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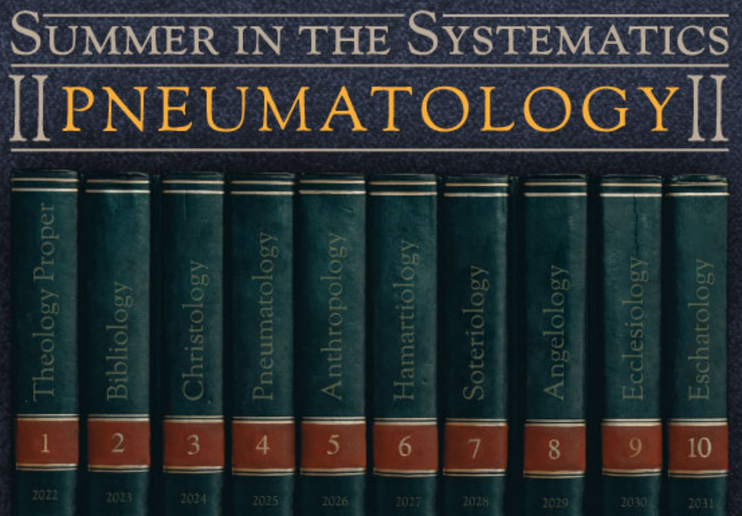
THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT



"The 'peril of the pendulum' operates in relation to spiritual gifts. On the one swing of the pendulum is the idea that spiritual gifts are essentially irrelevant to Christian service today because the gifts were given to the early church only and the important matter today is maturity, not gifts."

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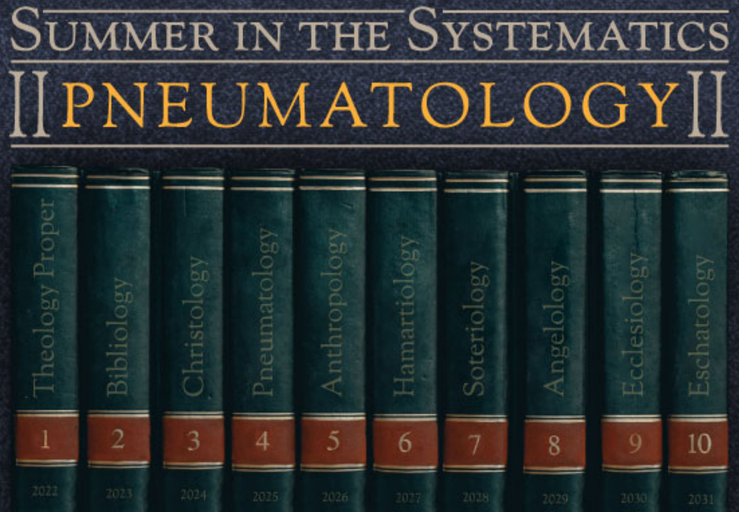

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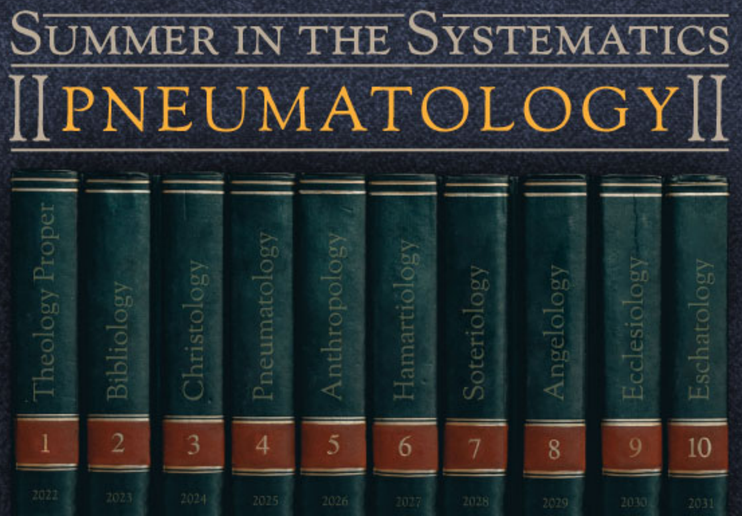
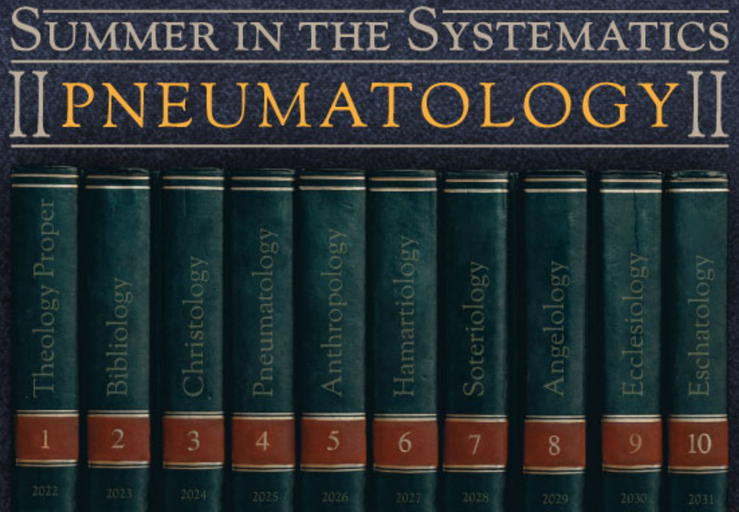


"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant."

1 Corinthians 12:1



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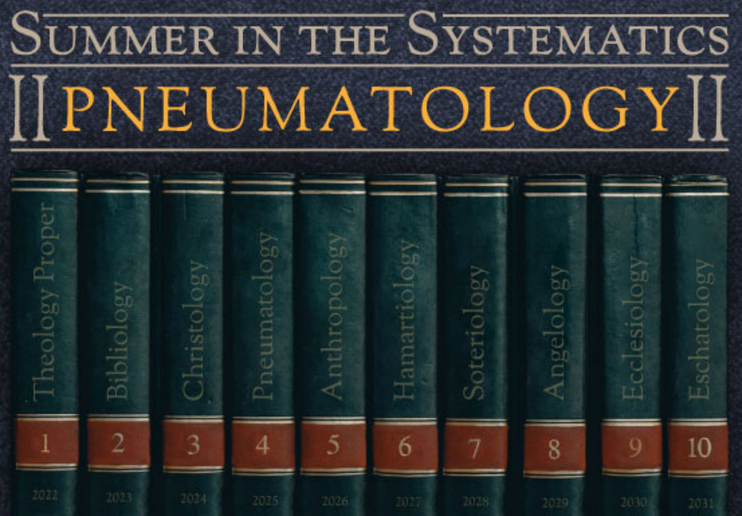

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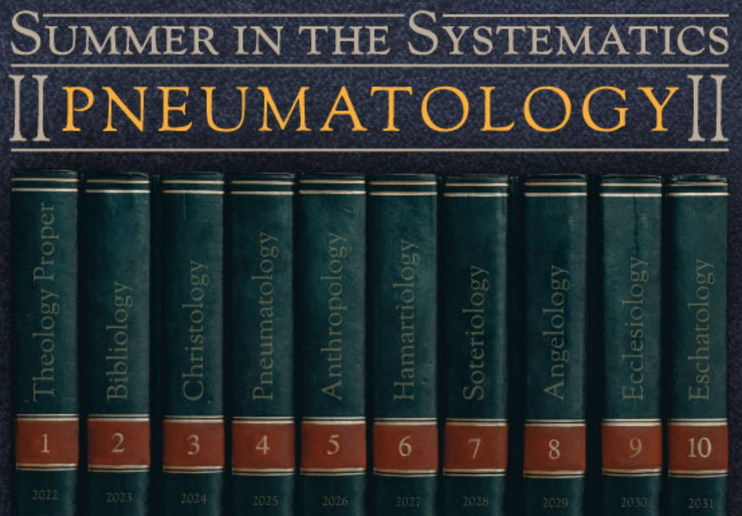

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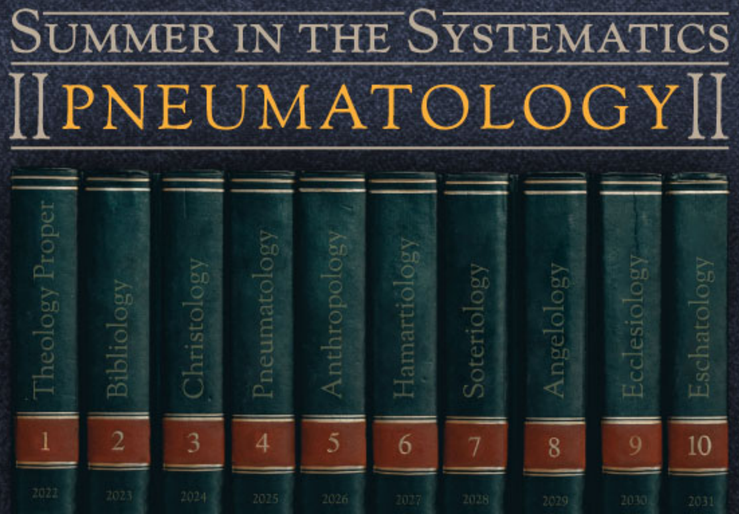

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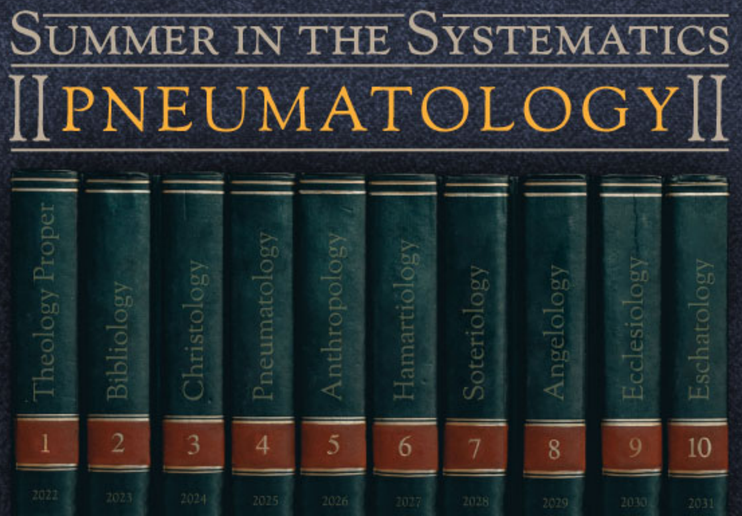

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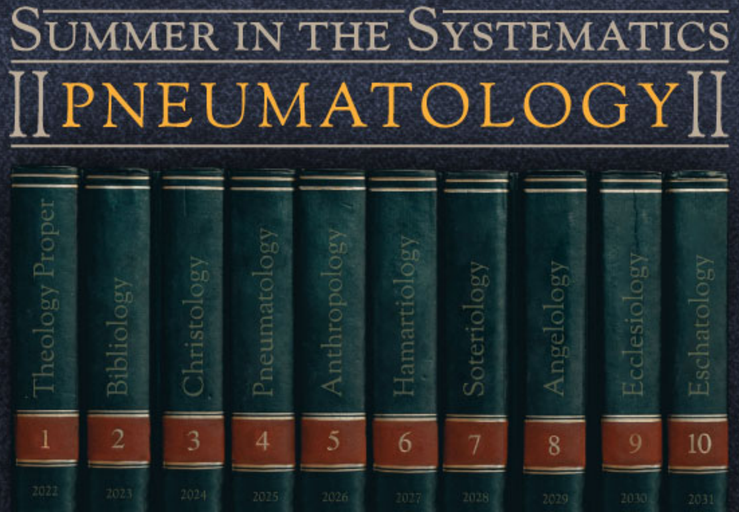

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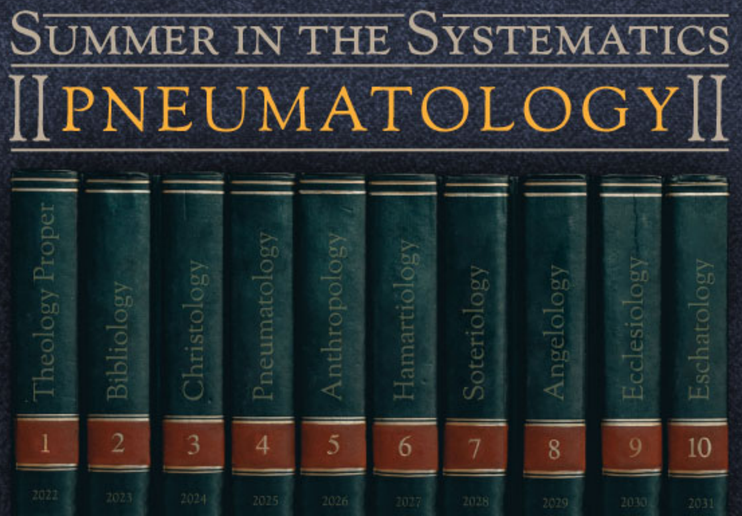

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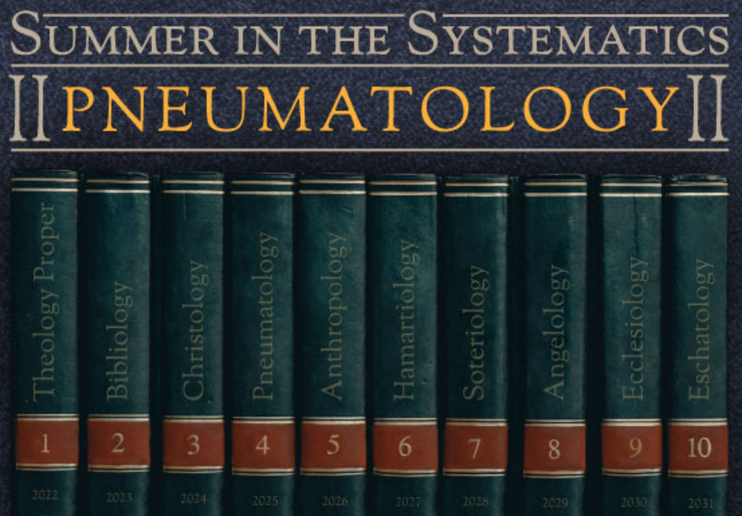

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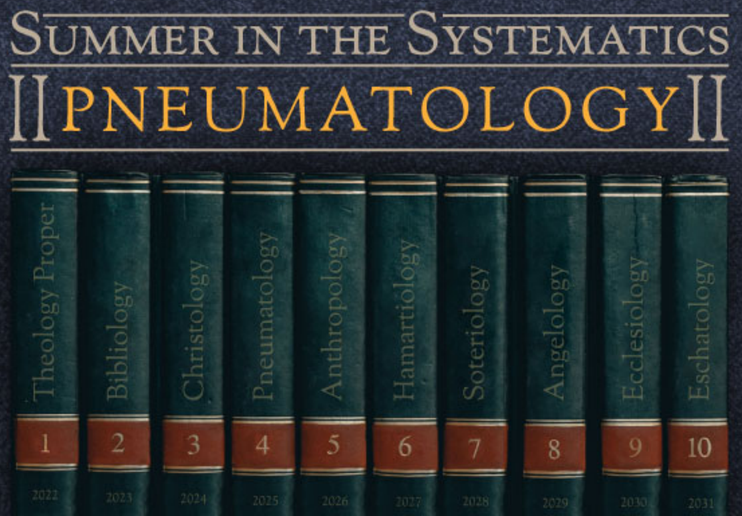

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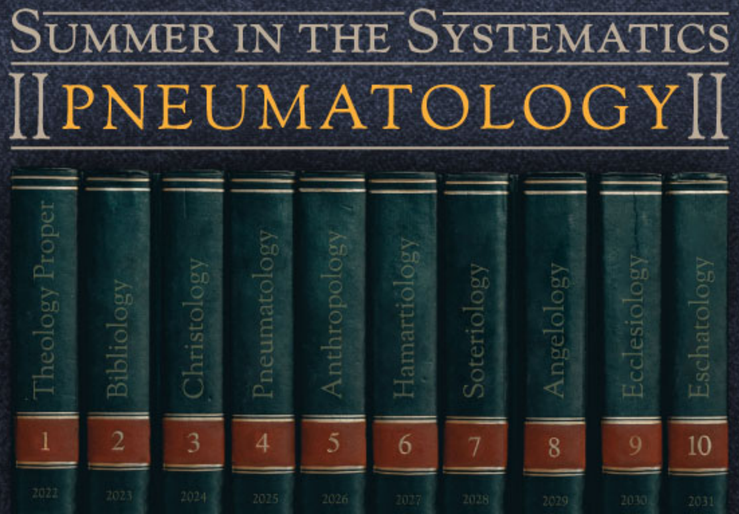

