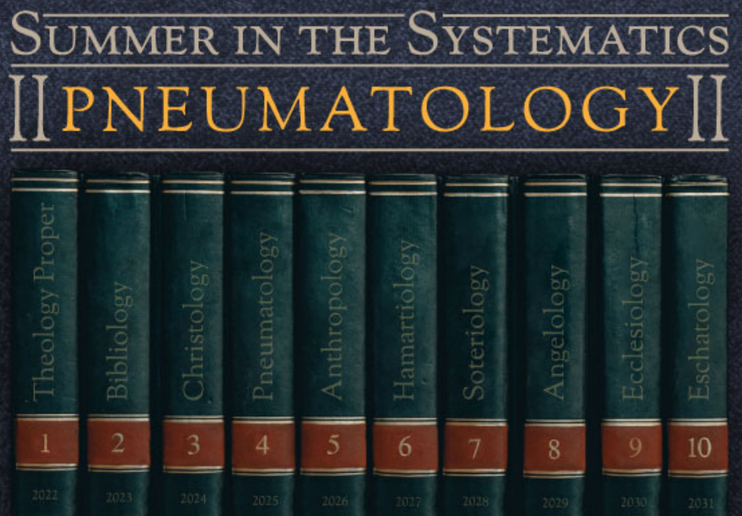
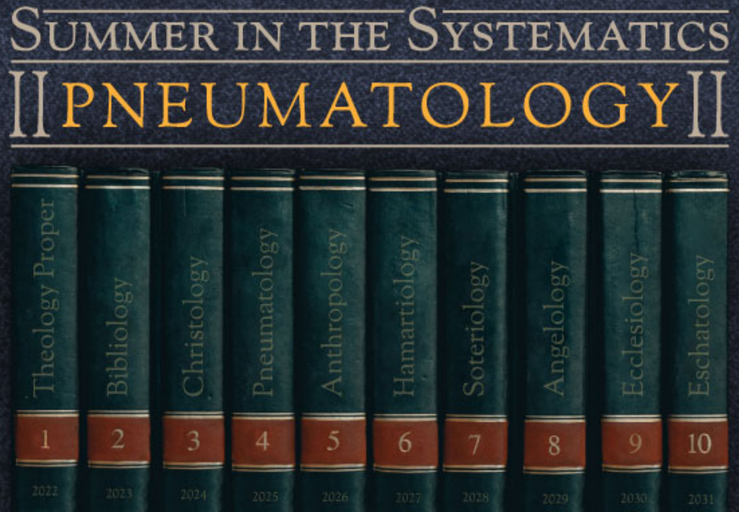


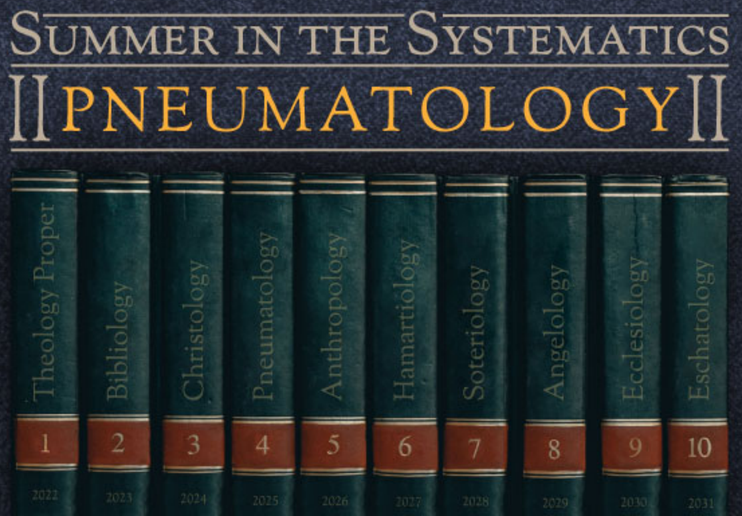
"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her."

Ephesians 5:25



“Love never fails.”

1 Corinthians 13:8



"Love can be defined broadly as the conscious, sacrificial, and volitional commitment to the welfare of another person, in obedience to God's Word . . . regardless of that person's response or what one does or does not receive from him or her, or what love costs one to give."

John MacArthur and
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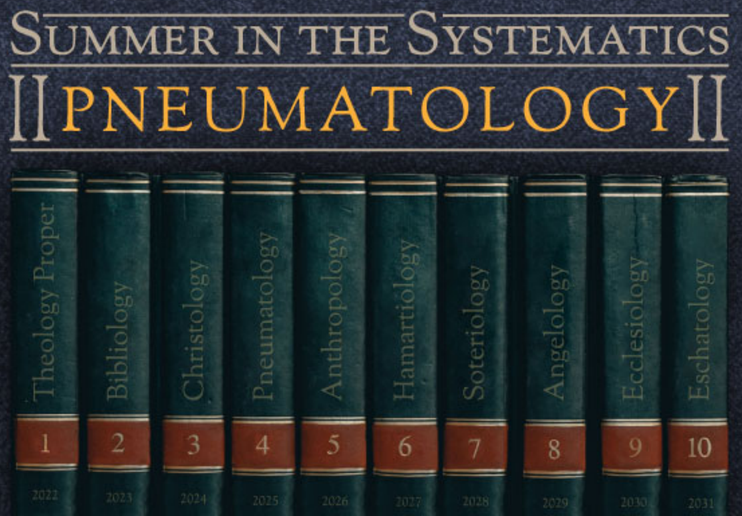
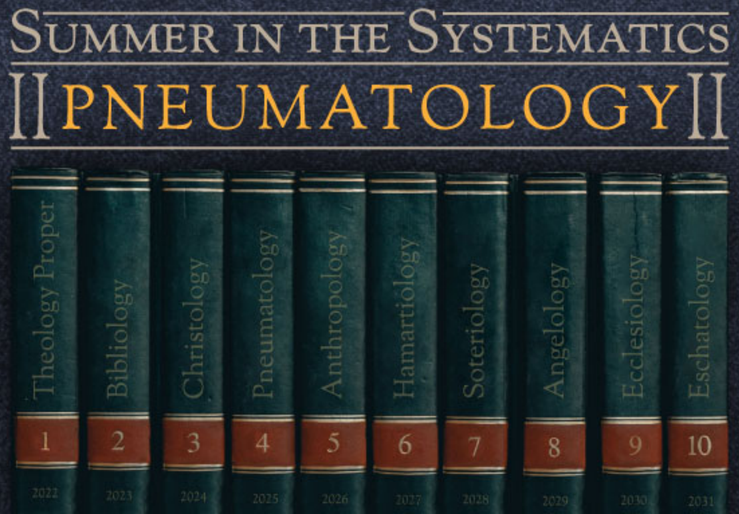


“If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.”

1 John 4:20



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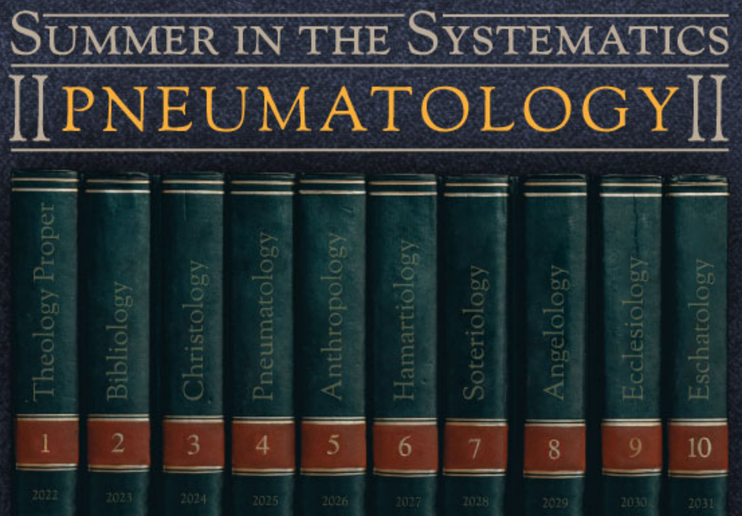
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“ . . . is a happiness based on unchanging divine promises and eternal spiritual realities.”

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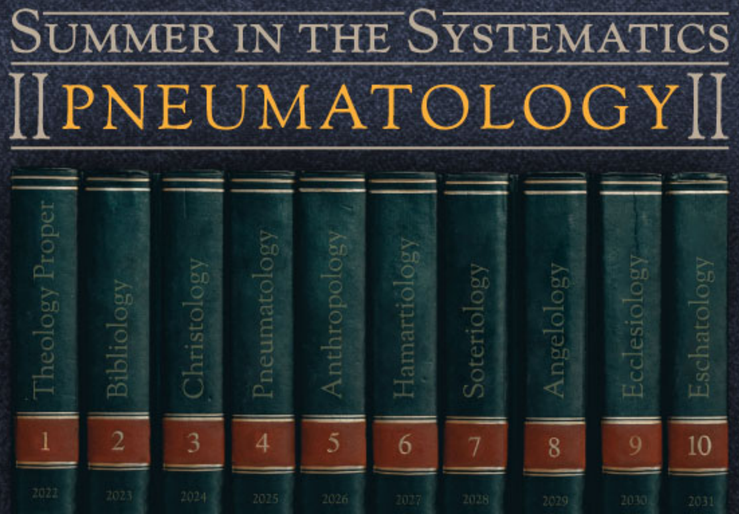
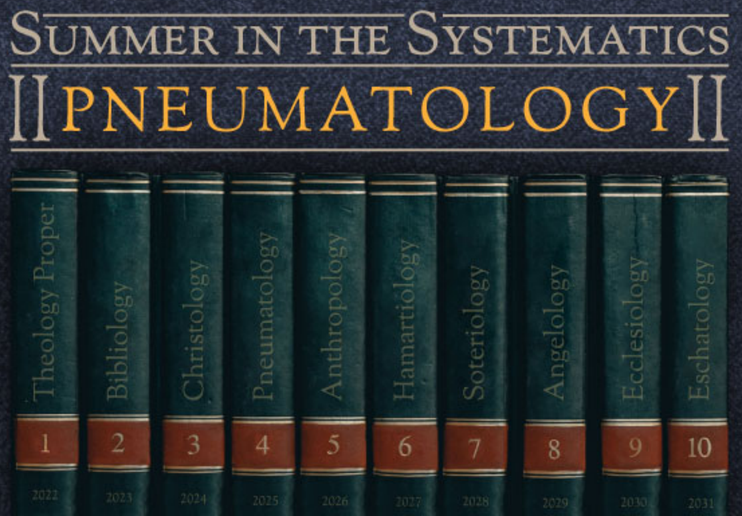


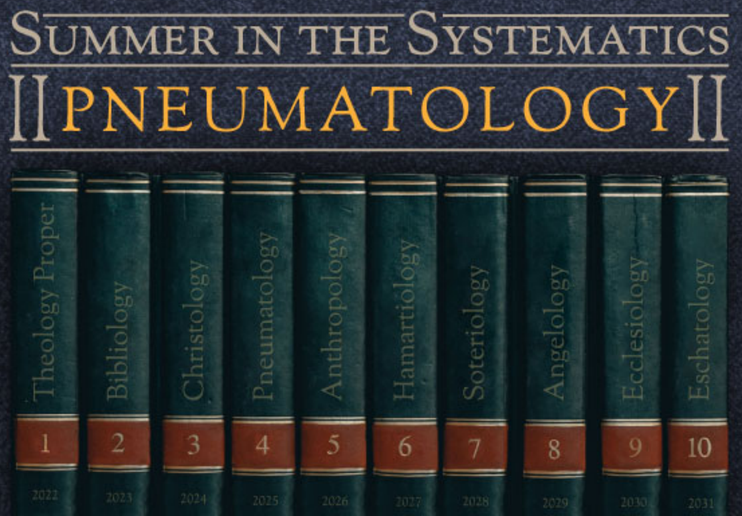
"And though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory."