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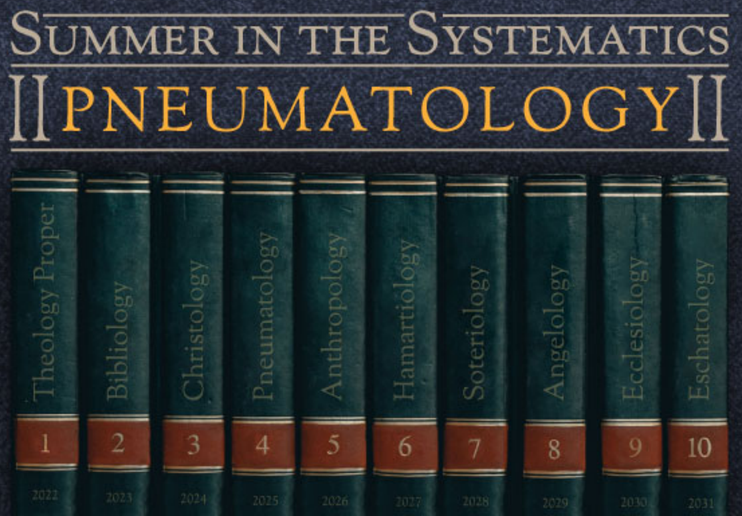

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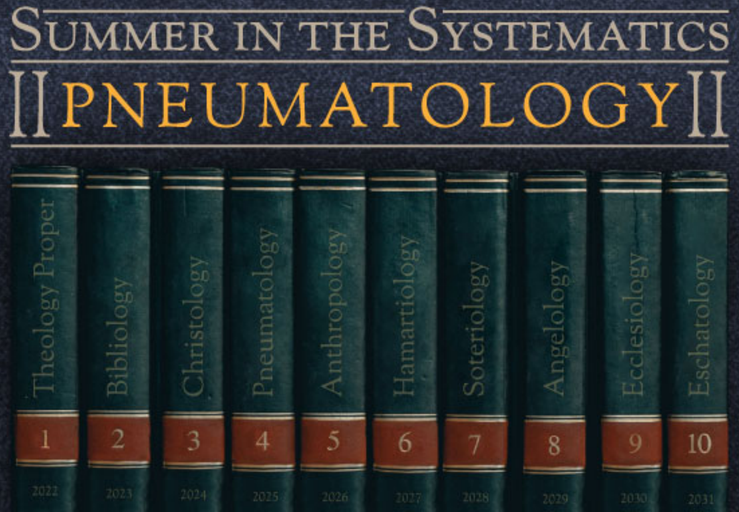

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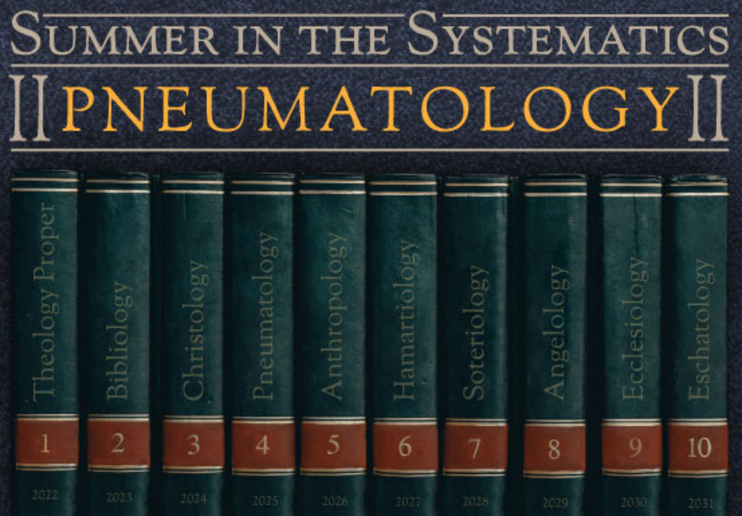

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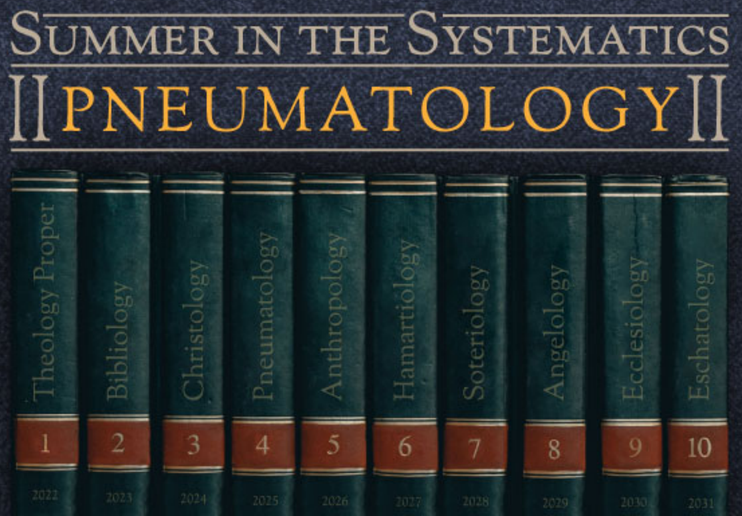
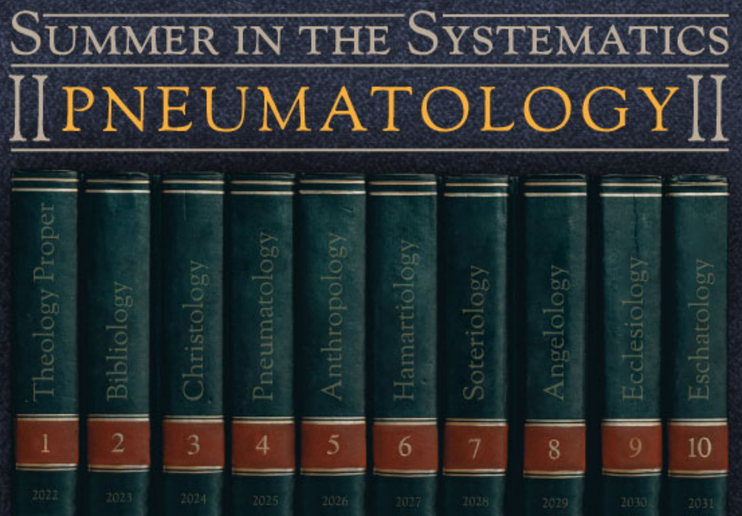


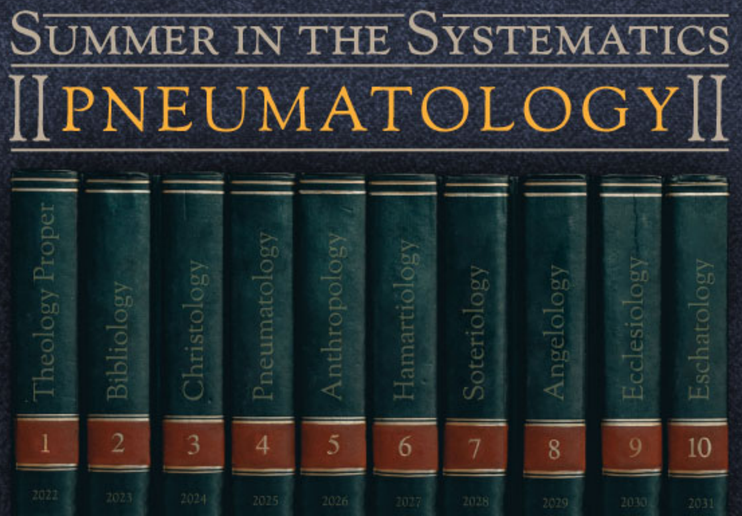
"A spiritual gift is an ability given to an individual supernaturally by God through the Holy Spirit so that the recipient may utilize that ability to minister to the needs of the church, the body of Christ. God supernaturally gives the believer special ability for service."

Thomas Edgar



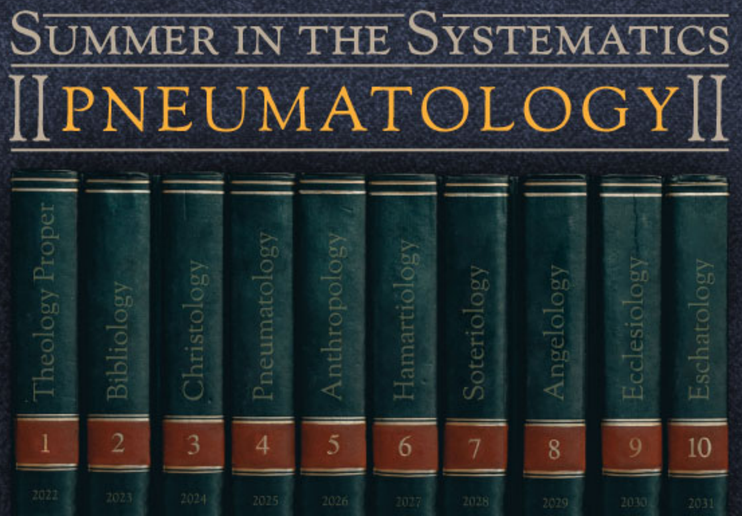
“ . . . gifts of grace granted by the Holy Spirit which are designed for the edification of the church.”

Thomas Schreiner



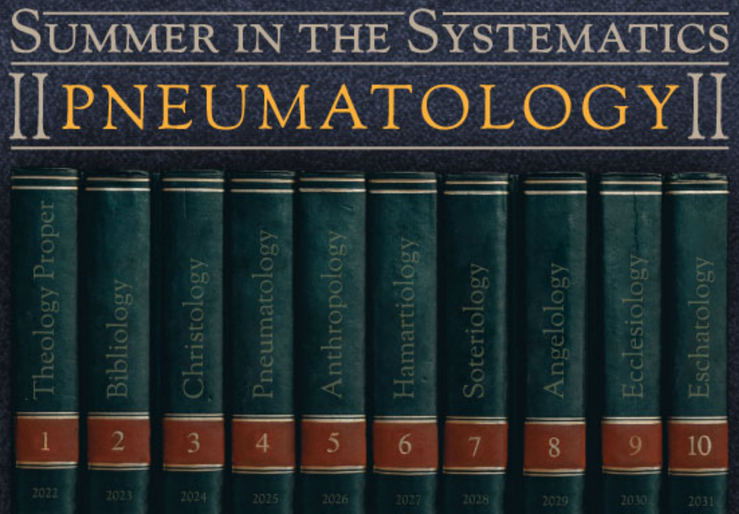
"A spiritual gift is a sovereign, God-given, Holy Spirit-energized ability . . ."

Rolland McCune



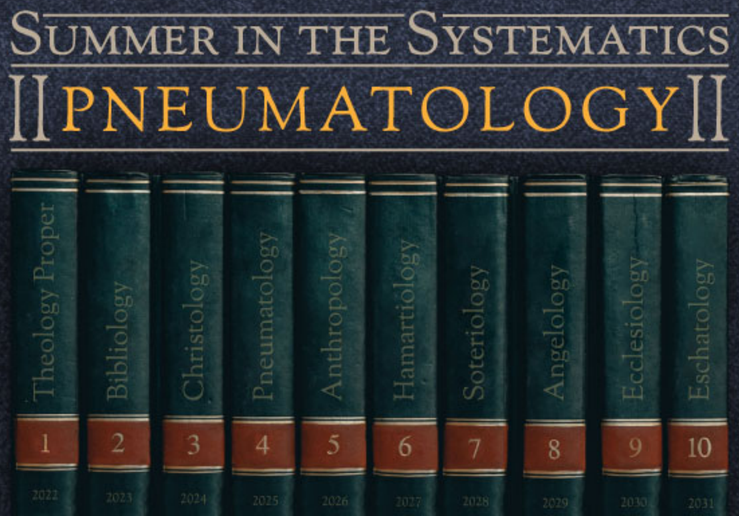
“ . . . certain qualification given by the Spirit to each individual believer to enable him to serve within the framework of the body of Christ.”

Rene Paché



“ . . . these are gifts associated with the Holy Spirit what have a spiritual nature and that are given for a spiritual purpose.”

John MacArthur and
Richard Mayhue



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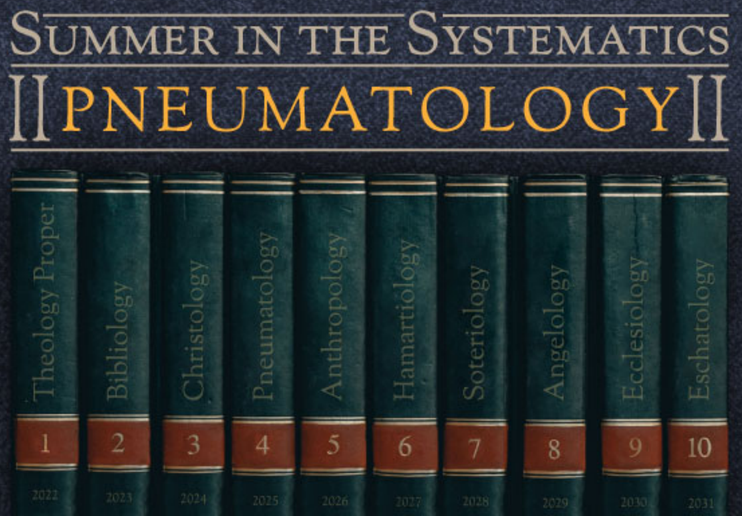

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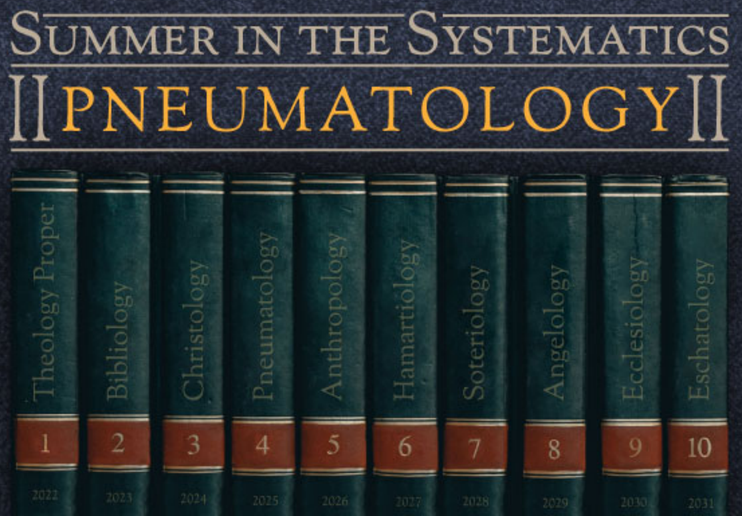
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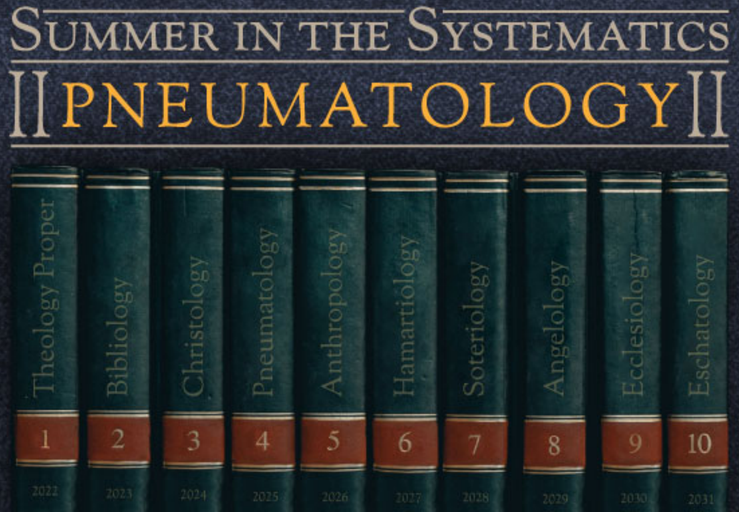
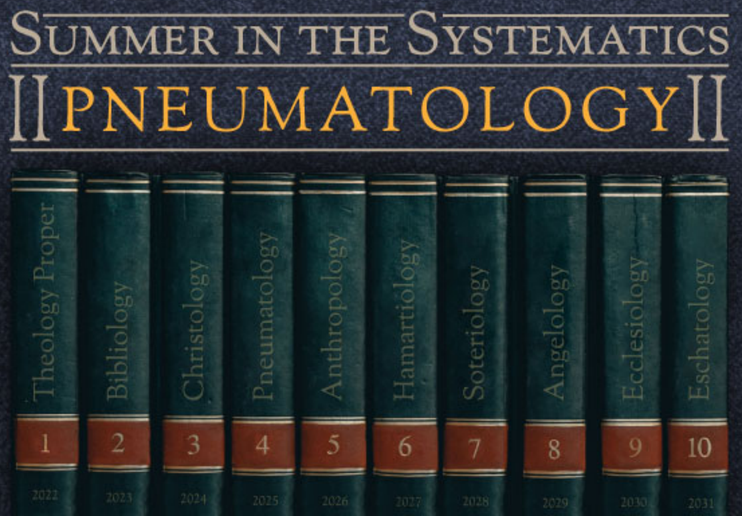
“But the gracious gift is not like the transgression.”

Romans 5:15



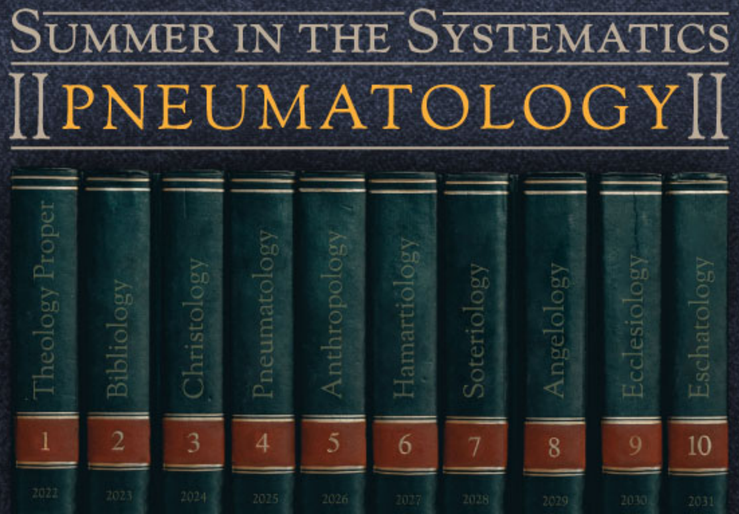
"For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23



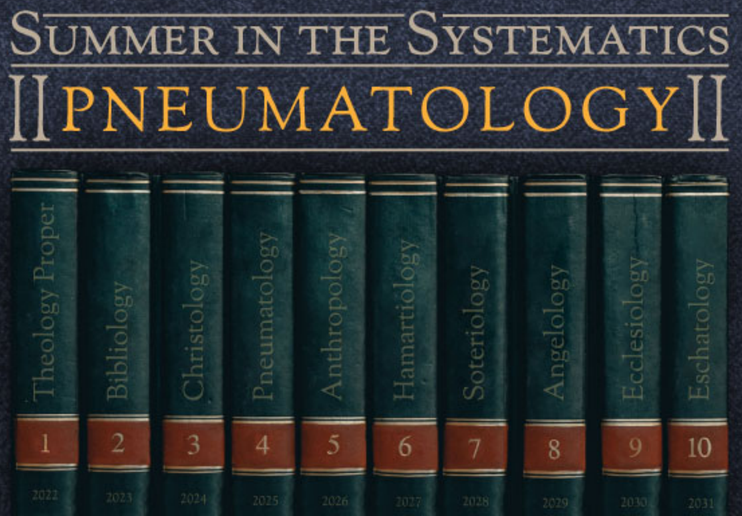
“. . . for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”

Romans 11:29



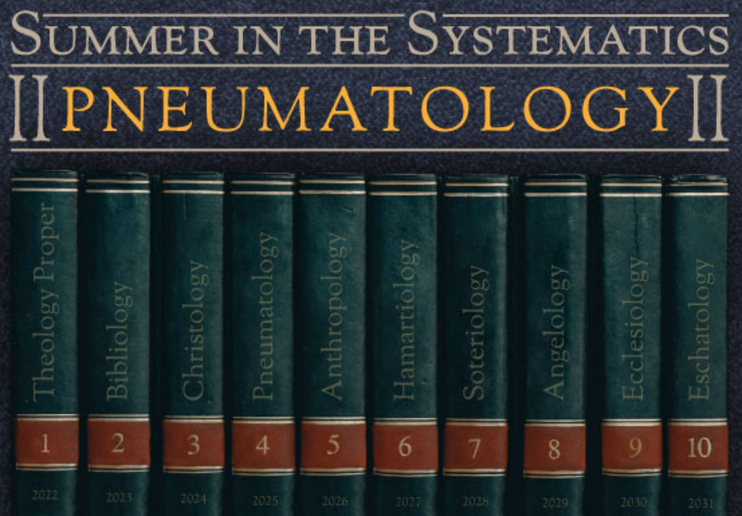
"Do not neglect the gift within you, which was given to you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the council of elders."

1 Timothy 4:14



"For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

2 Timothy 1:6



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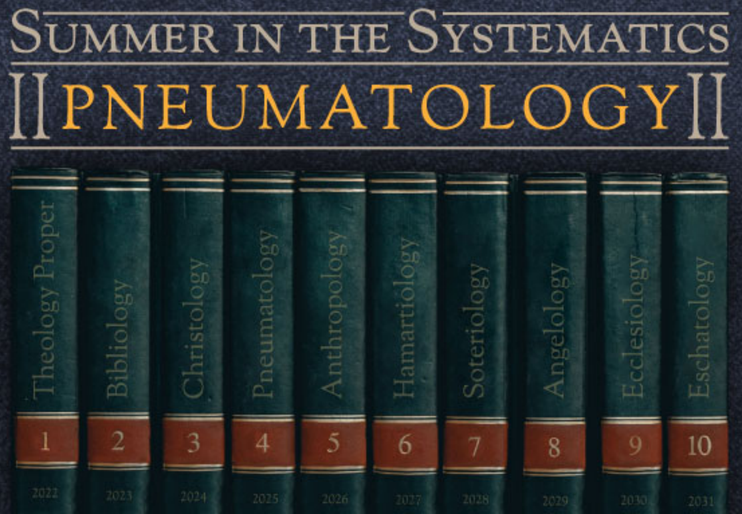

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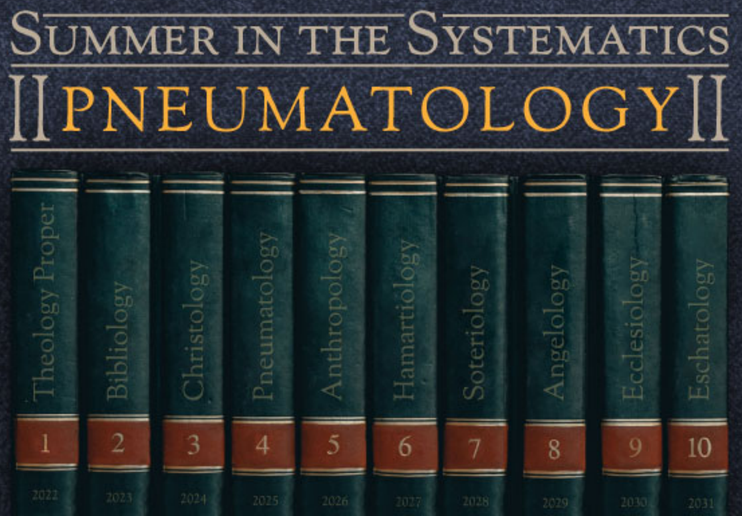
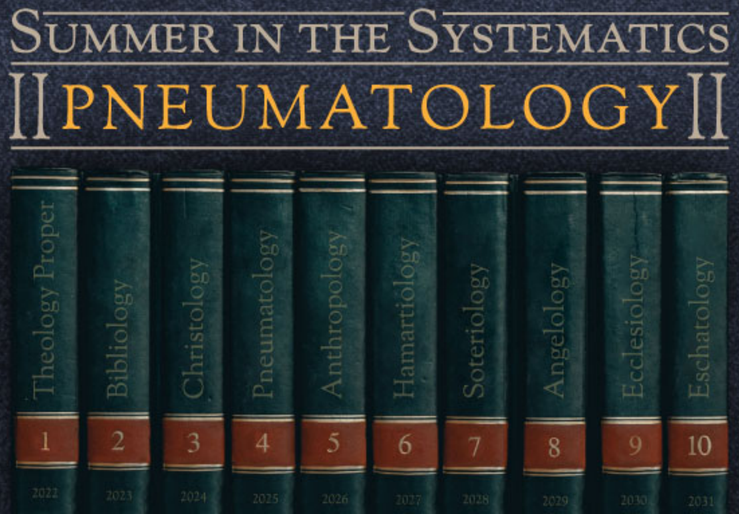


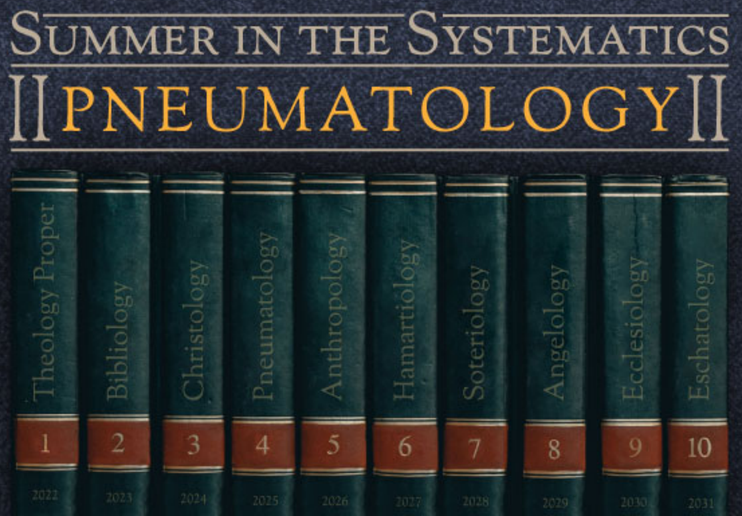
"For through the grace given to me I say to each one among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound thinking, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith."

Romans 12:3



"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another, but having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us . . ."

Romans 12:4-6



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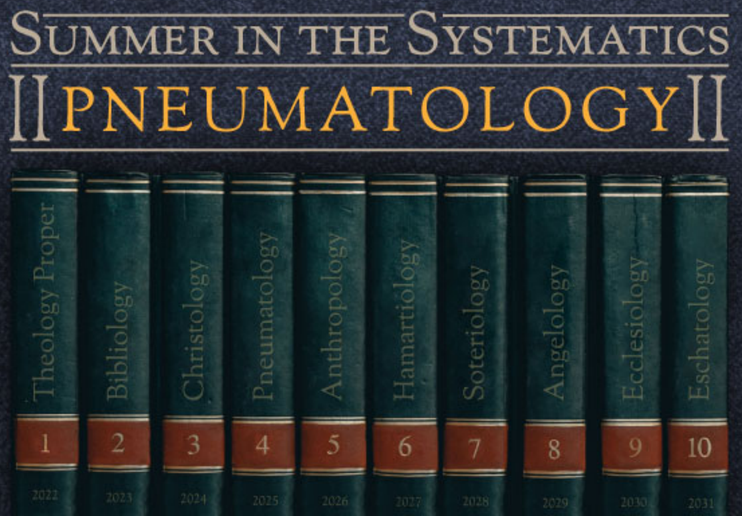

"The sphere of spiritual gifts is peculiarly a doctrine of the Holy Spirit."

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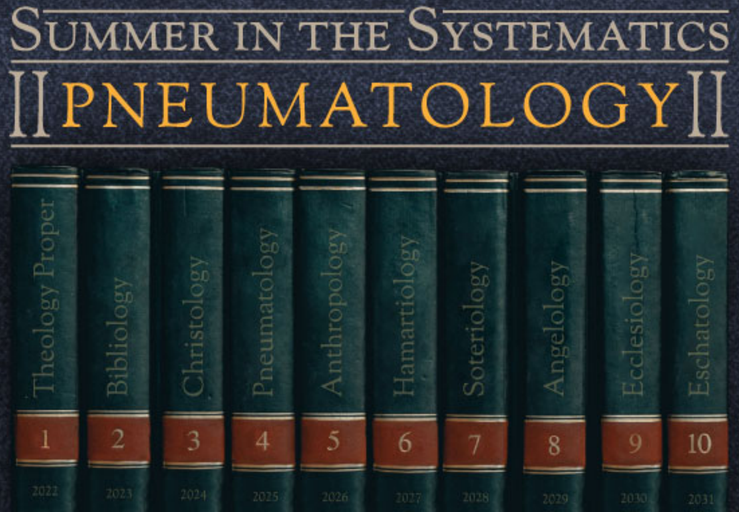

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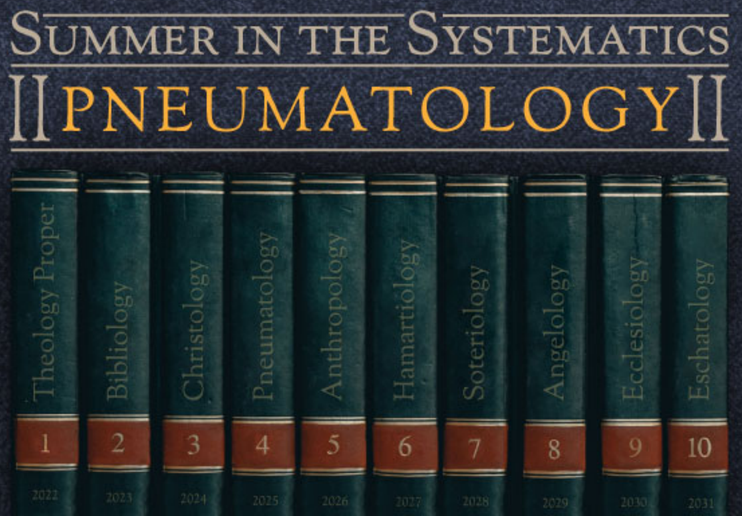

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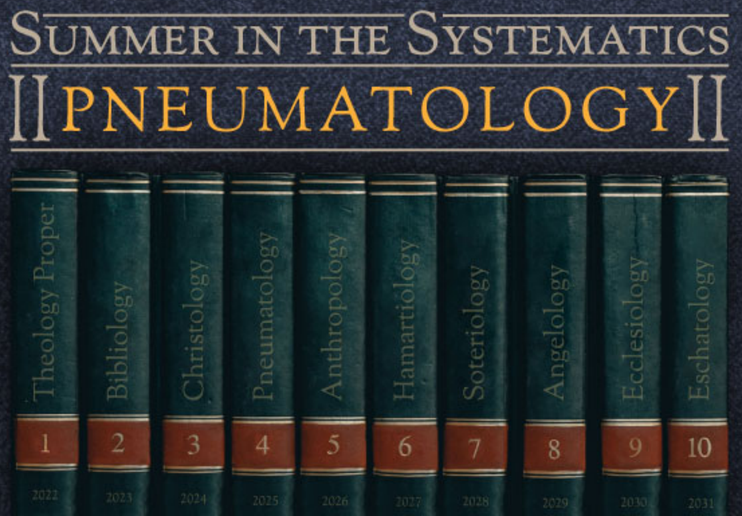

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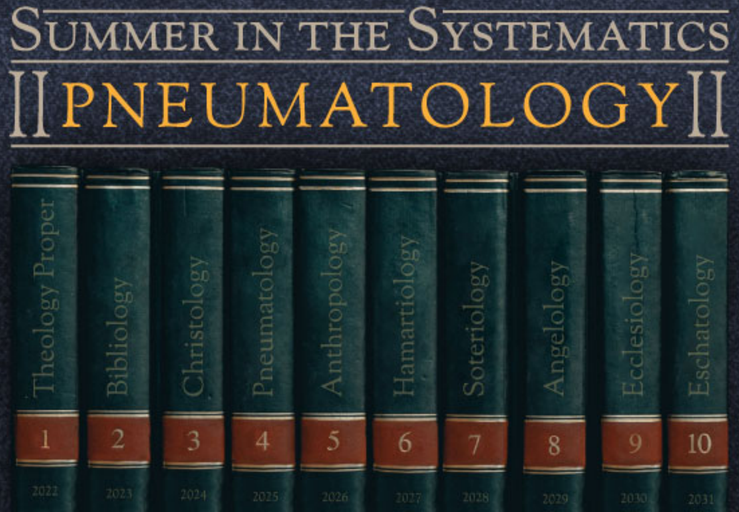
1 Corinthians 12:18



"And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues."