1 Peter 1:8



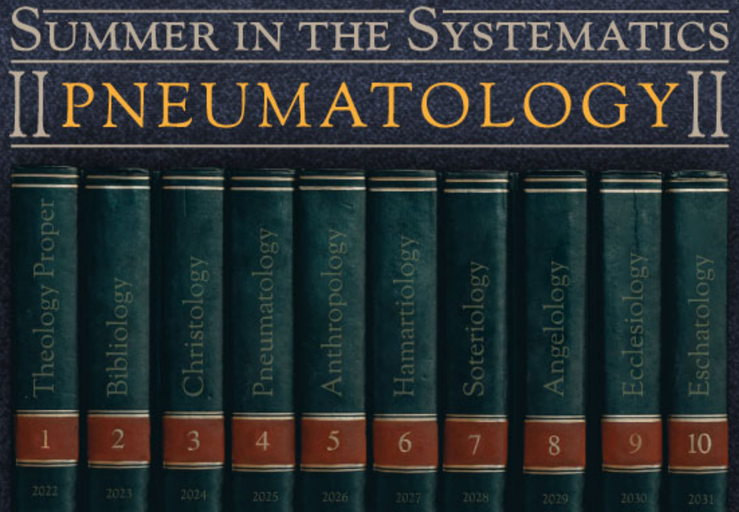
"Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will cry and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy."

John 16:20-22



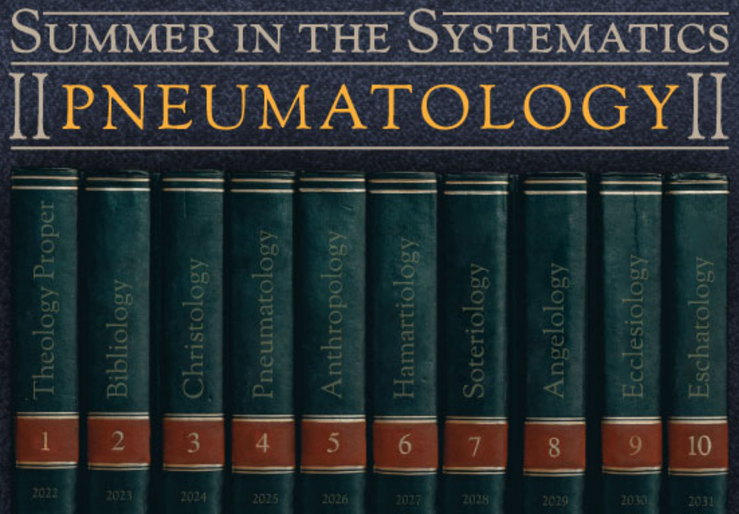
“Whenever a woman is in labor she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the suffering because of the joy that a child has been born into the world. Therefore you too have sorrow now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.”

John 16:20-22



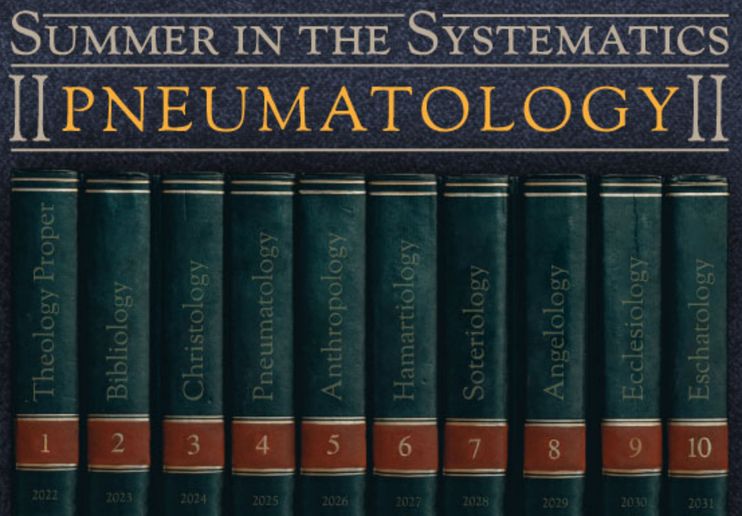
"You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction with the joy of the Holy Spirit."

2 Thessalonians 1:6



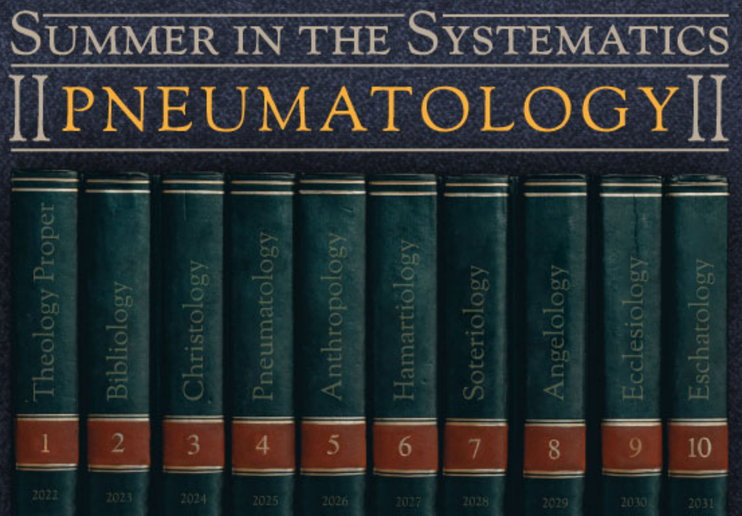
“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!”

Philippians 4:4



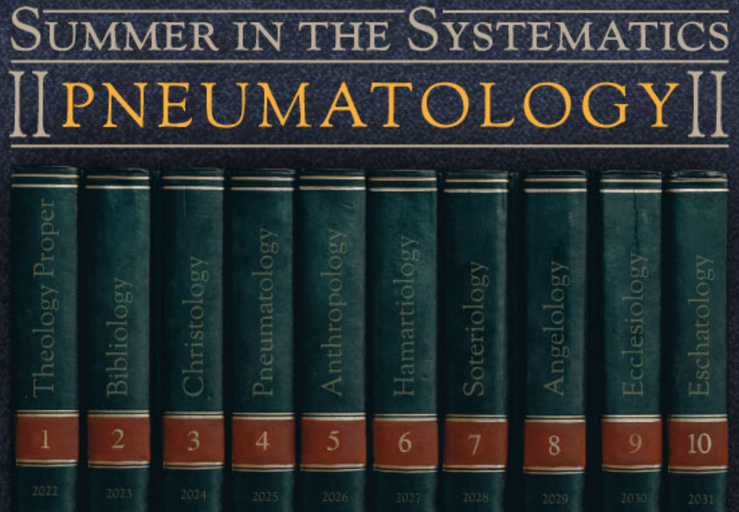
“ . . . for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 14:17



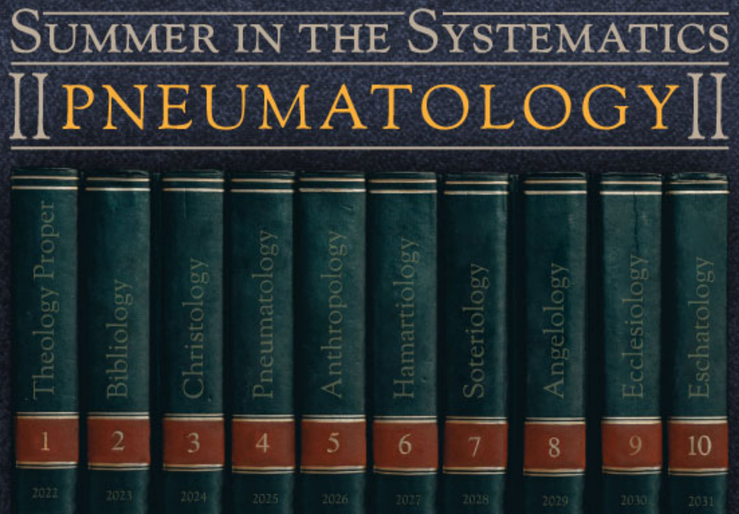
"I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

3 John 4



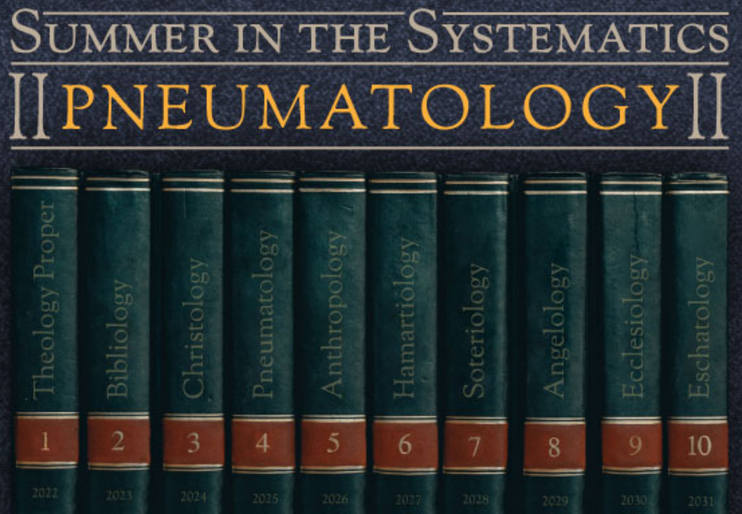
"Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith brings about perseverance. And let perseverance have its perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

James 1:2-4



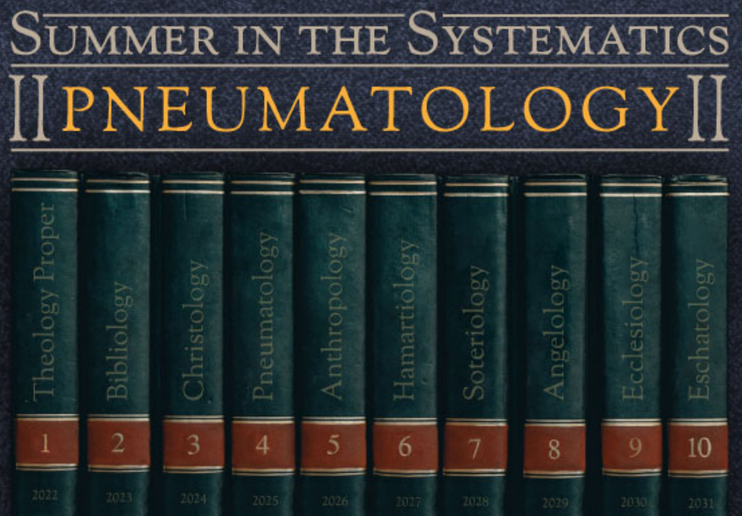
“Warm puppies grow cold in the grave. The joy of salvation is forever.”

R.C. Sproul



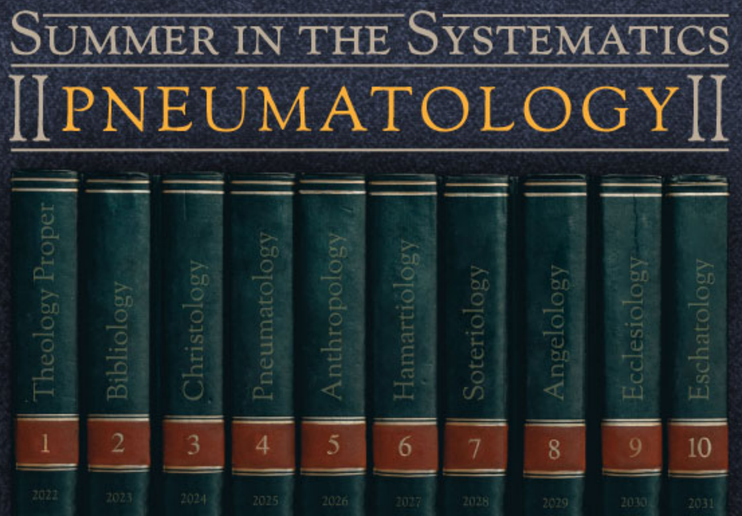
"There is as much difference between spiritual joys and earthly as between a banquet that is eaten and one that is painted on the wall."

Thomas Watson



"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and I fill up what is lacking of Christ's afflictions in my flesh, on behalf of His body, which is the church."

Colossians 1:24



"But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all."