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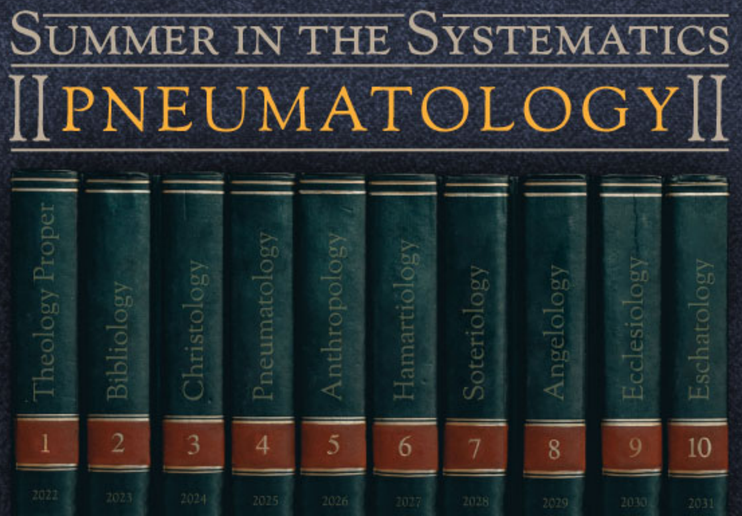
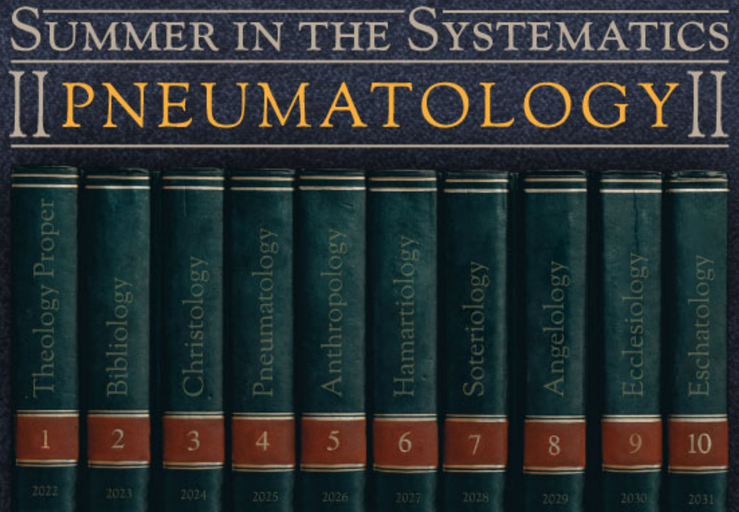


"As each one has received a gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God—whoever speaks, as one speaking the oracles of God; whoever serves, as one serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and might forever and ever."

1 Peter 4:10-11



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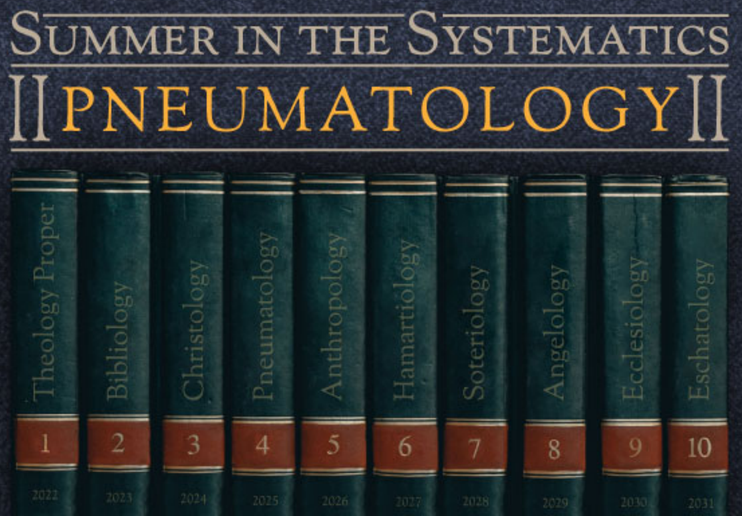
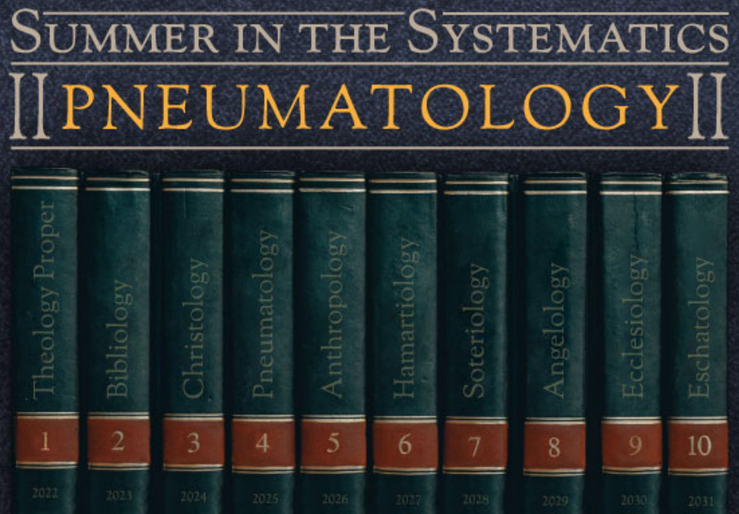


"And He Himself gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ."

Ephesians 4:11-12



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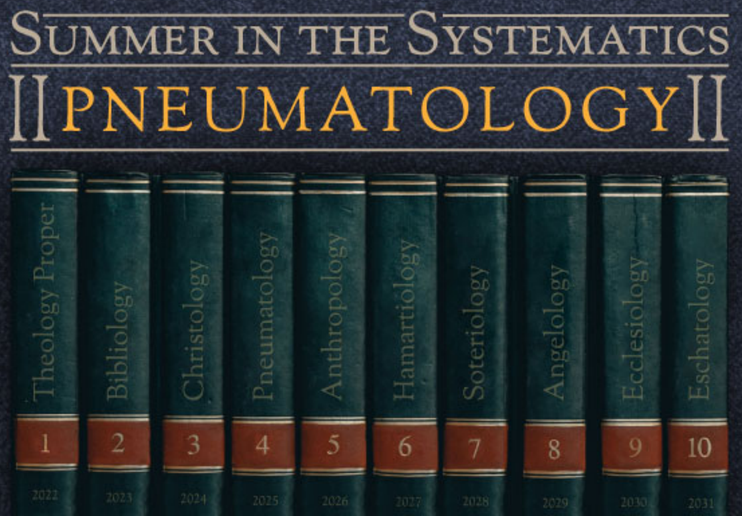

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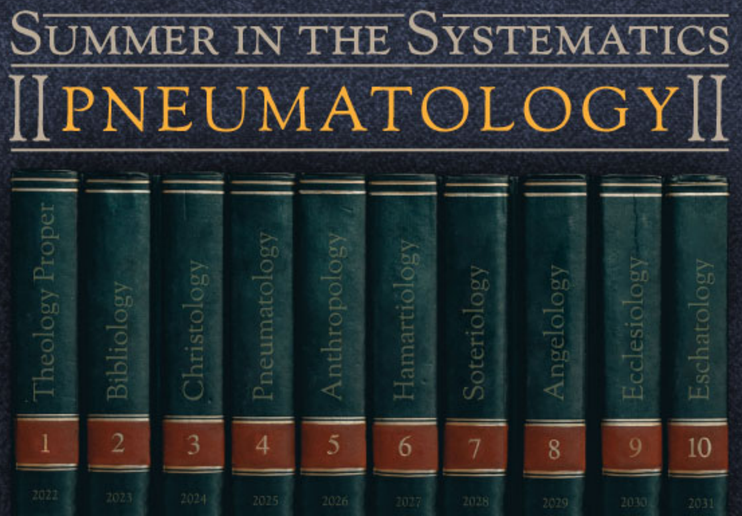

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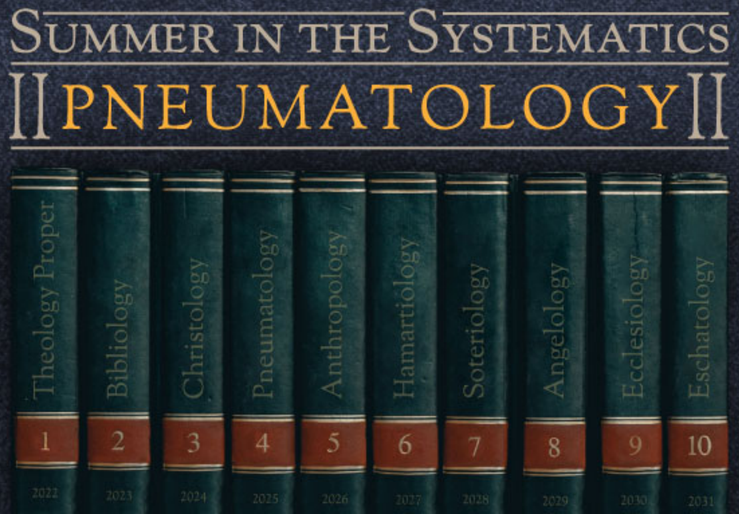

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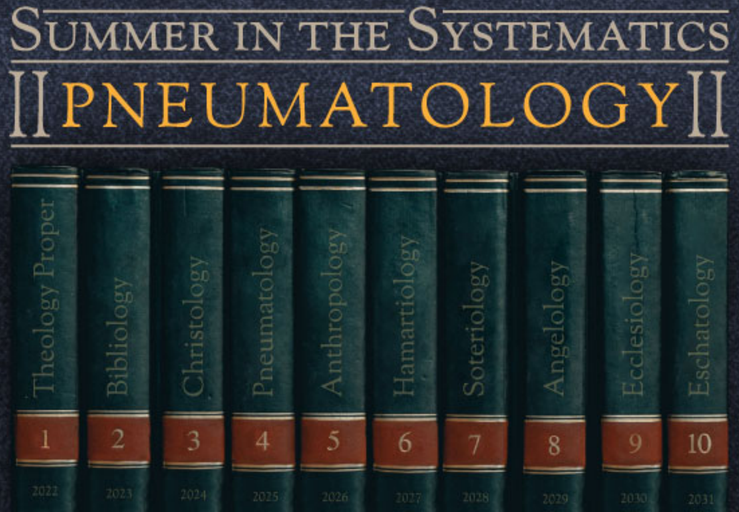

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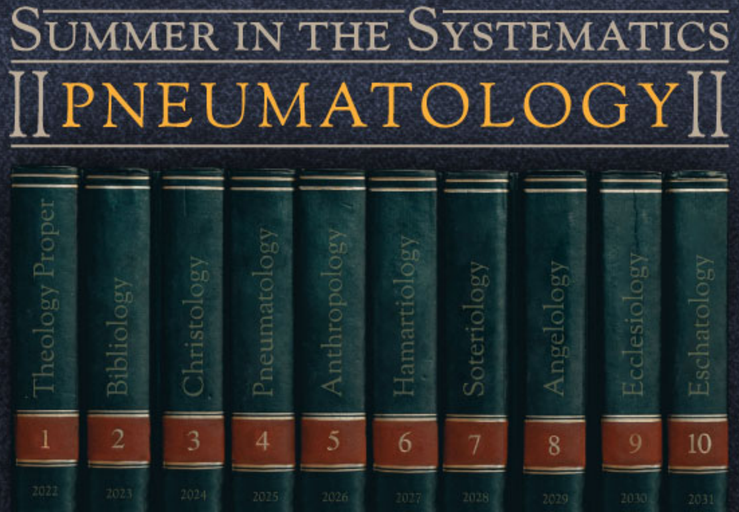

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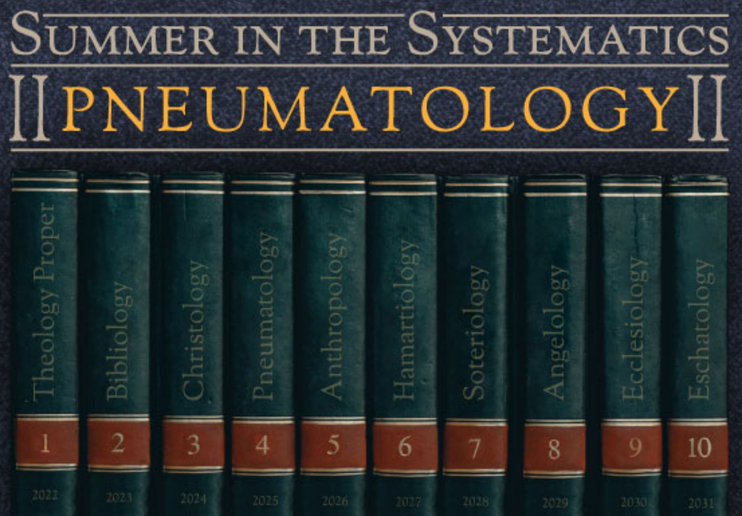

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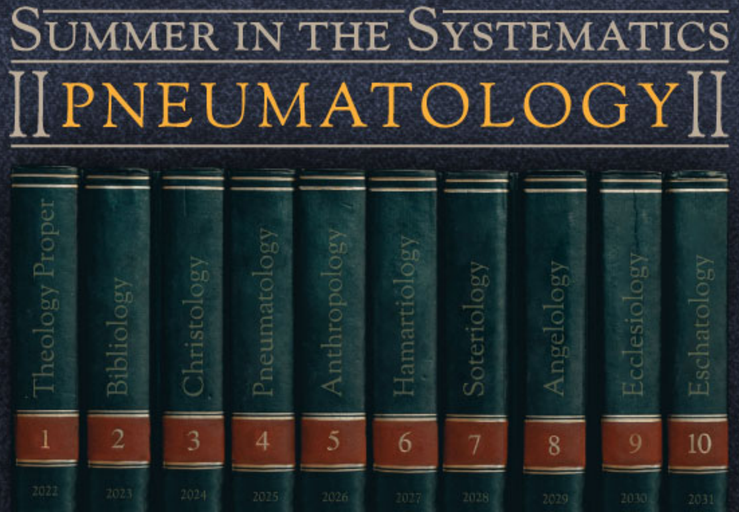

"When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has a translation. Let all things be done for edification."

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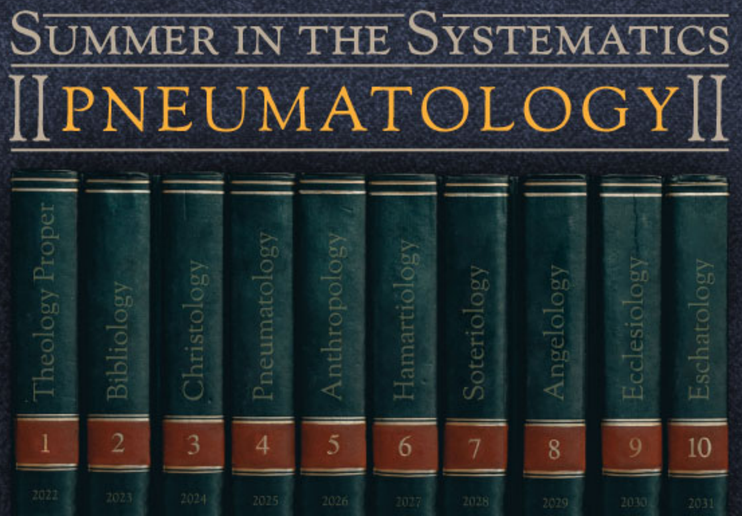

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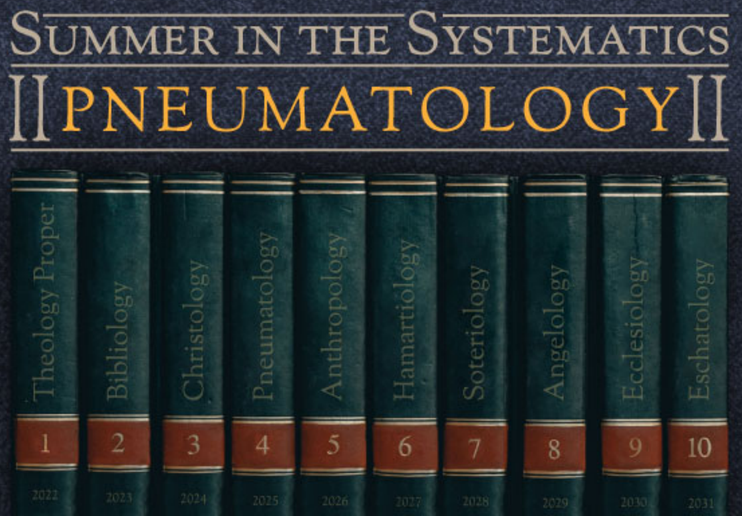

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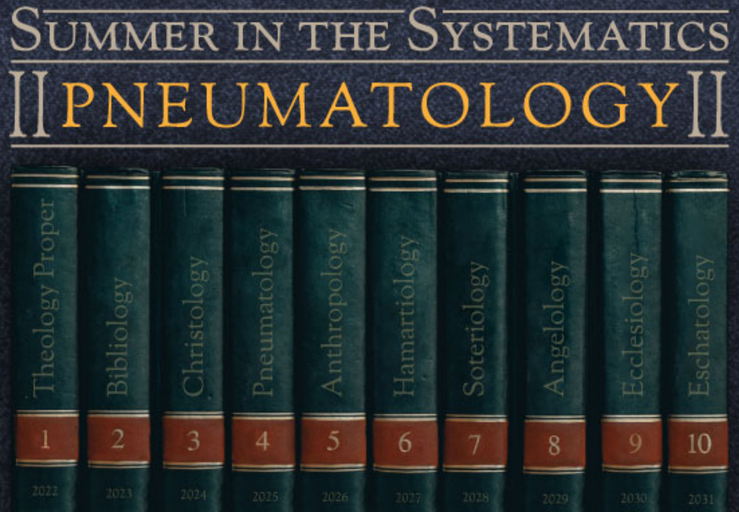