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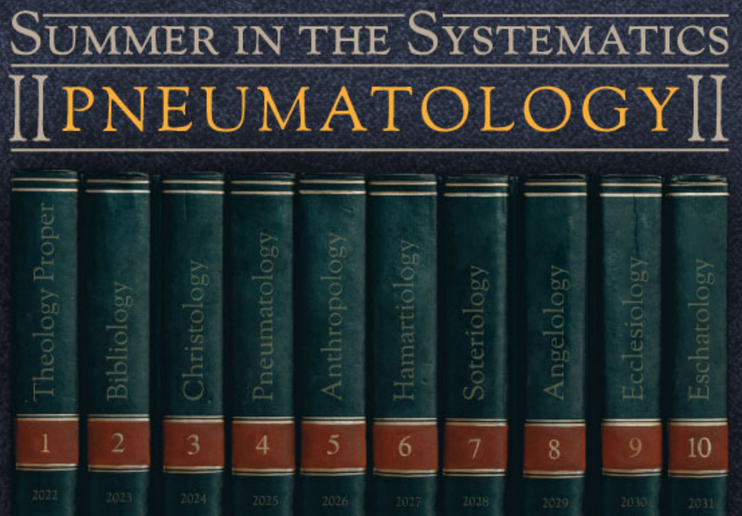

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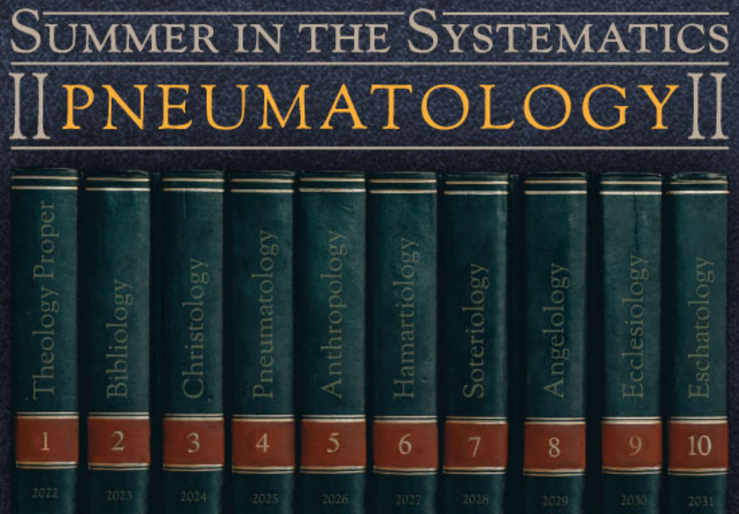
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“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”

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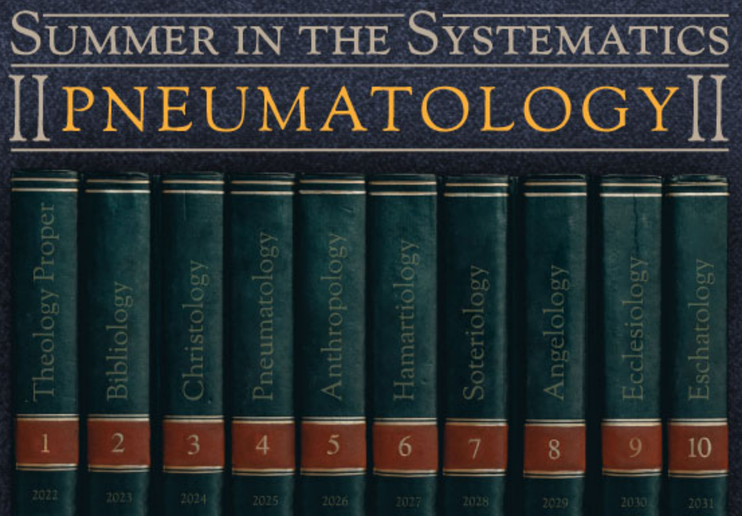
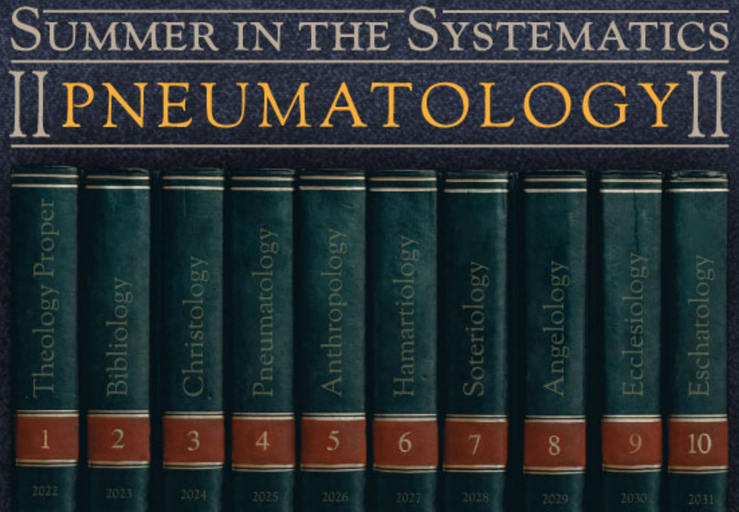


"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 5:1



"The worst holocaust of history is the war between a holy God and His rebellious creatures. For the Christian that war is over, once and for all."

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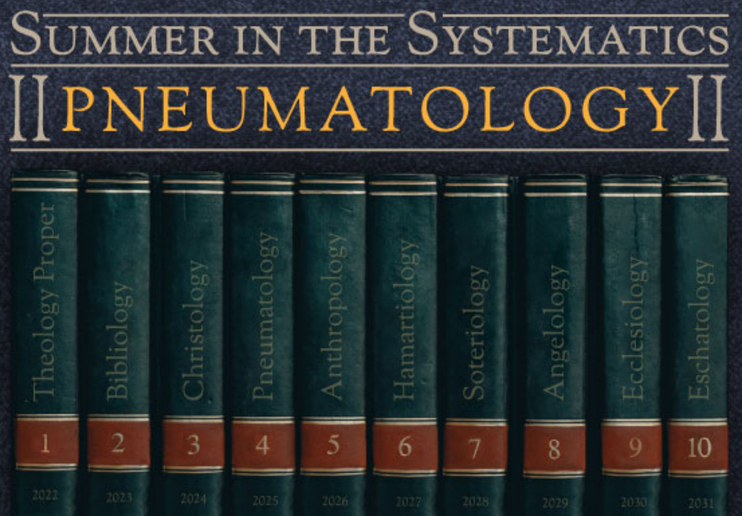
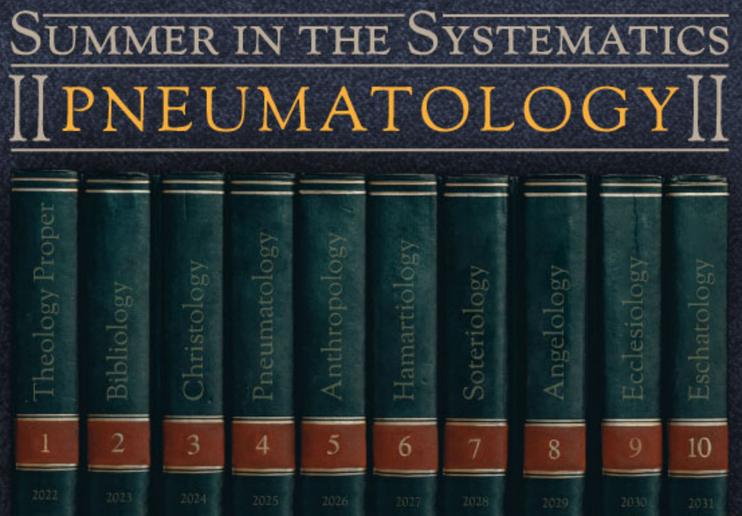


“ . . . that tranquility which comes because one is rightly related to God.”

Charles Ryrie



“ . . . results in an ordered, settled, and undisturbed response to whatever life brings one’s way.”

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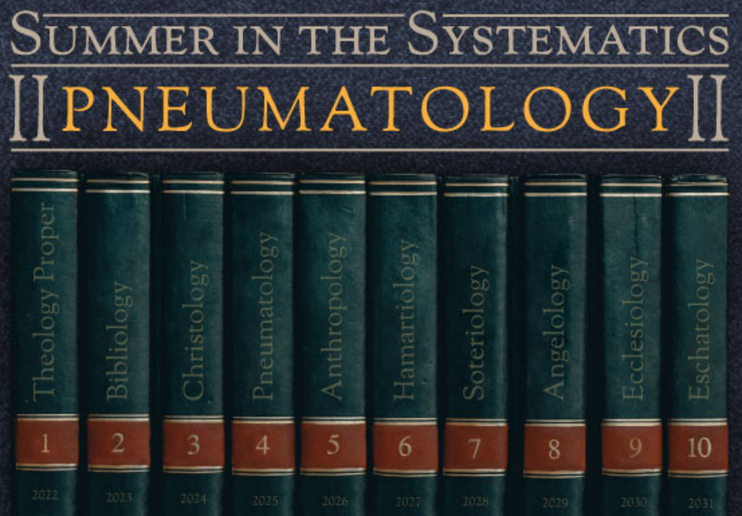

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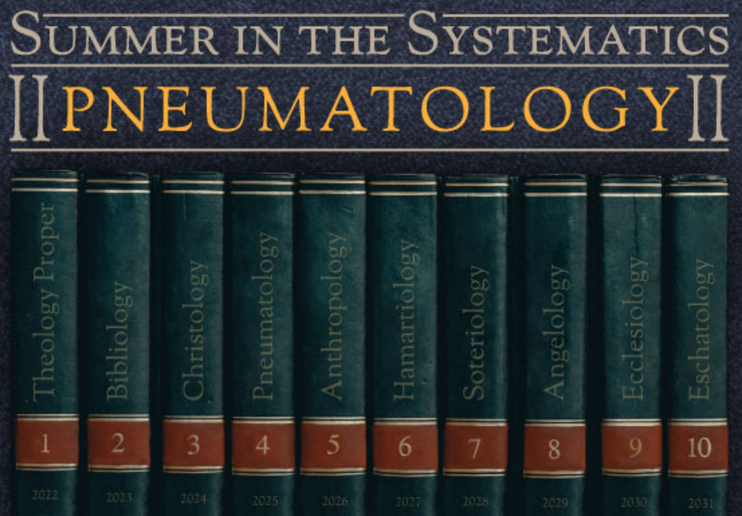
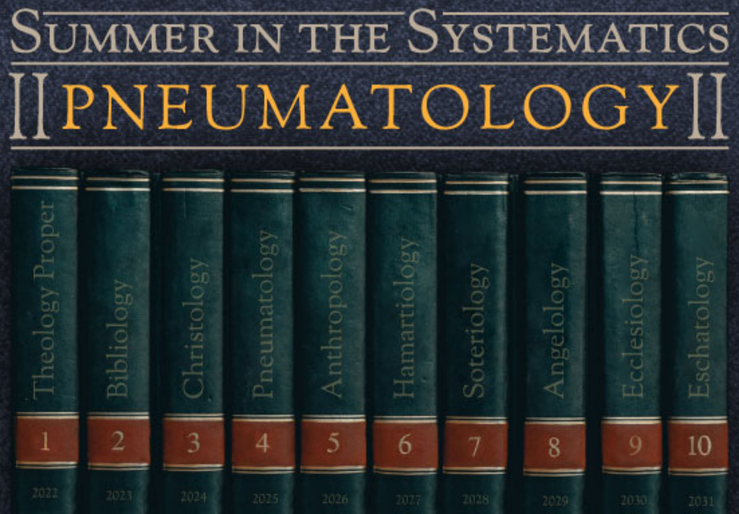


"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose."