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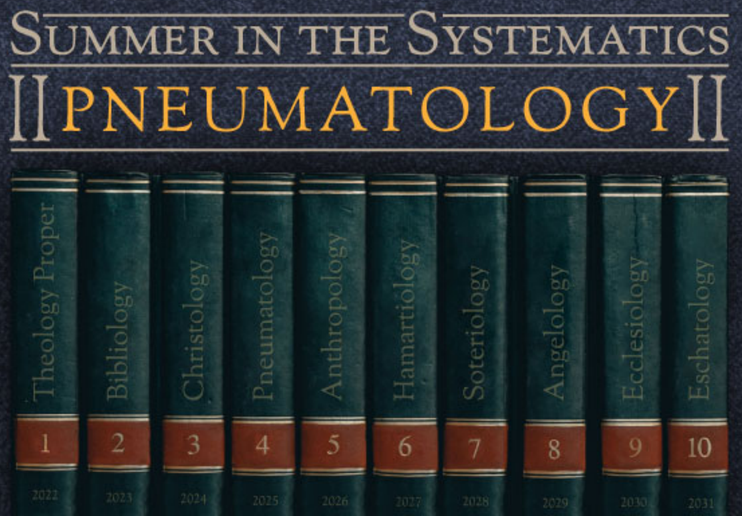

“ . . . or service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with generosity; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

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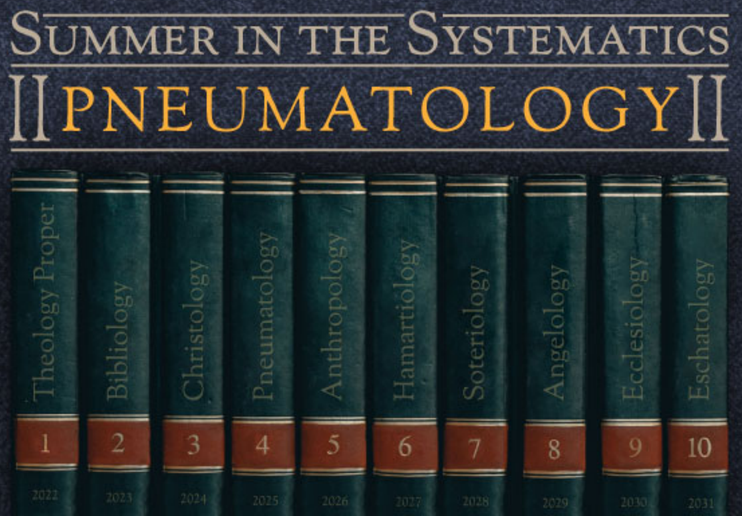

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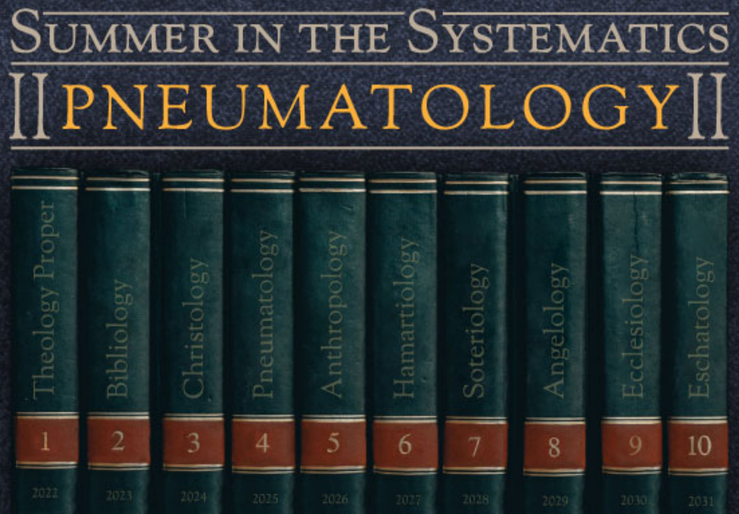
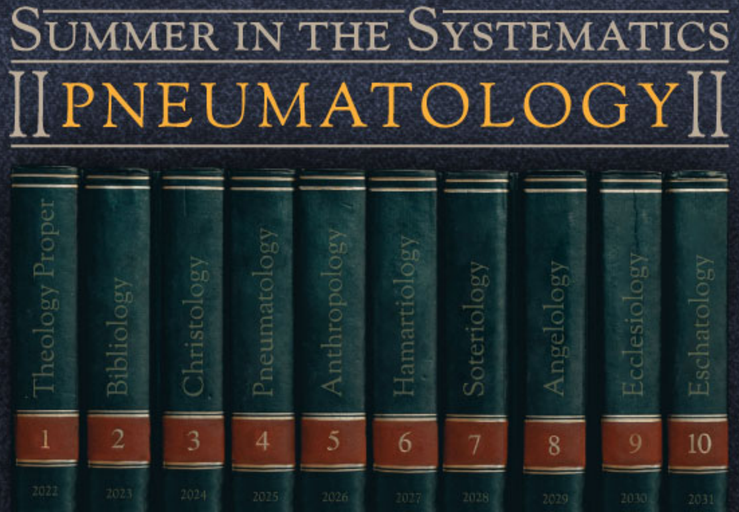


"Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

2 Corinthians 5:9-10



"Spiritual gifts in themselves do not make great Christians. Their use in the proper way motivated by divine love, which is the fruit of the Spirit, is effective and bears fruit to the glory of God."

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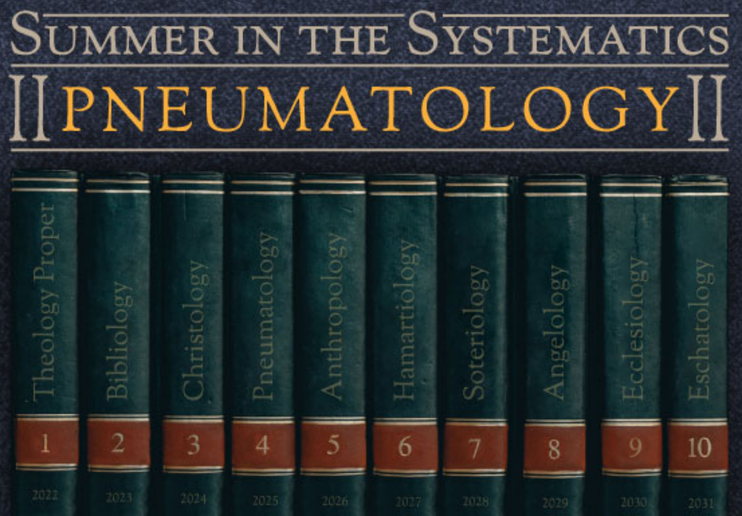
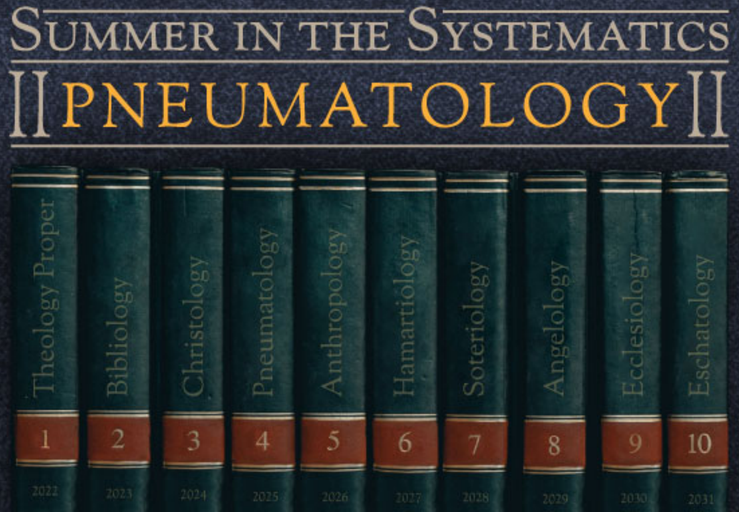


"If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing."

1 Corinthians 13:1-3



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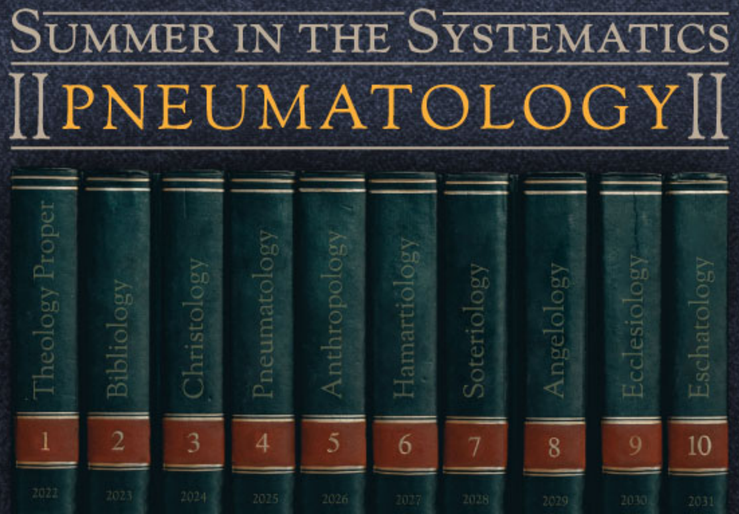

"Love is patient, love is kind, is not jealous, does not brag, is not puffed up; it does not act unbecomingly, does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered; it does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

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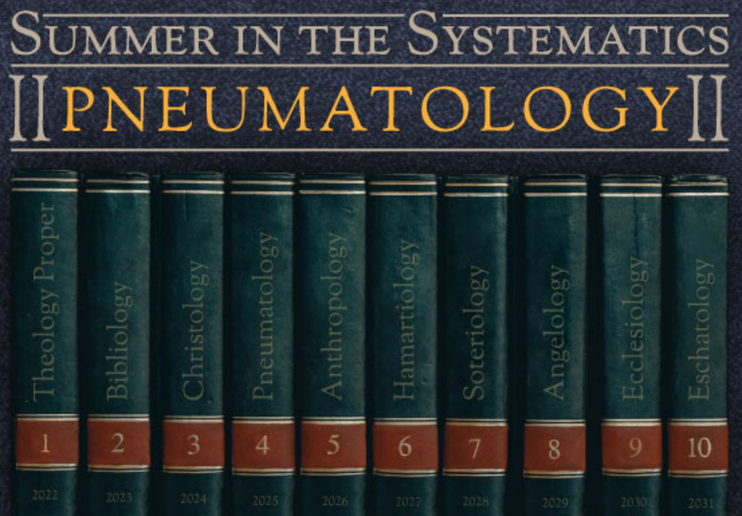

"Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. For this, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET' . . ."

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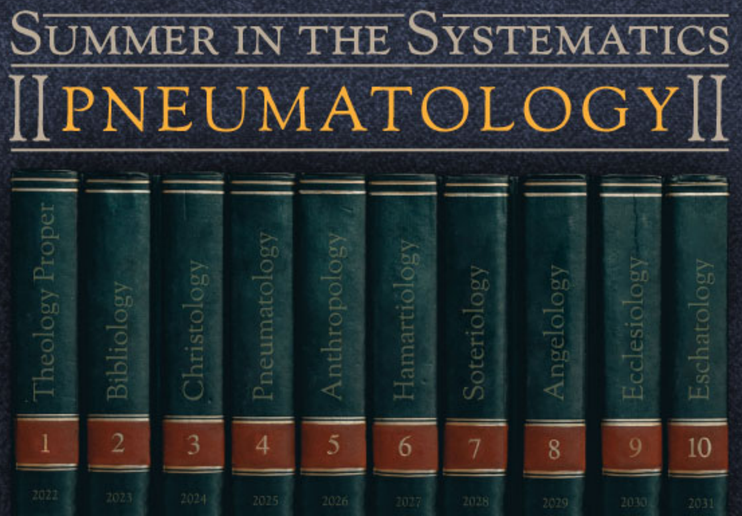

“ . . . and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this word, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ Love does not work evil against a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the Law.”

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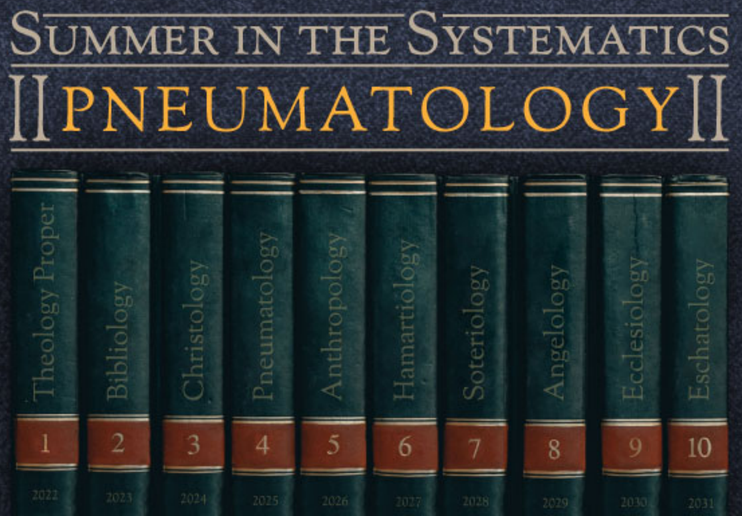

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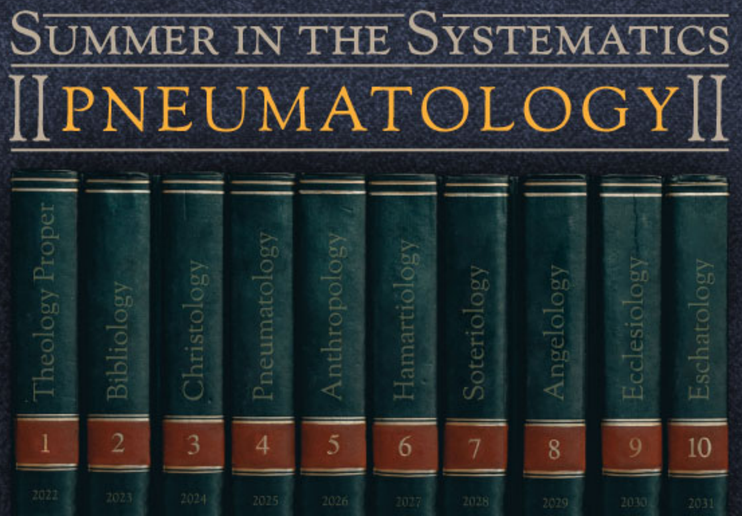

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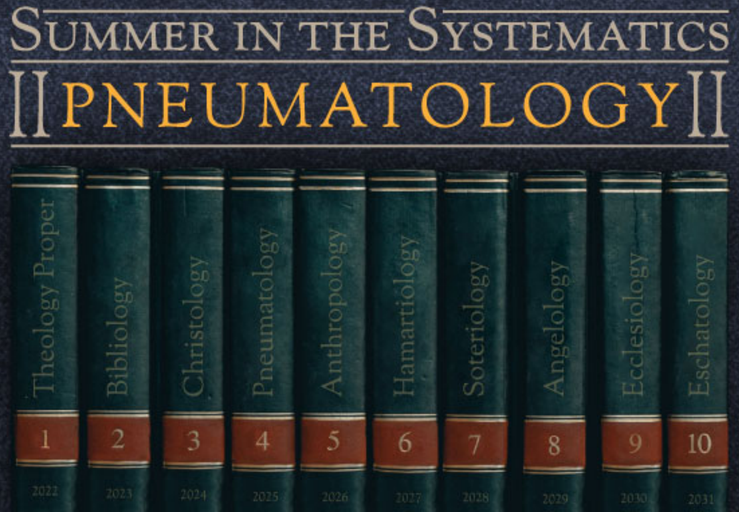

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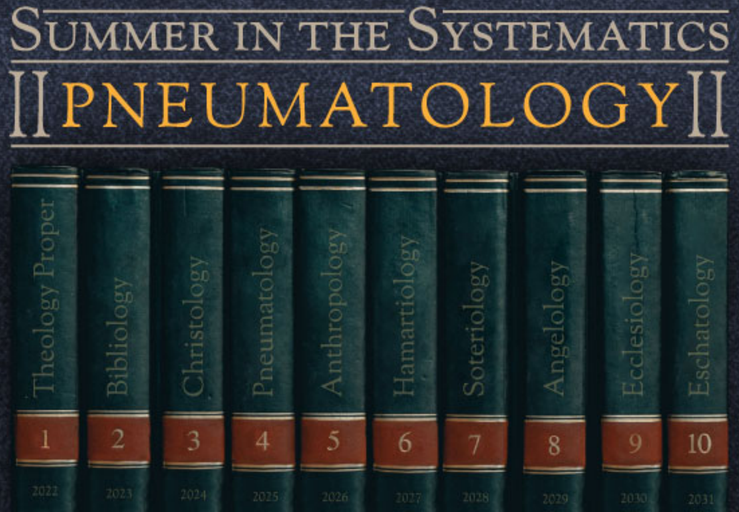
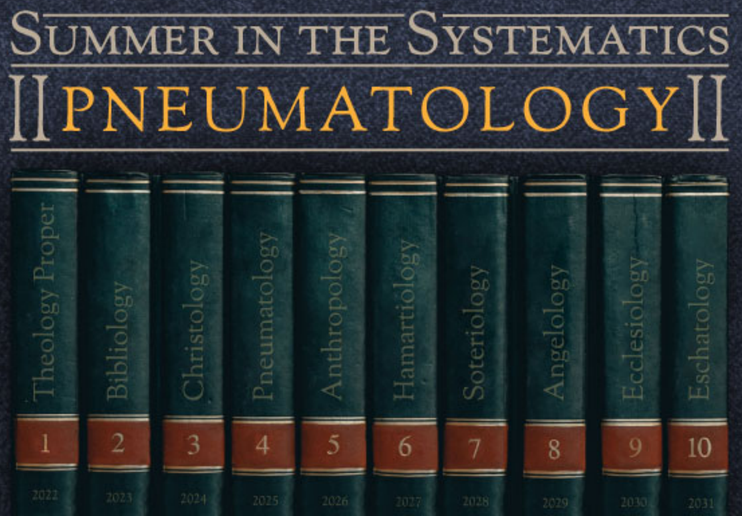


"As each one has received a gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God—whoever speaks, as one speaking the oracles of God; whoever serves, as one serving by the strength which God supplies."