Romans 8:28



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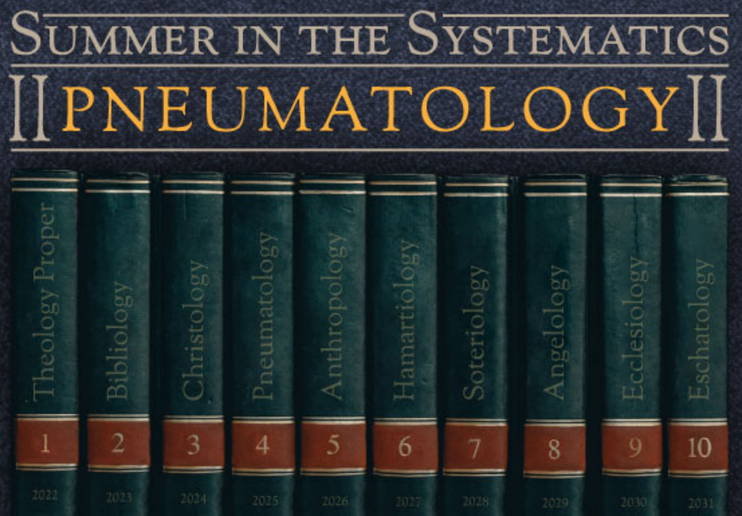
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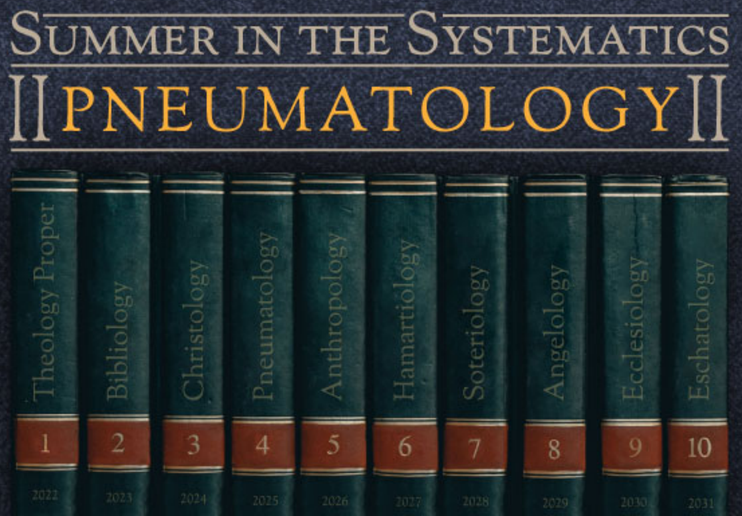
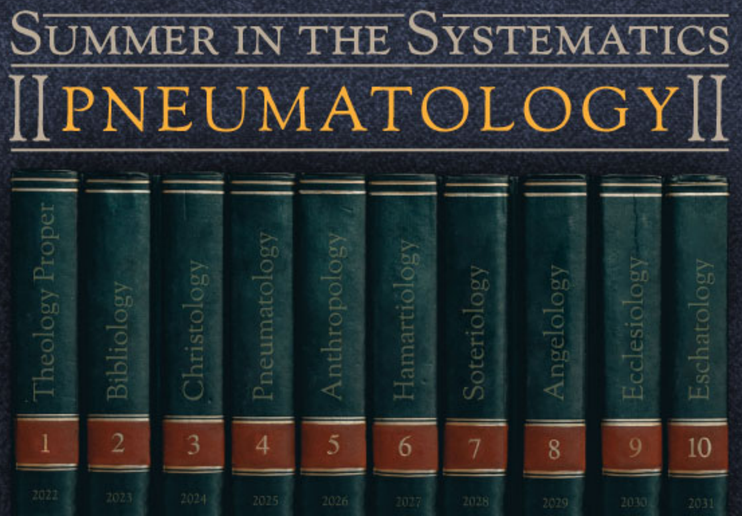
“ . . . evenness of character and action that never displays a desire for revenge.”

Charles Ryrie



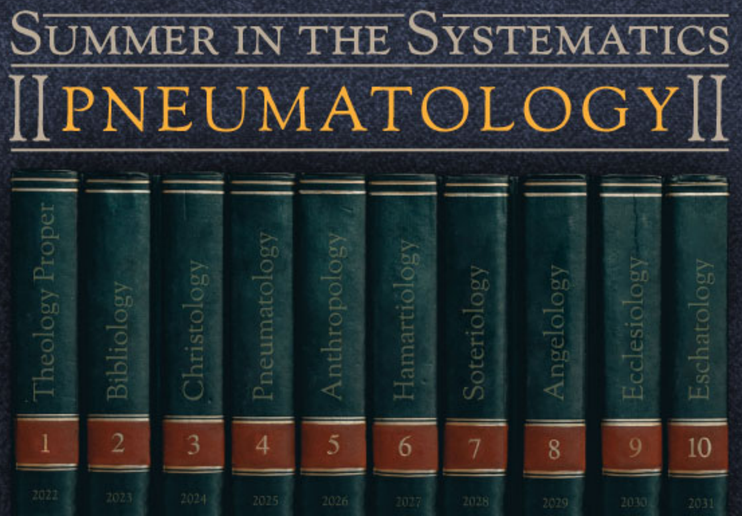
"Yahweh, Yahweh God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth . . ."

Exodus 34:6



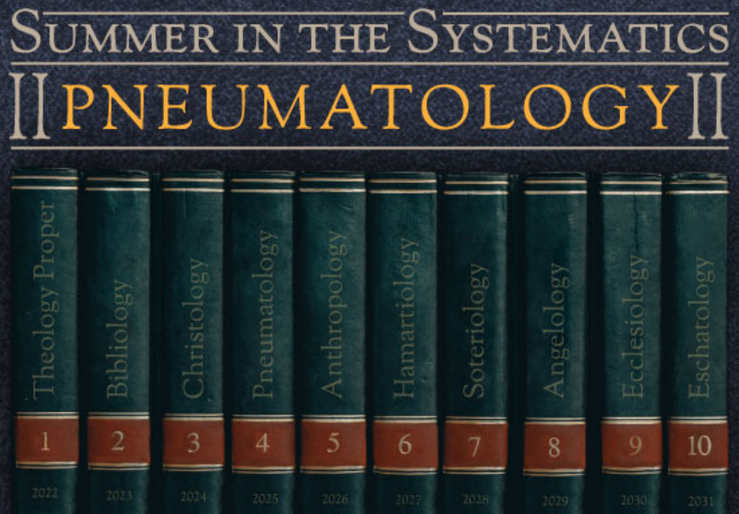
"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some consider slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."

2 Peter 3:9



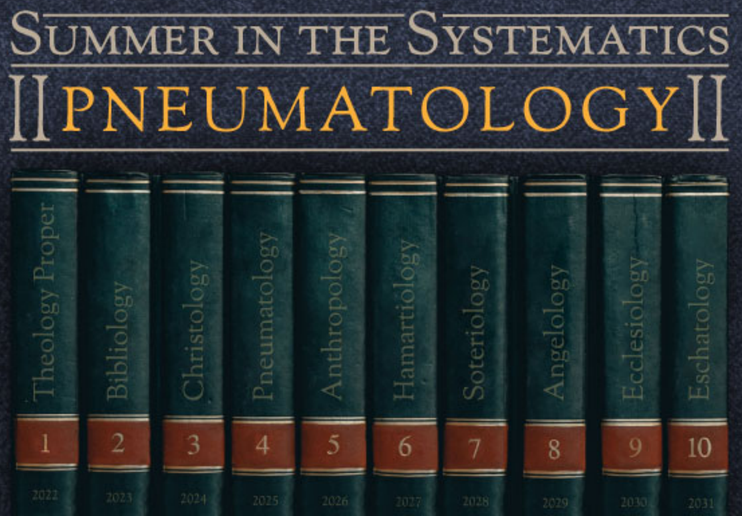
“ . . . but in everything commending ourselves as ministers of God, in much perseverance, in afflictions, in distresses, in hardships, in beatings, in imprisonments, in disturbances, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger, in purity, in knowledge, in patience . . .”

2 Corinthians 6:4-6



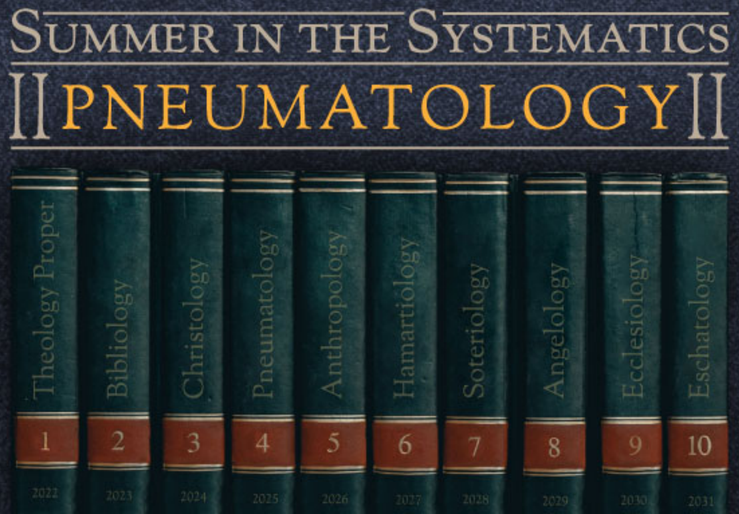
"Therefore be patient, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the soil, being patient about it, until it receives the early and late rains. You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."

James 5:7-11



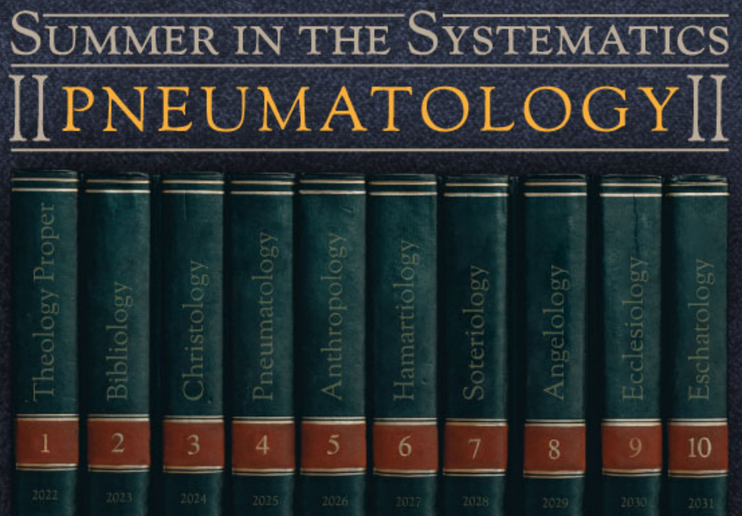
"Do not groan, brothers, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing right at the door. As an example, brothers, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord."

James 5:7-11



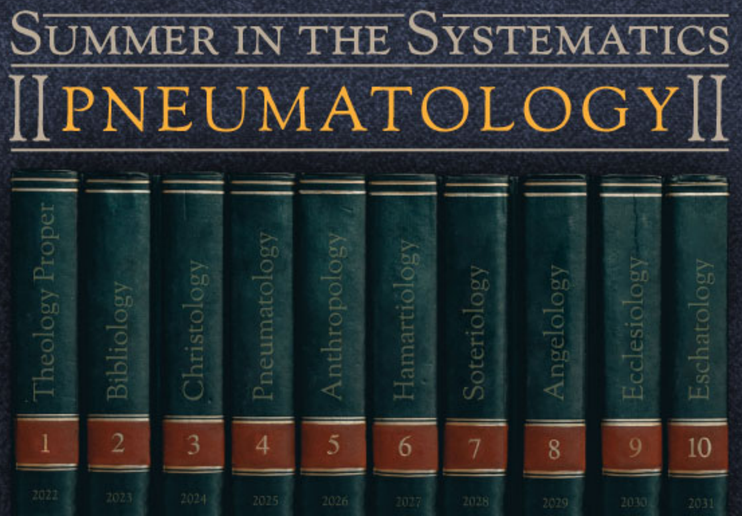
"Behold, we count those blessed who persevere. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful."

James 5:7-11



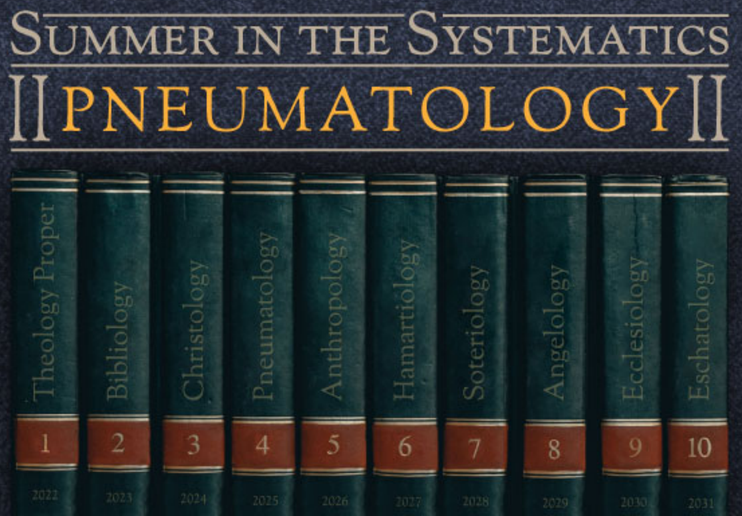
"For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, so that He might bring you to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison . . ."

1 Peter 3:18-20



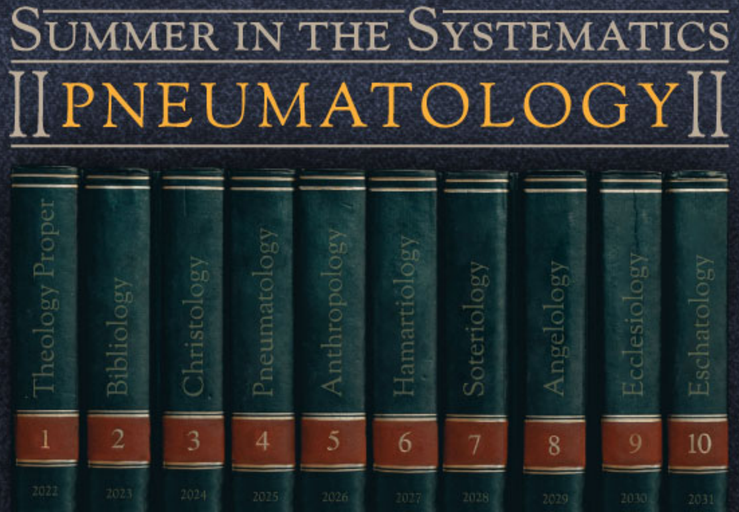
“ . . . who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.”

2 Peter 3:18-20



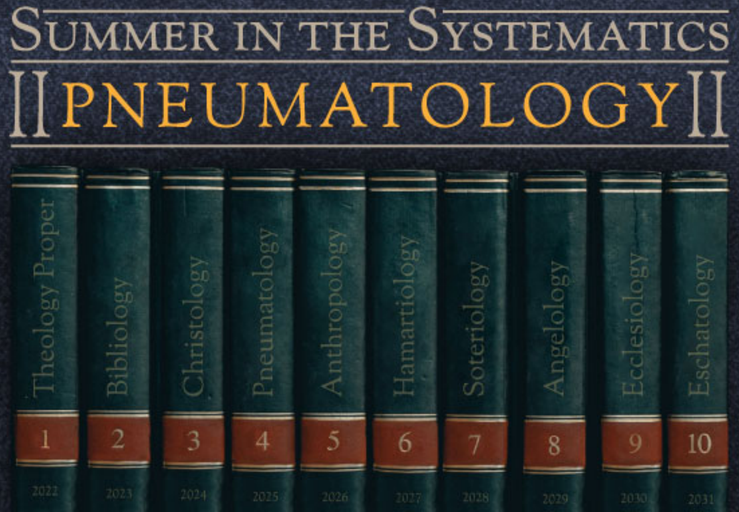
“ . . . and consider the patience of our Lord as salvation.”

2 Peter 3:15



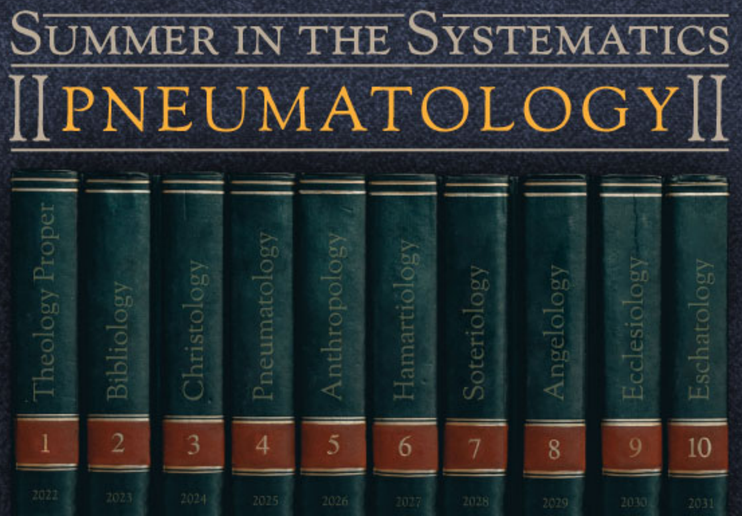
"Love is patient, love is kind, is not jealous, does not brag, is not puffed up . . ."

1 Corinthians 13:4



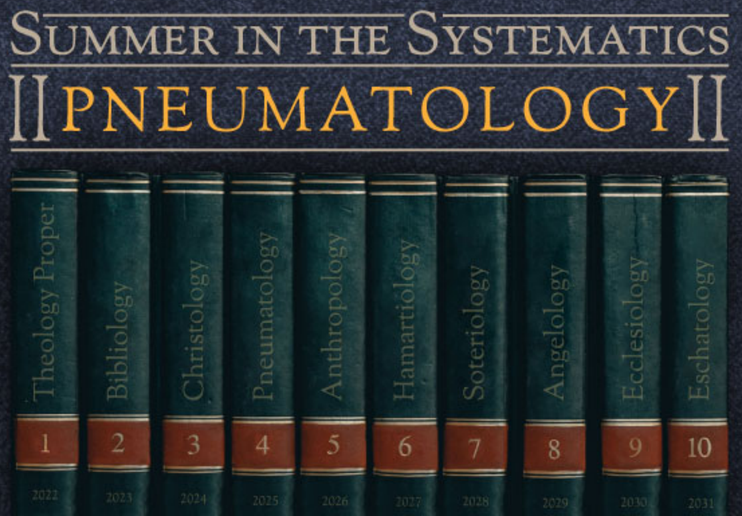
"Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, exhort you to walk worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:1-2



"And we urge you, brothers, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone."

1 Thessalonians 5:14



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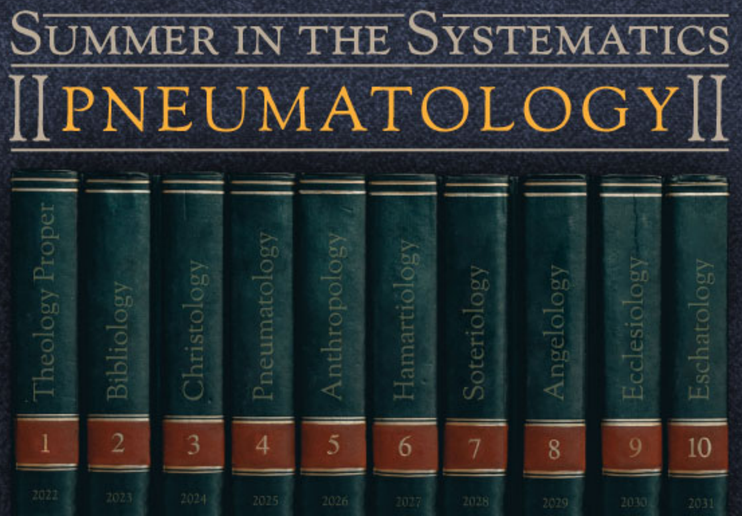
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“ . . . a tender, gentle concern for others that actively seeks out ways to serve them.”

John MacArthur and
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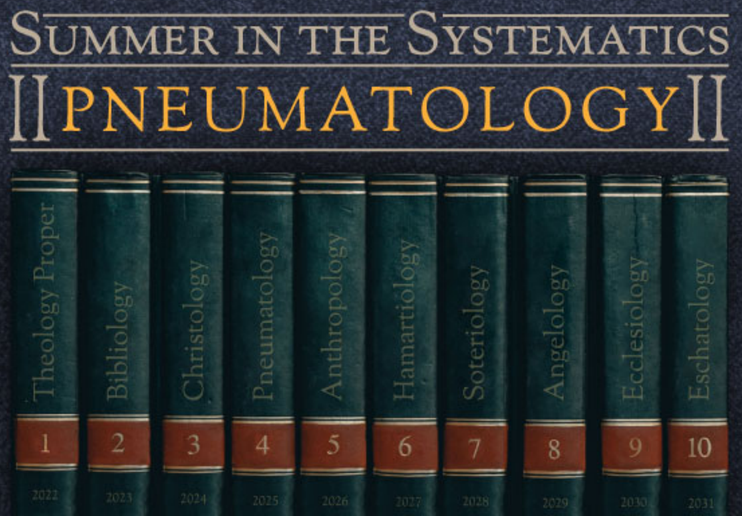
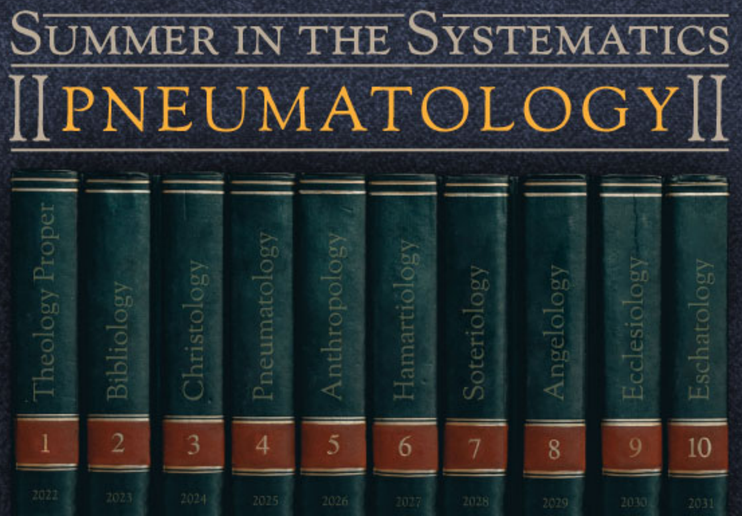


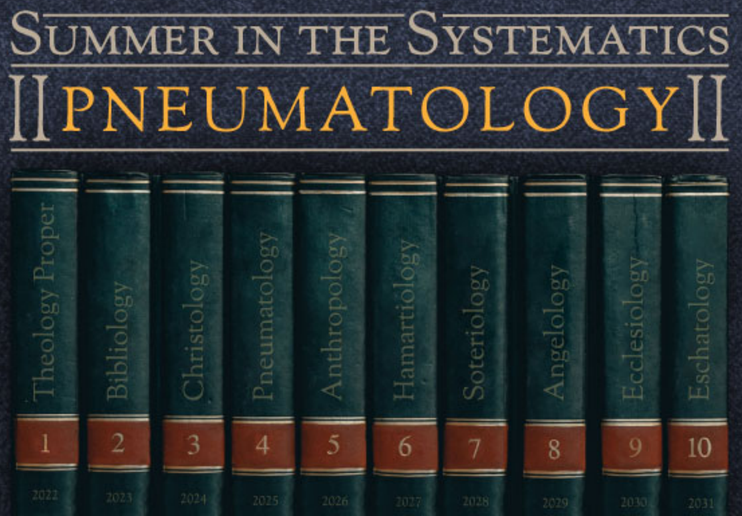
"Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?"

Romans 2:4



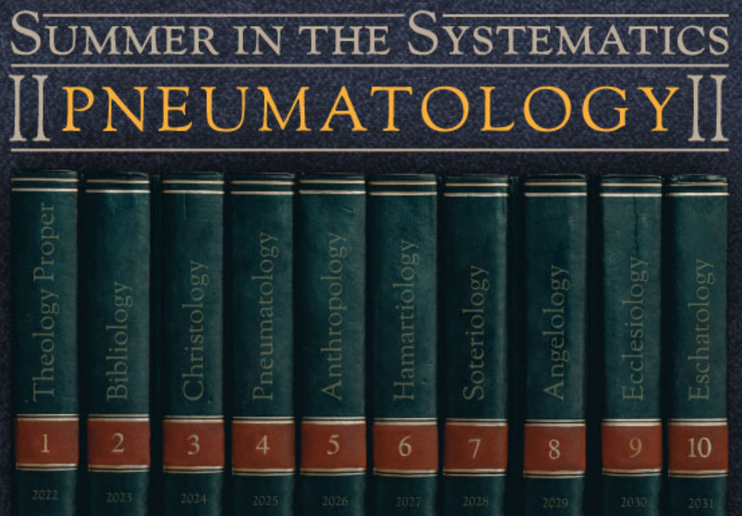
"But when the kindness and affection of God our Savior appeared, He saved us . . ."