1 Peter 4:10-11



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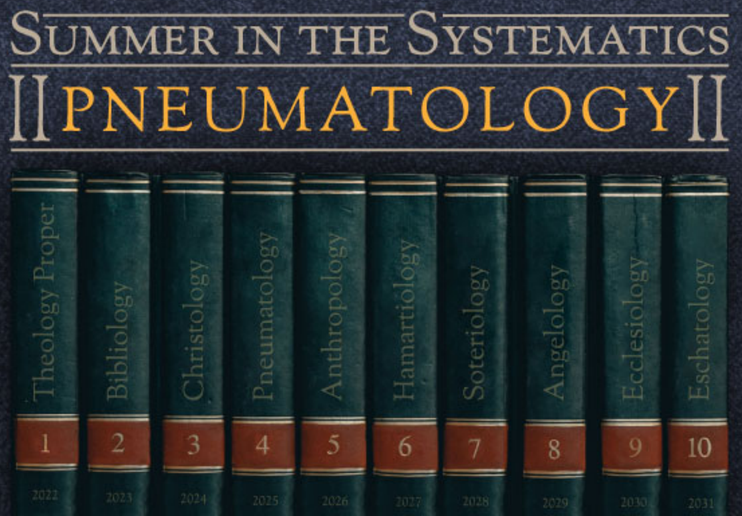

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit . . ."

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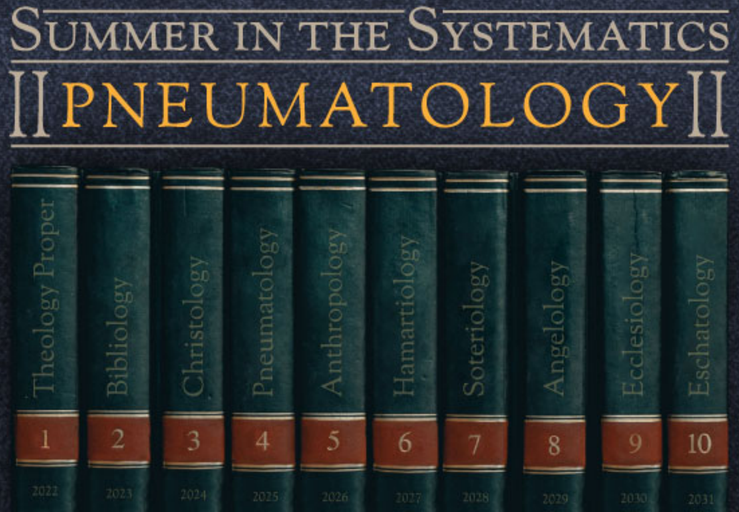

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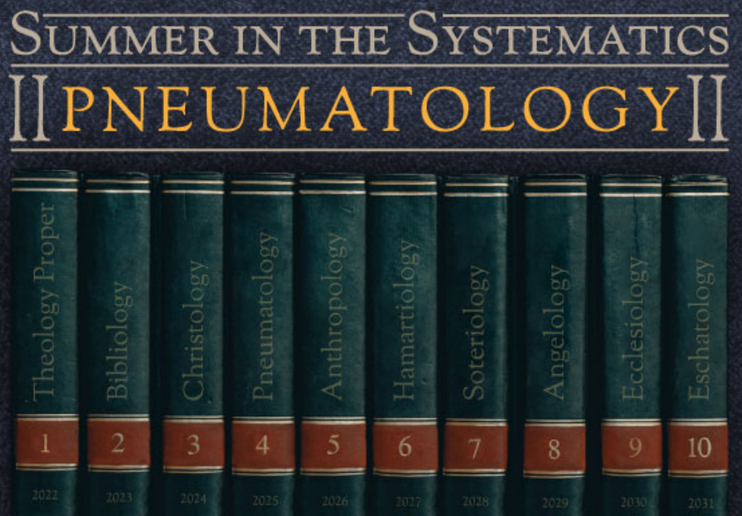

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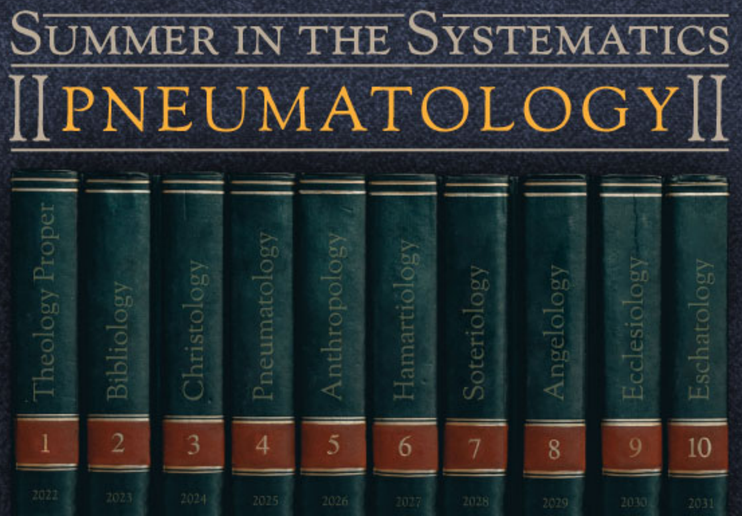

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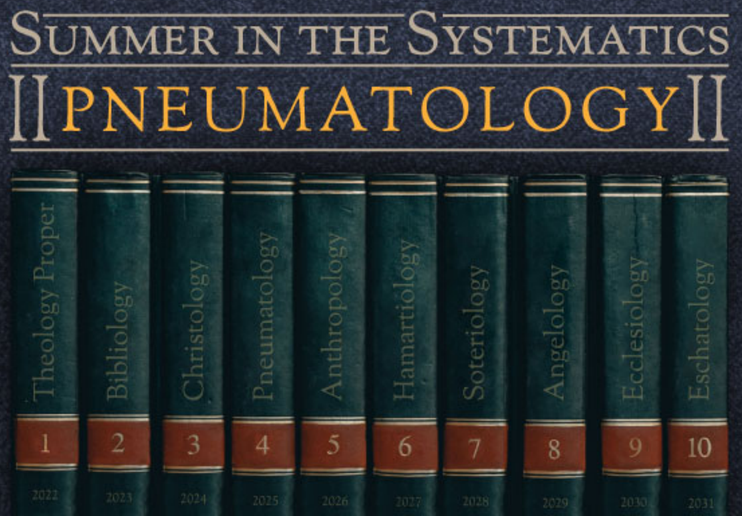
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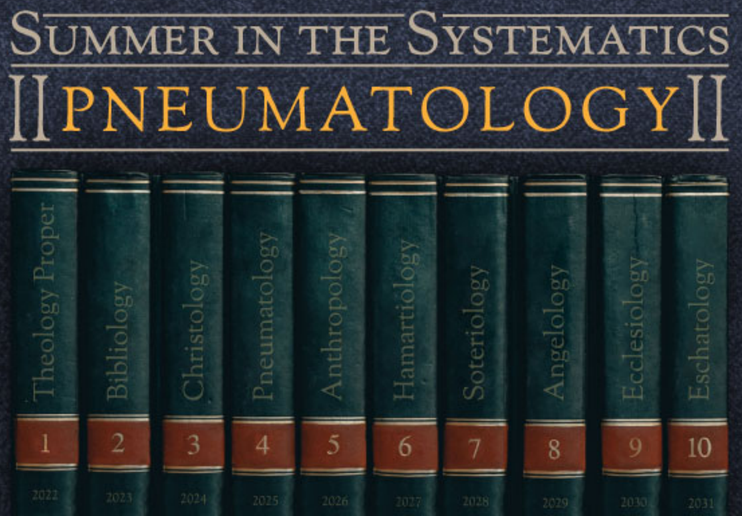

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the depths graciously given to us by God . . ."

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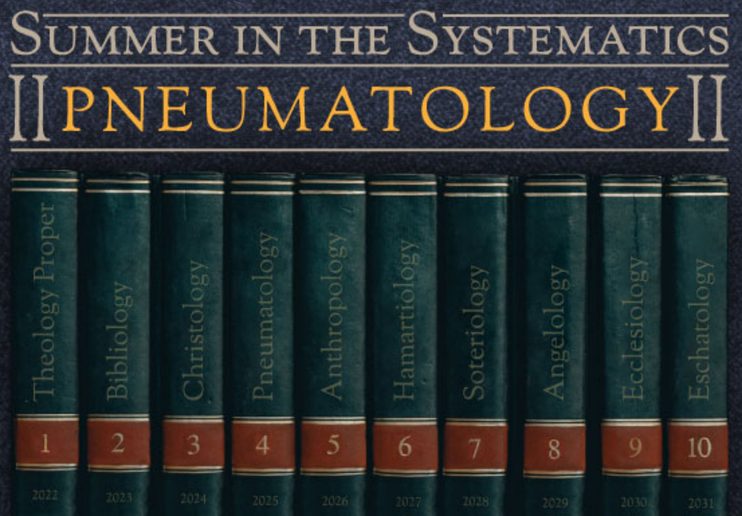

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."

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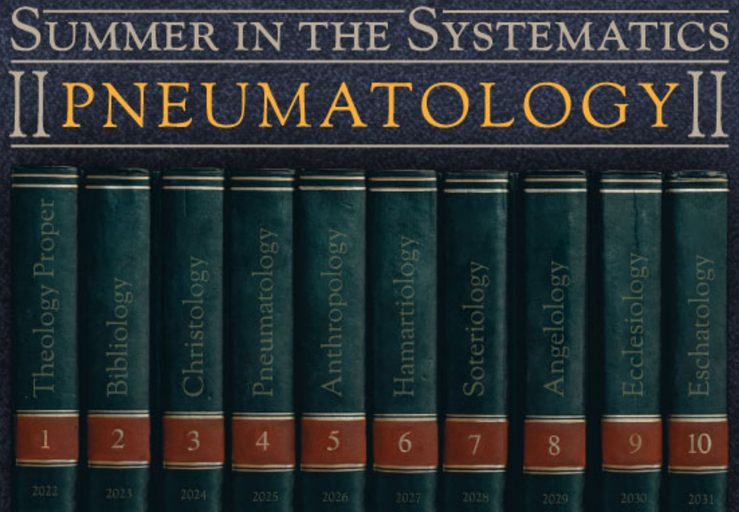
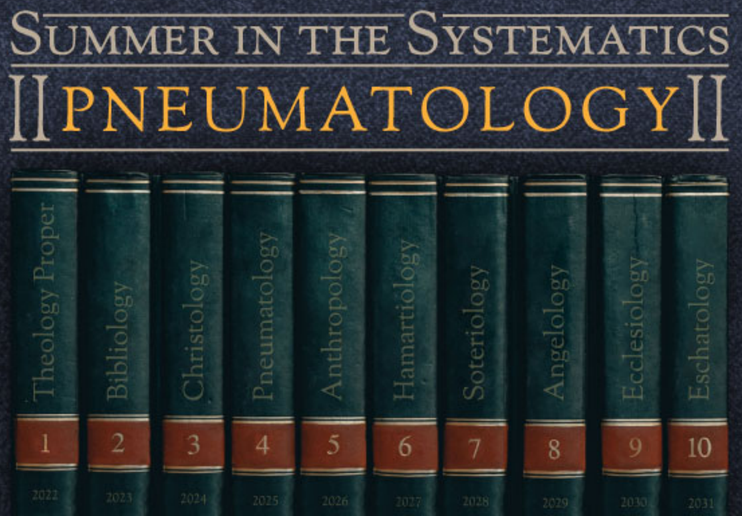


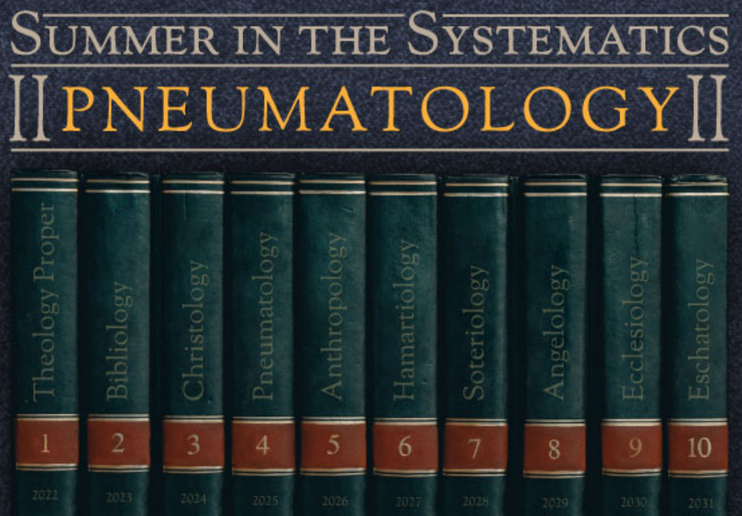
"And for this reason we also thank God without ceasing that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also is at work in you who believe."

1 Thessalonians 2:13



"All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be equipped, having been thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17



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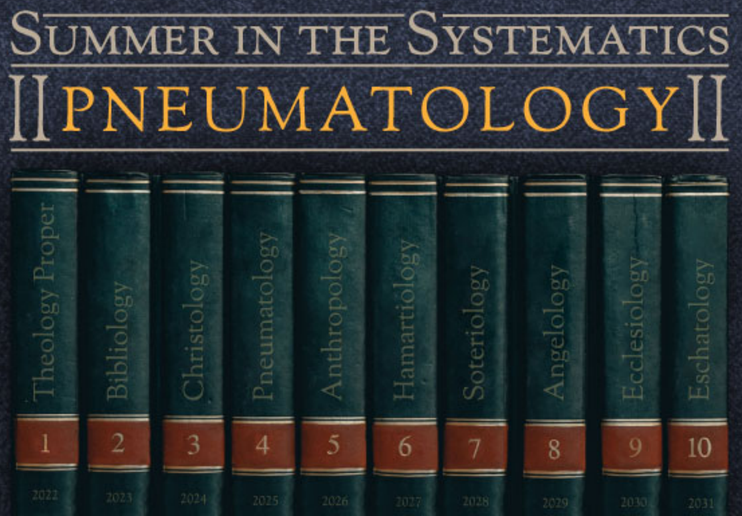
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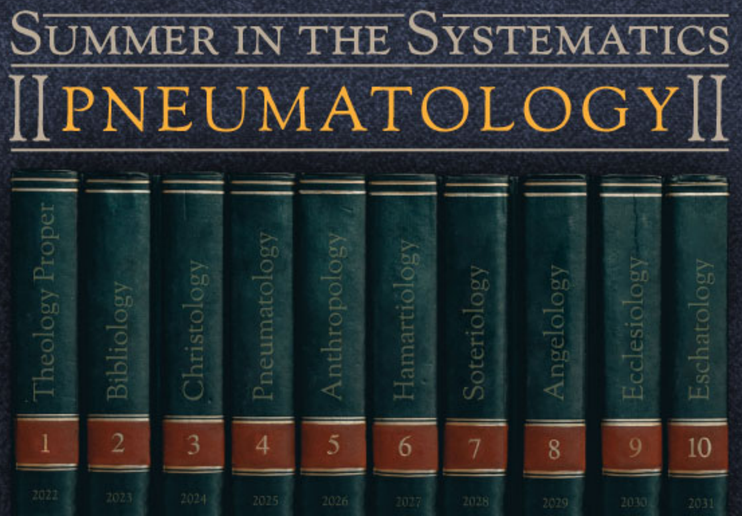
“ . . . you know the household of Stephanas, that they were the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves for service to the saints.”