Titus 3:4-5



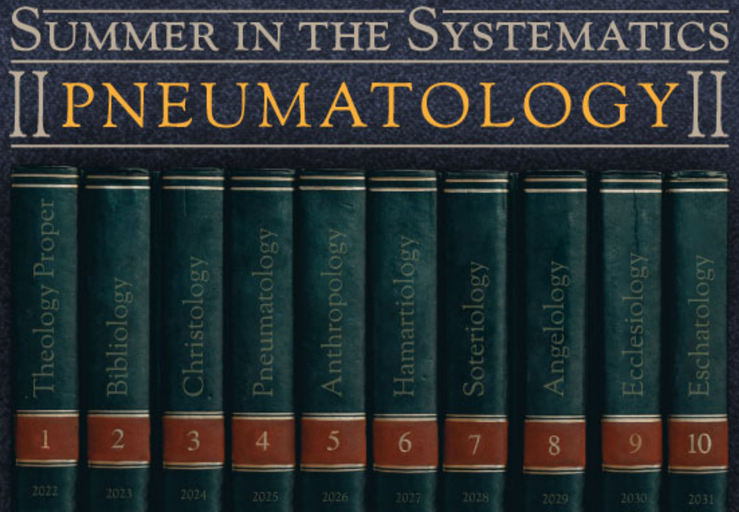
"Instead, be kind to one another, tender-hearted, graciously forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has graciously forgiven you."

Ephesians 4:32



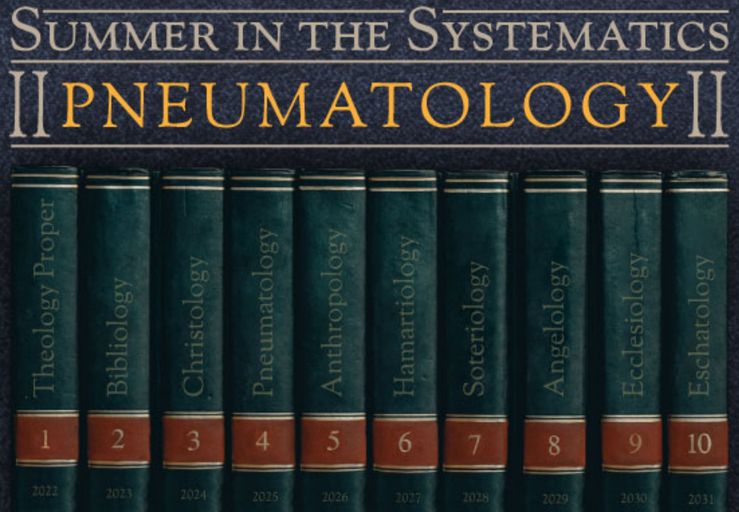
"So, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience; bearing with one another, and graciously forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone, just as the Lord graciously forgave you, so also should you."

Colossians 3:12-13



"I do not condemn you, either. Go, and from now on sin no more."

John 8:11



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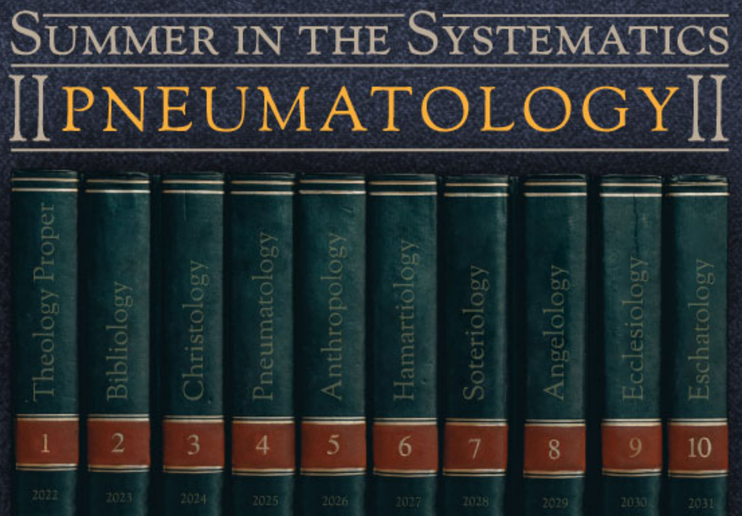
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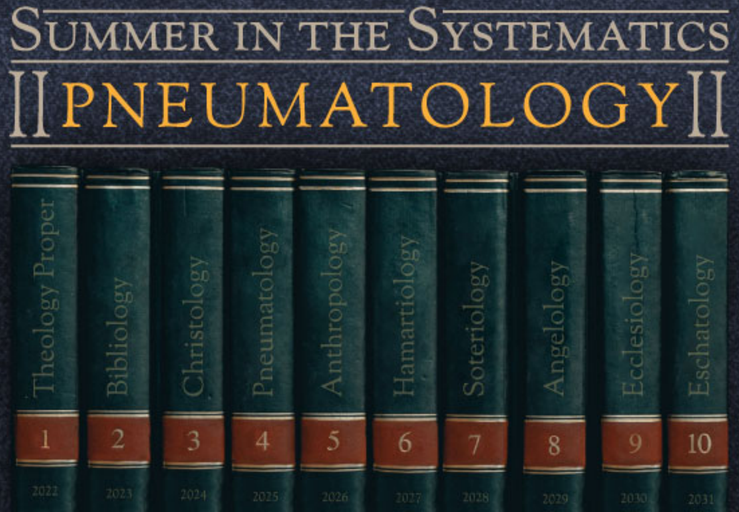
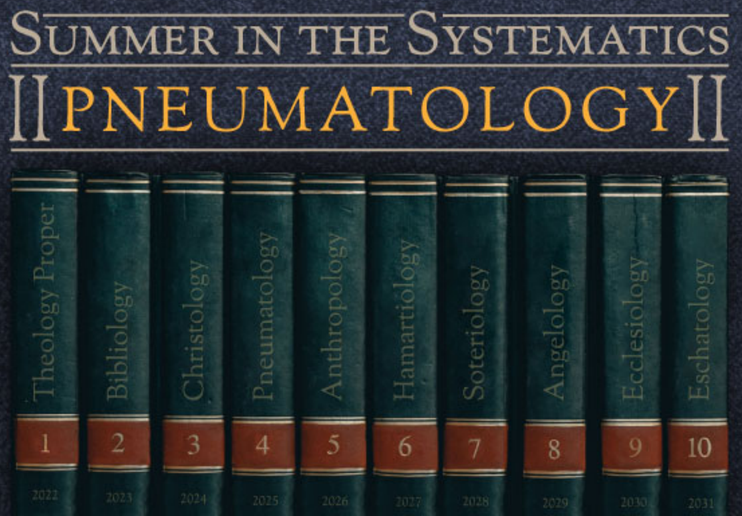
"Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone."

Luke 18:19



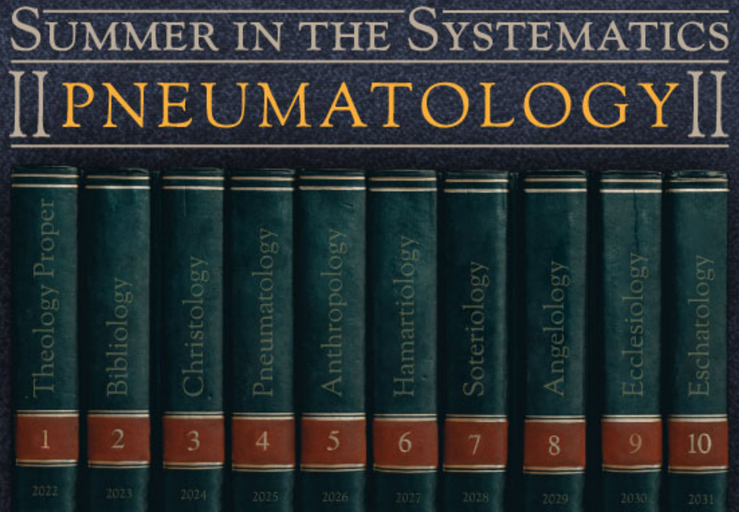
“ . . . clinging to what is good . . .”

Romans 12:9



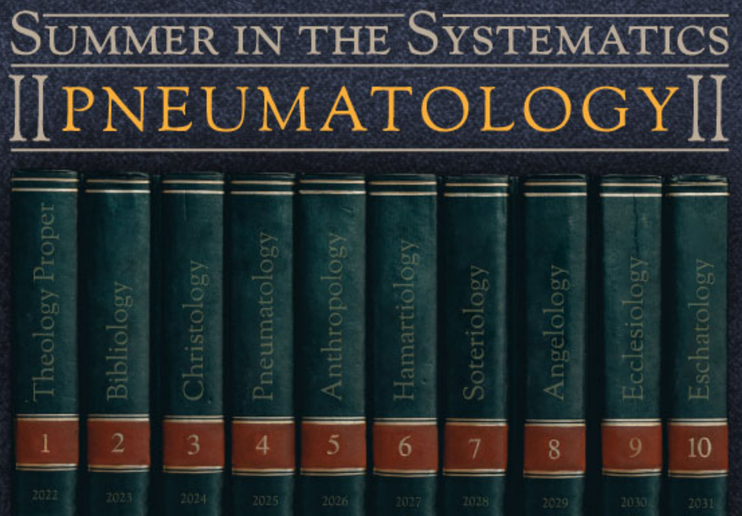
“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Romans 12:21



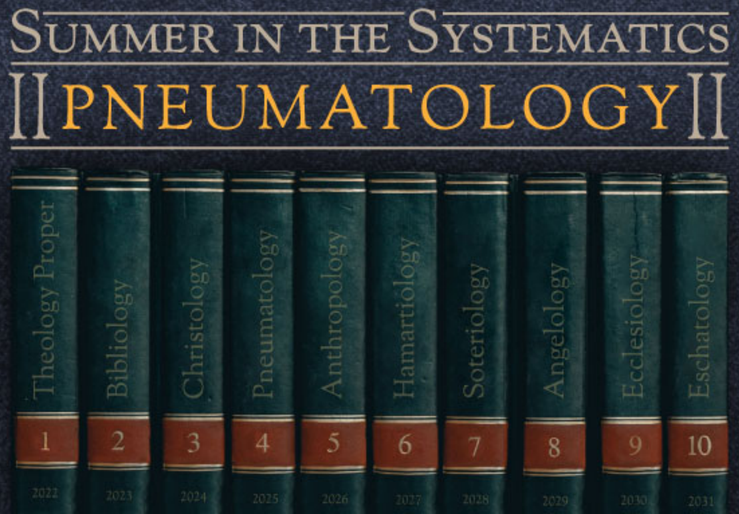
"So then, awhile we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith."

Galatians 6:10

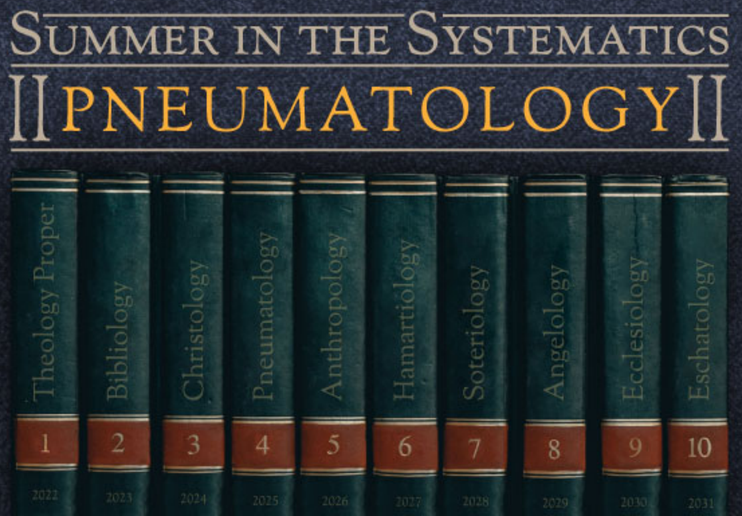


"He who steals must steal no longer, but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need."