1 Corinthians 16:15



“ . . . just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow slave, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf.”

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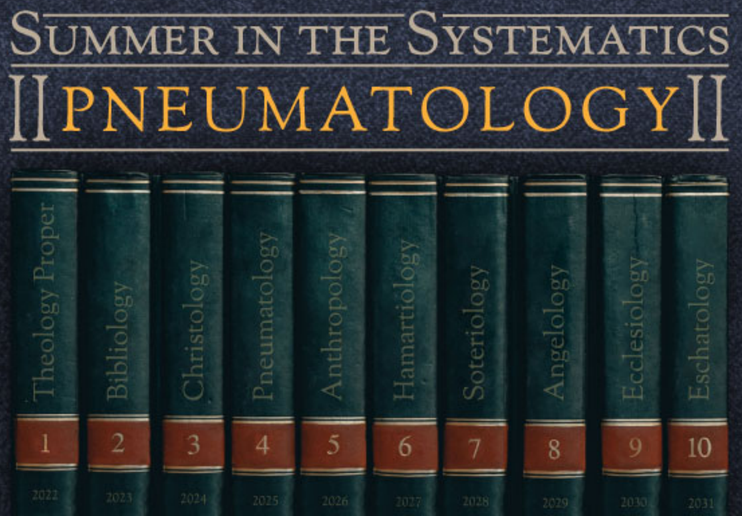

“Tychicus, our beloved brother and faithful servant and fellow slave in the Lord, will make known to you all my affairs.”

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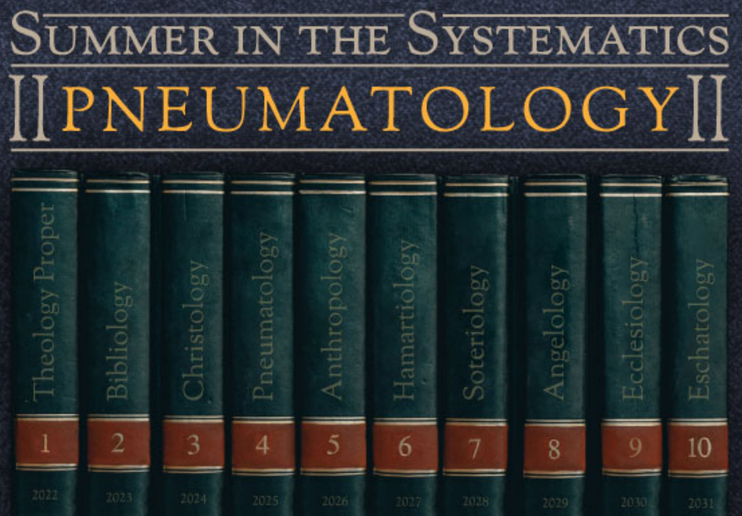

"For God is not unrighteous so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and continuing to minister to the saints."

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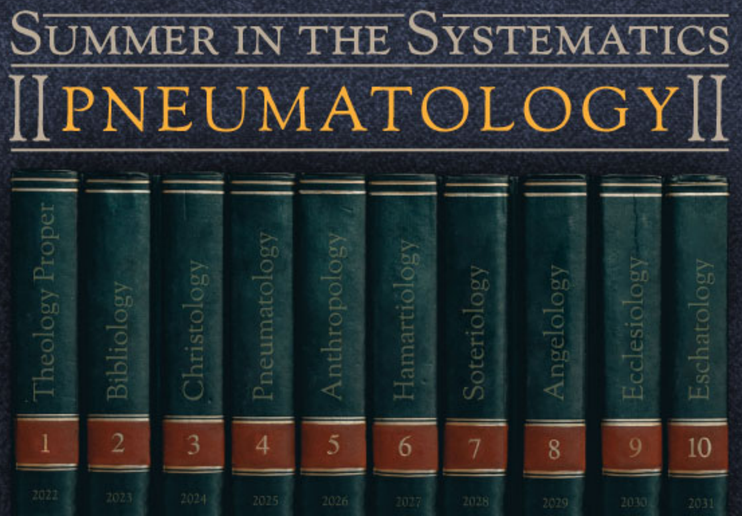

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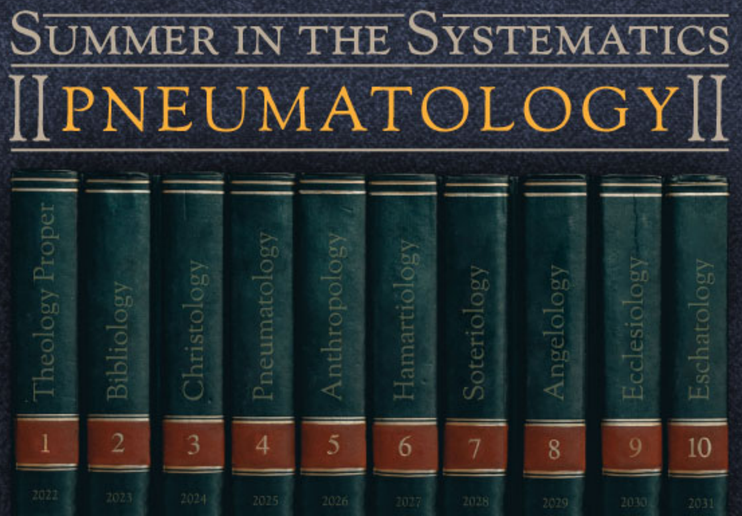
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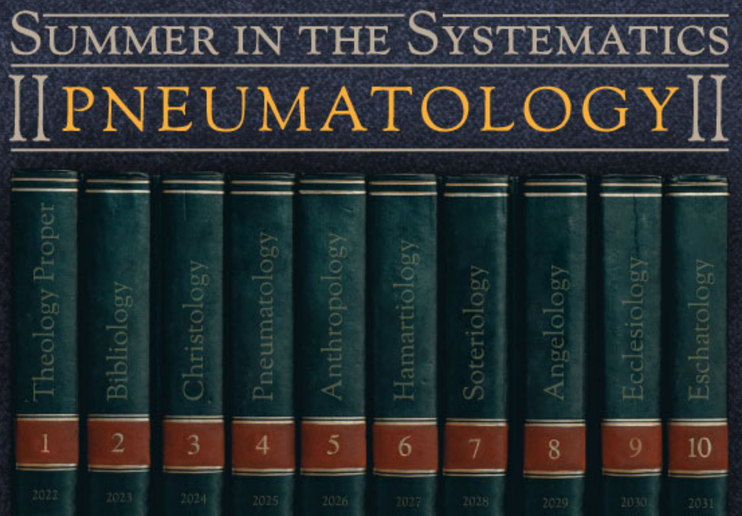

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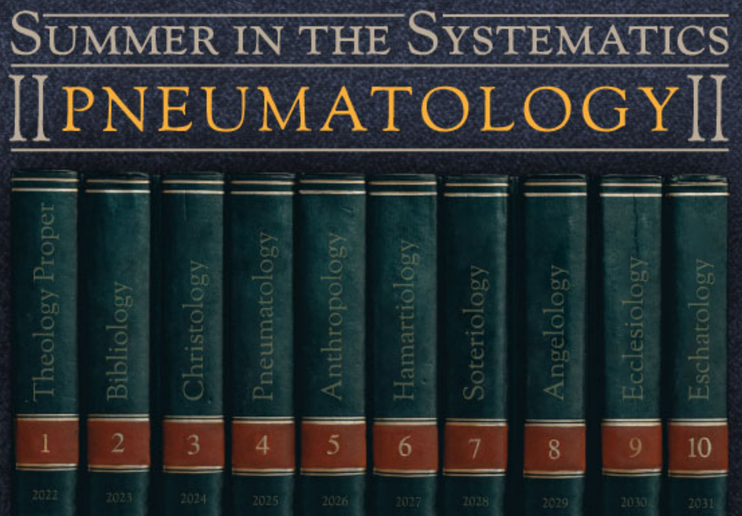

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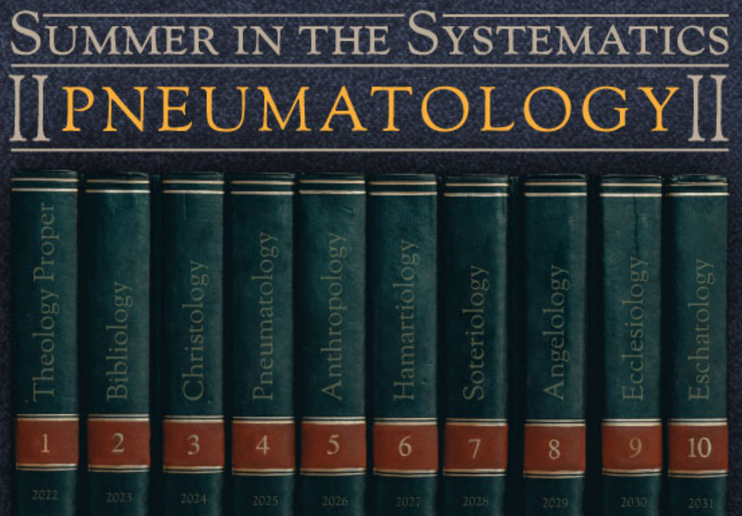
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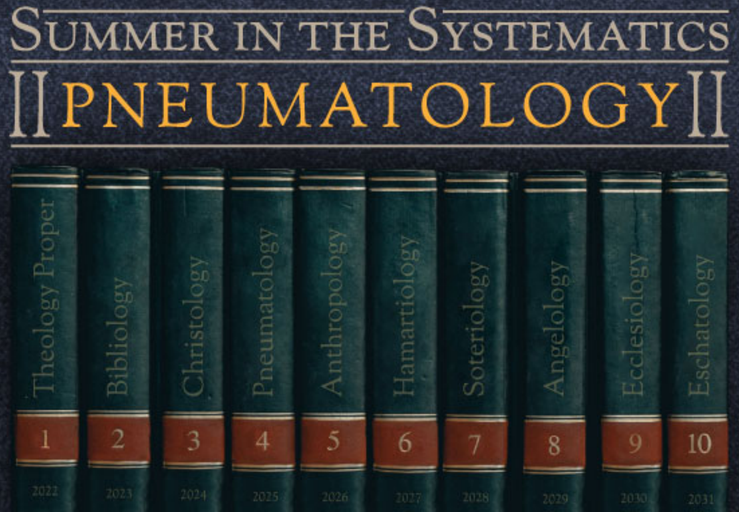

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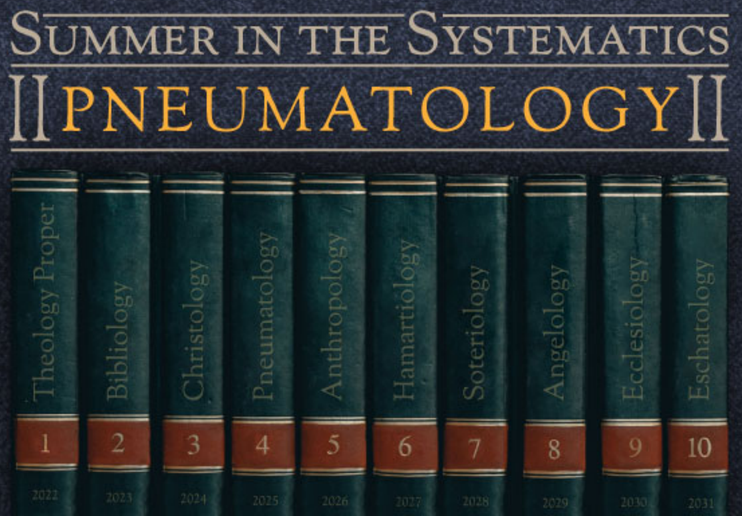

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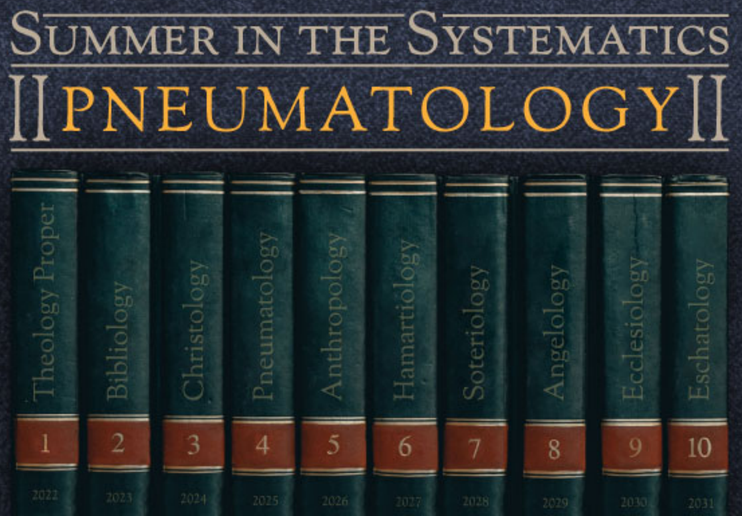
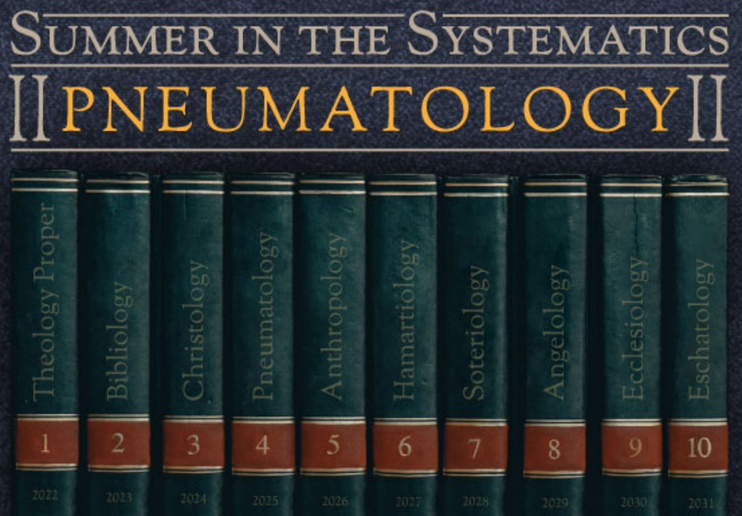


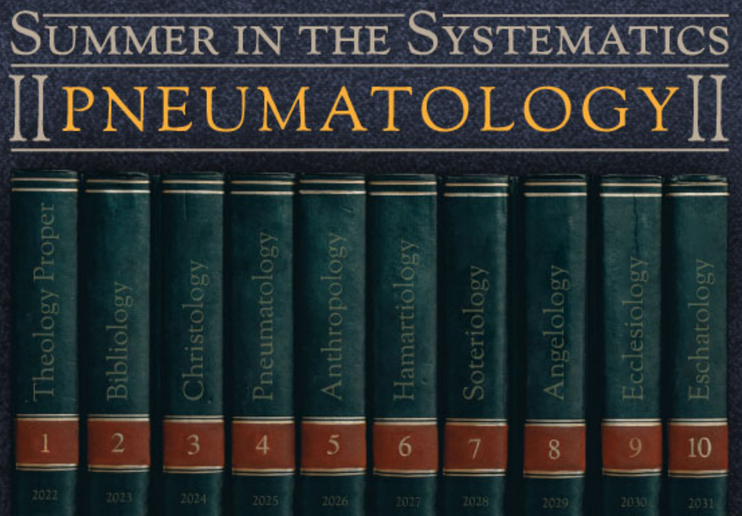
"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

2 Corinthians 1:3-4



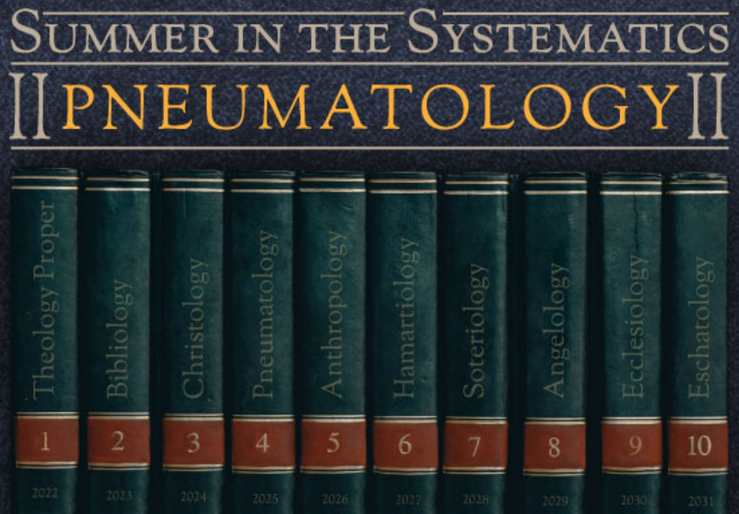
“Teach and exhort these things.”