Ephesians 4:28

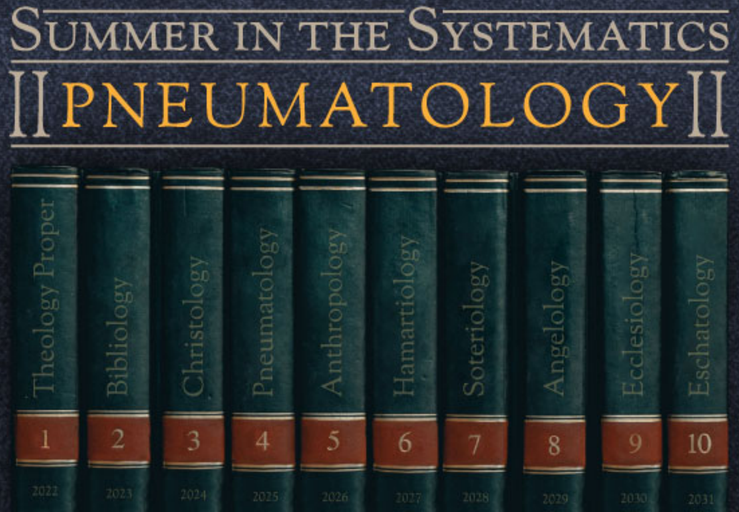


7. FAITHFULNESS



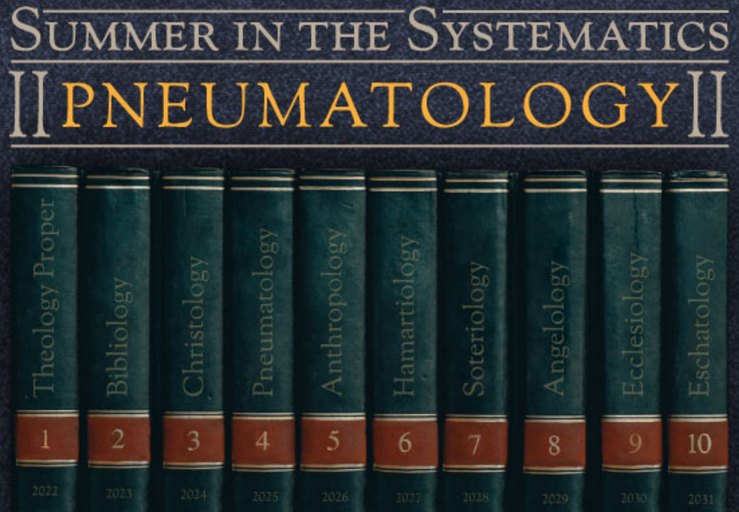
"What then? If some did not believe, does their unbelief abolish the faithfulness of God?"

Romans 3:3



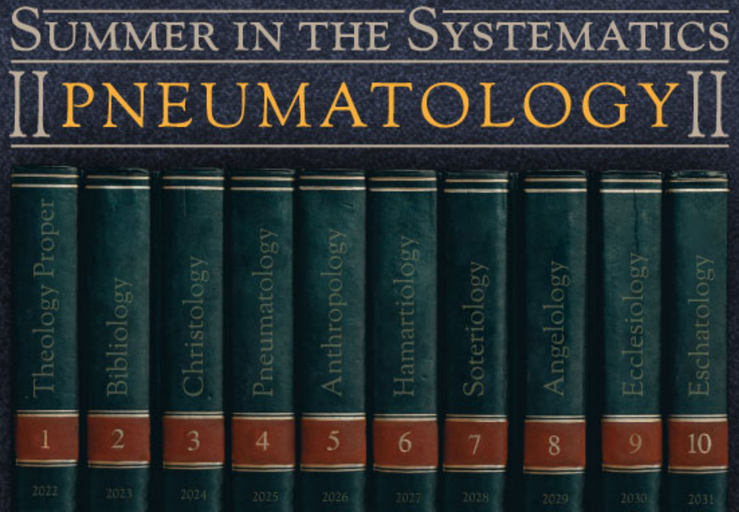
“ . . . buying up all the opportunities with every faculty given to us by God.”

Charles Ryrie



"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Revelation 2:10



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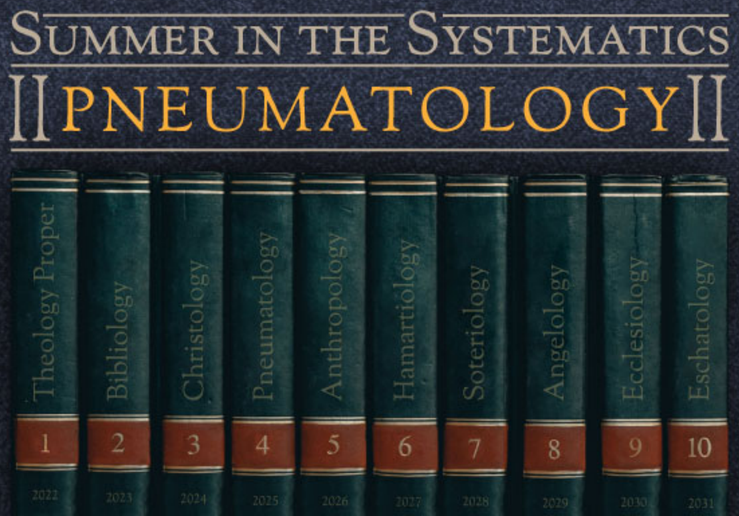
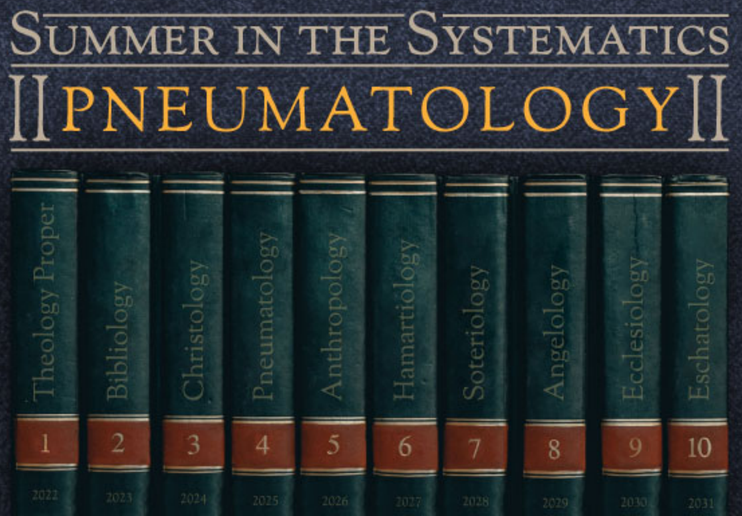


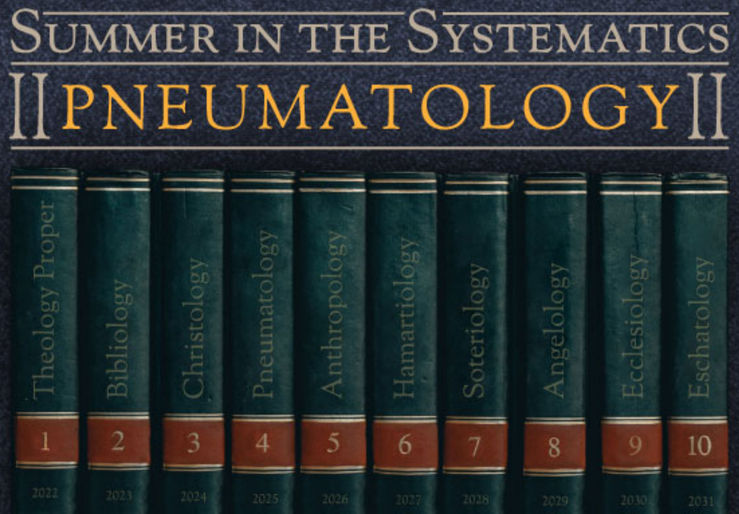
"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS."

Matthew 11:29



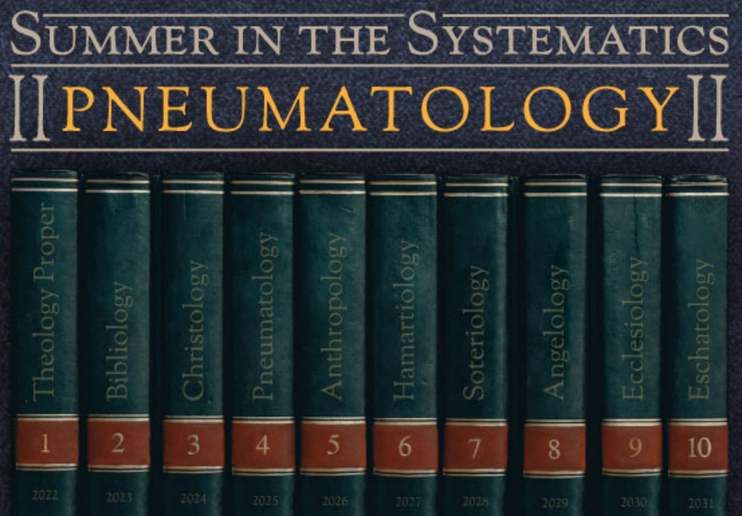
“Blessed are the lowly, for they shall inherit the earth.”

Matthew 5:5



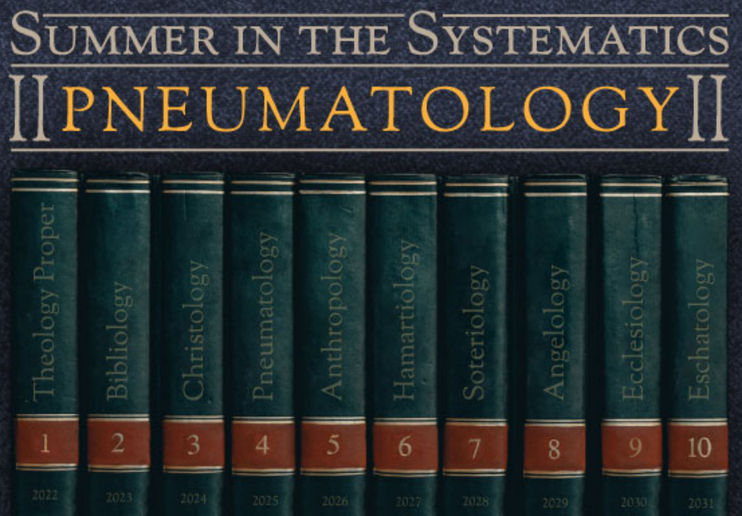
"Now I, Paul, myself plead with you by the gentleness and forbearance of Christ—I who am humble when face-to-face with you, but courageous toward you when absent!"

2 Corinthians 10:1



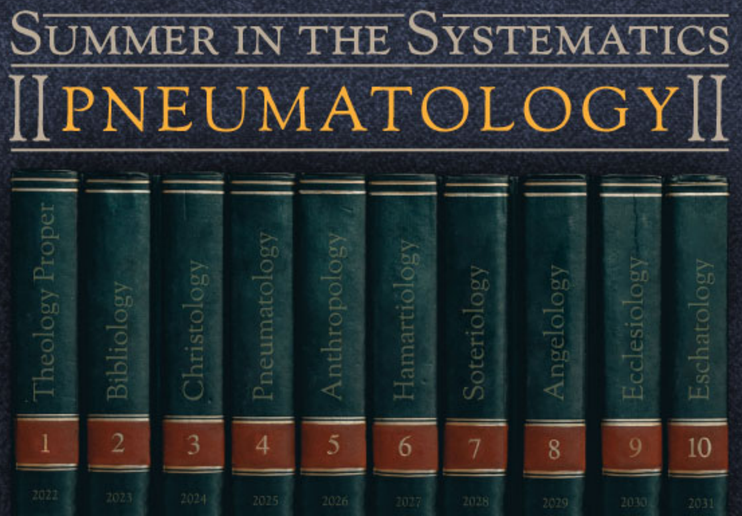
"So, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."

Colossians 3:12



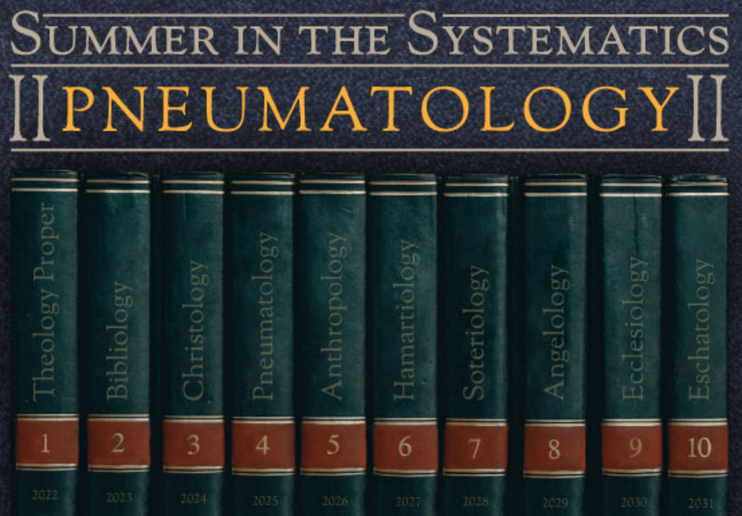
"Therefore, laying aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in gentleness receive the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

James 1:21



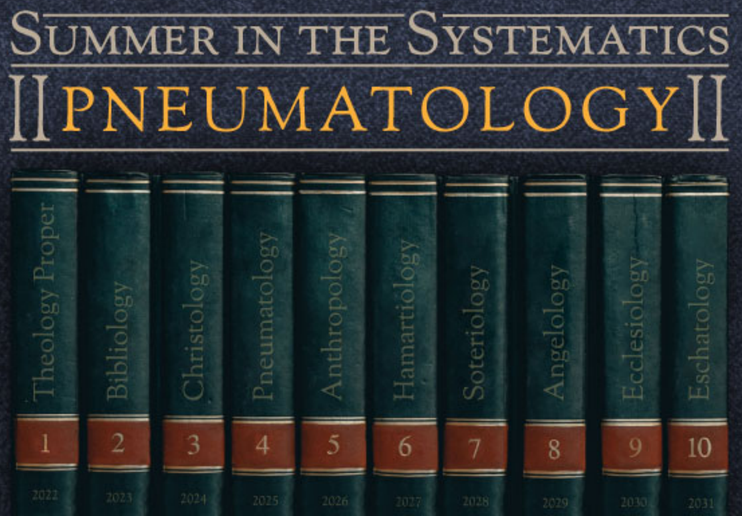
"Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, exhort you to walk worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:1-2



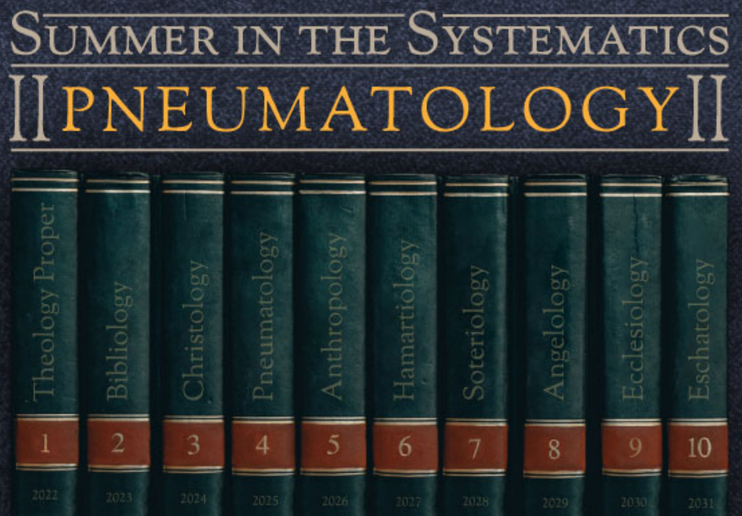
"Brothers, even if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, each of you looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted."

Galatians 6:1

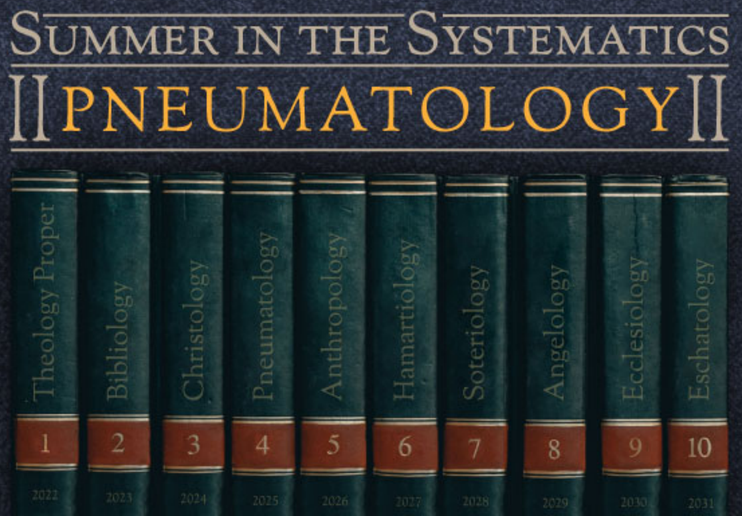


"But you, O man of God, flee from these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, gentleness."

1 Timothy 6:11

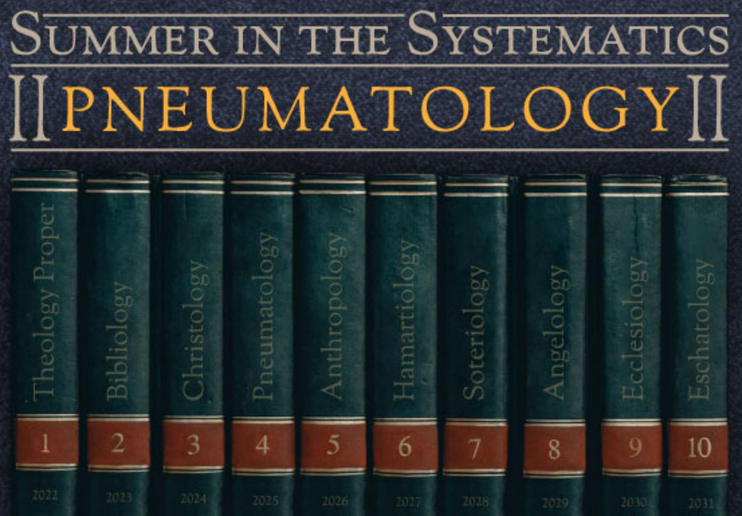


9. SELF-CONTROL



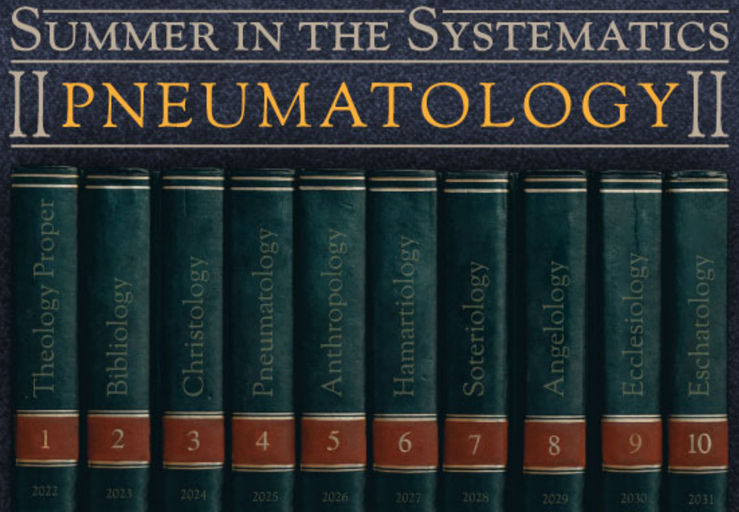
“ . . . inward restraint of appetites and passions resulting in a spiritual mastery that submits consistently to the greater cause of God’s will, not man’s.”

John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue



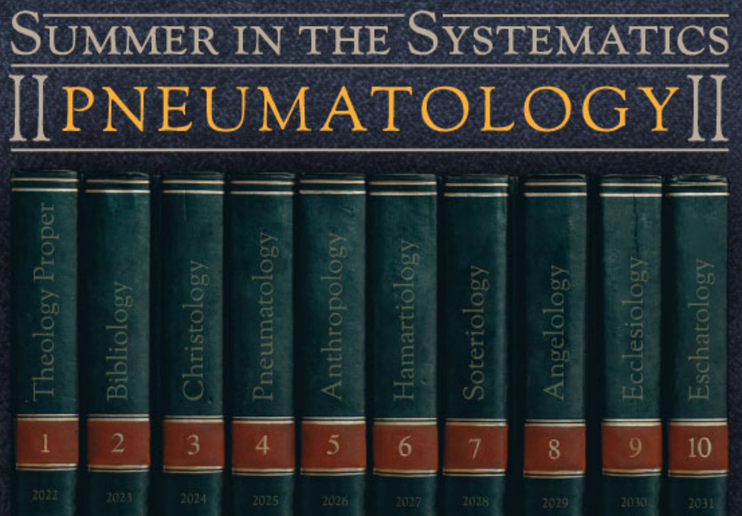
"Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness."

2 Peter 1:5-6



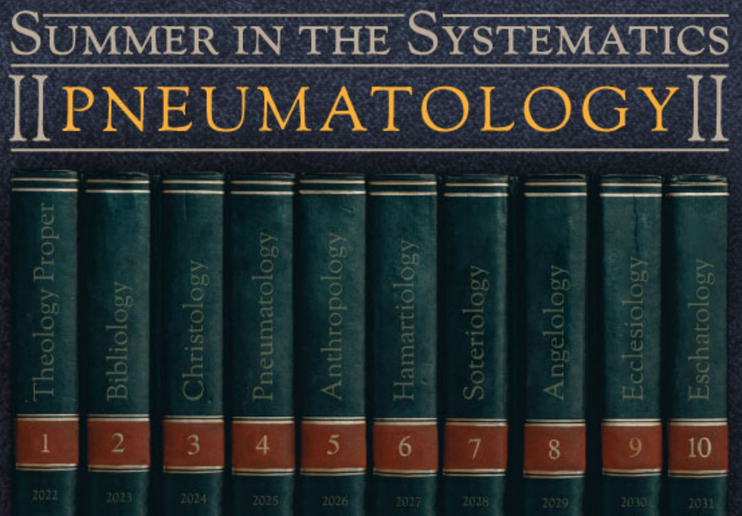
"For the overseer must be beyond reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of dishonest gain, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, righteous, holy, self-controlled."

Titus 1:7-8



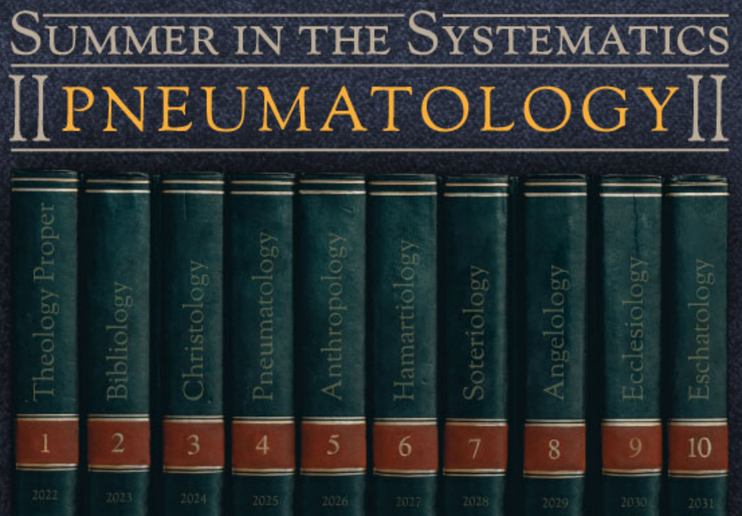
"Now everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible."

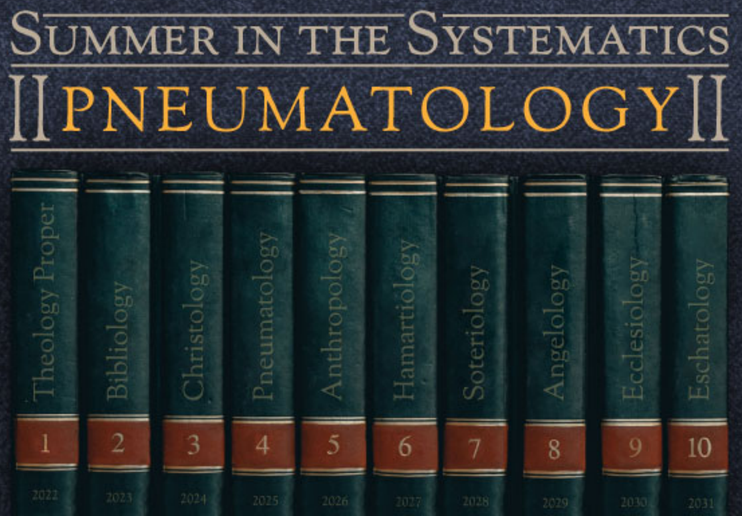
1 Corinthians 9:25



"What a catalogue we have here of lovely moral characteristics. Paul tells us that they are the fruit of the Spirit, that is, if the Holy Spirit is given control of our lives, this is the fruit He will bear. All real beauty of character, all real Christlikeness in us, is the Holy Spirit's work; it is His fruit; He produces it . . ."

R.A. Torrey



"When the nine words that comprise the fruit of the Spirit are fully defined, we will have a well-rounded picture of true Christlikeness."

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