1 Timothy 6:2



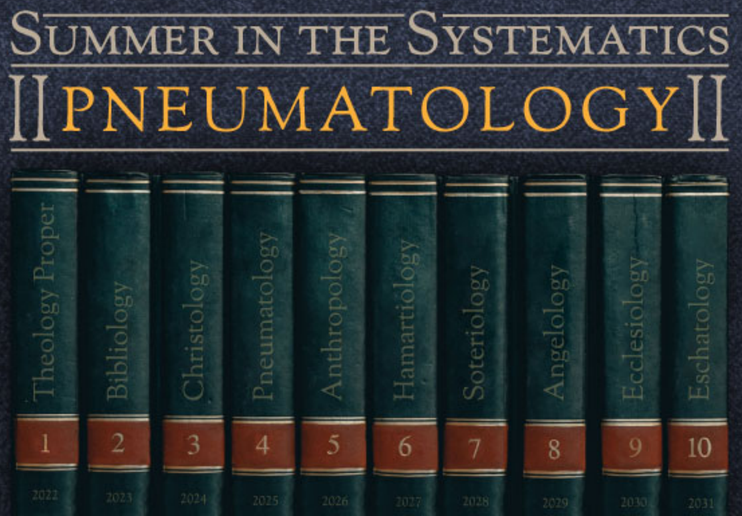
“ . . . preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and teaching.”

2 Timothy 4:2



"Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ, that working with quietness, they eat their own bread."

2 Thessalonians 3:12



"These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you."

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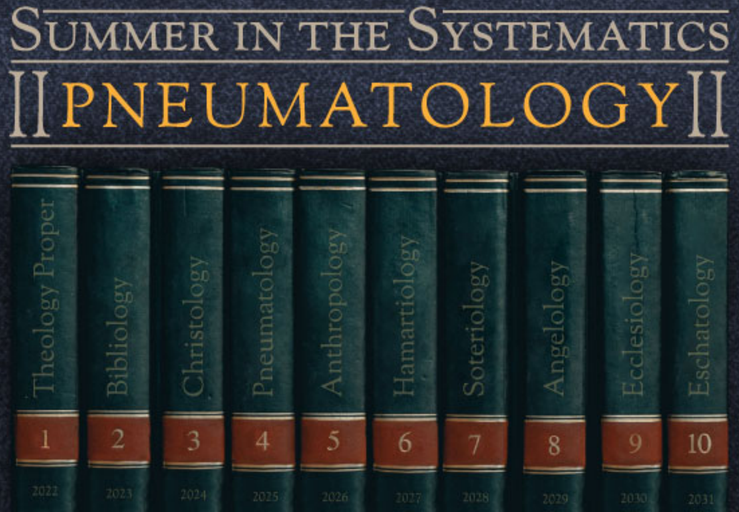

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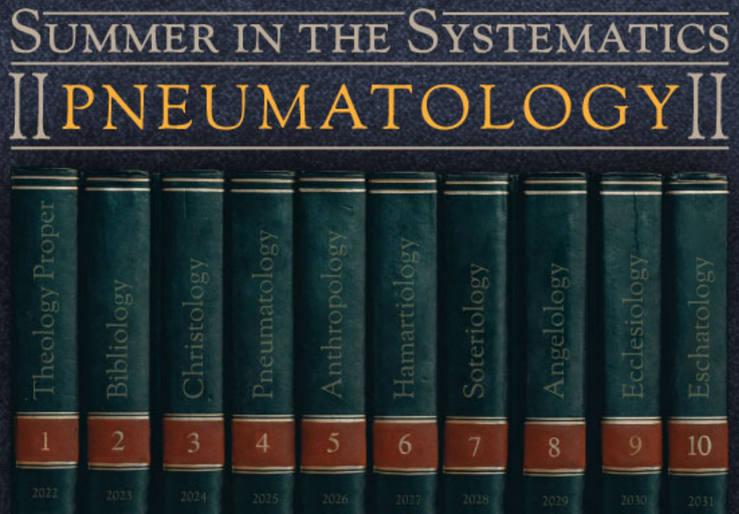
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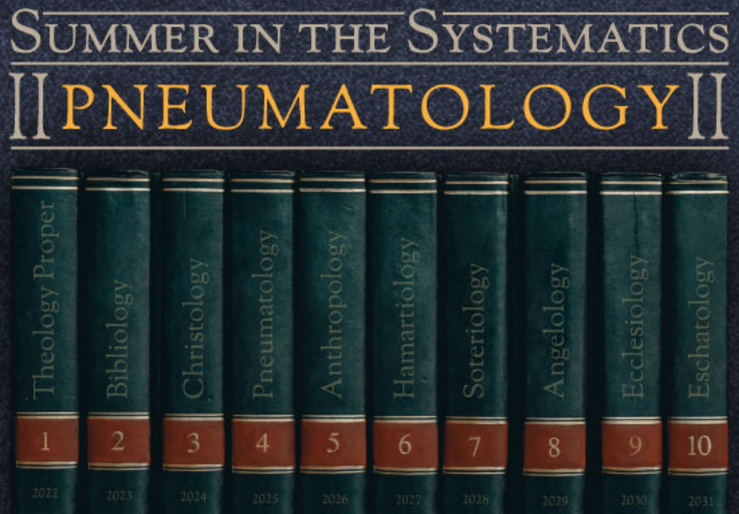
"All believers are called upon to be generous and give, but some give in remarkable and unusual ways."

Thomas Schreiner



"And the one who is instructed in the word is to share in all good things with the one who instructs him."

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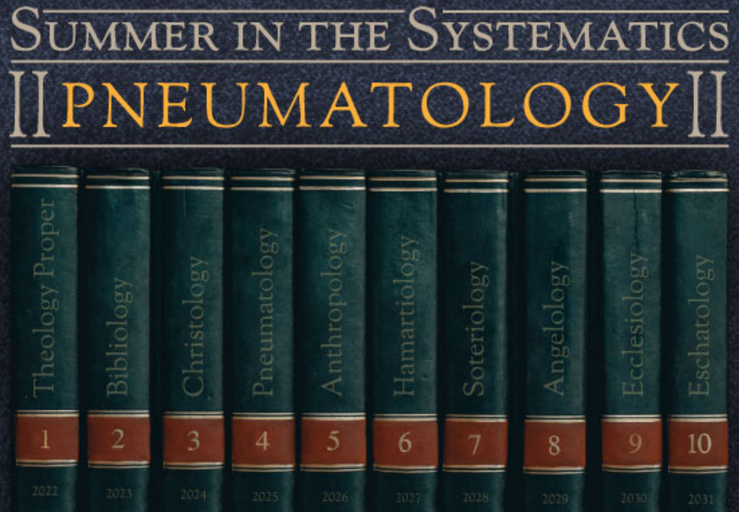

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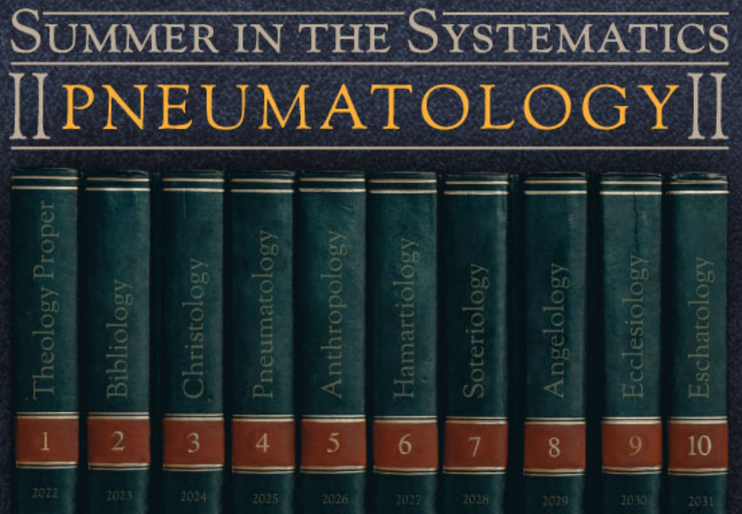
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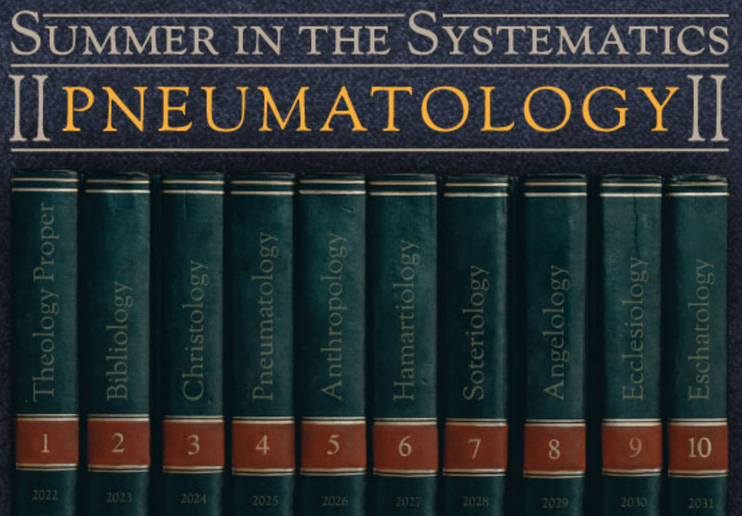
"By this we have known love, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?"

1 John 3:16-17



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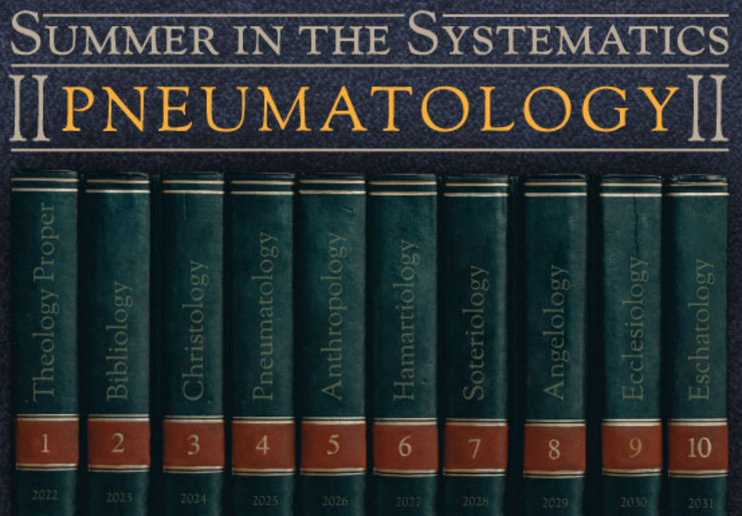
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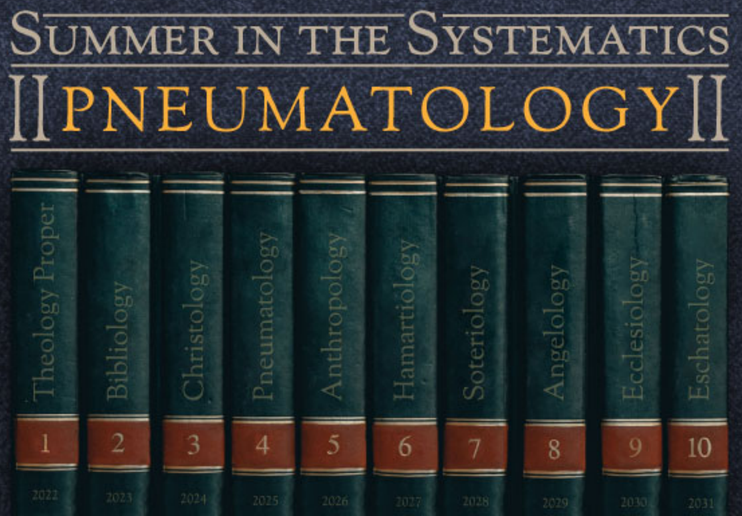
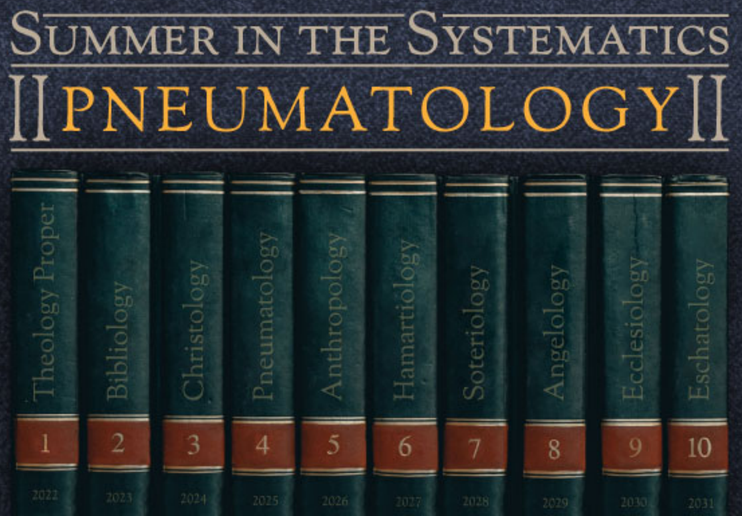
"Every believer should walk by faith, and each has a measure of faith, but not all have the gift of faith."

Charles Ryrie



"And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing."

1 Corinthians 13:2



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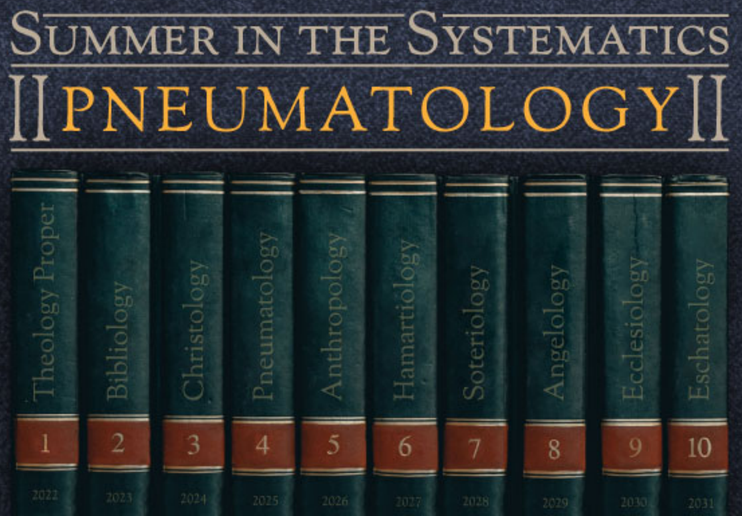
James 5:15



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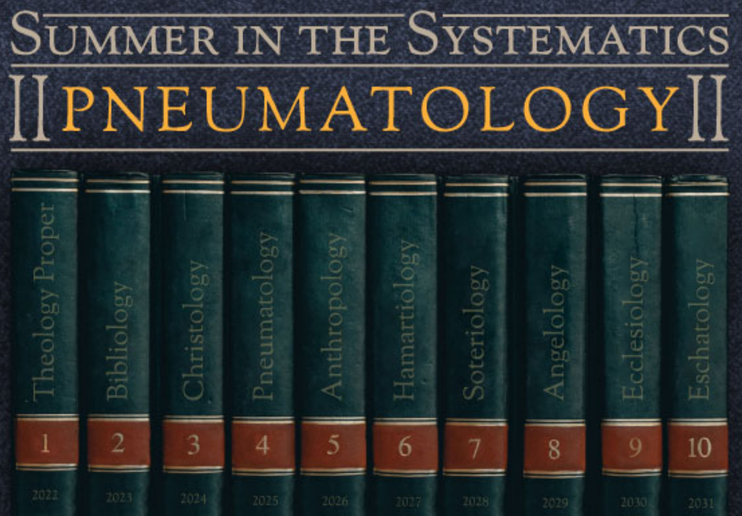
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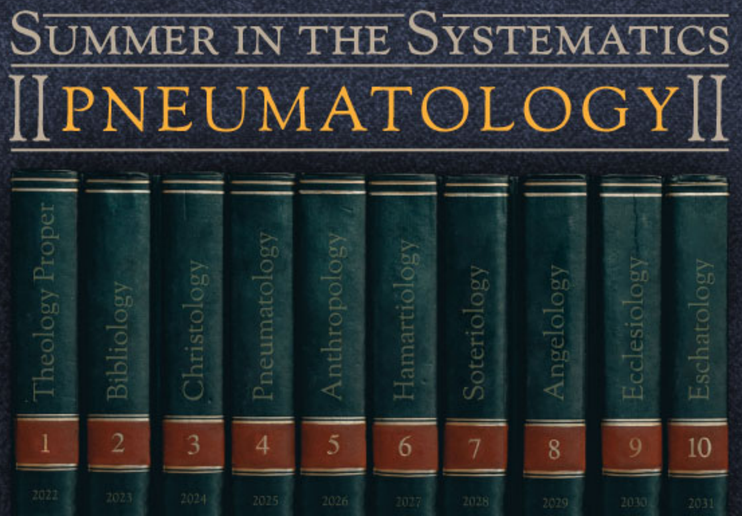

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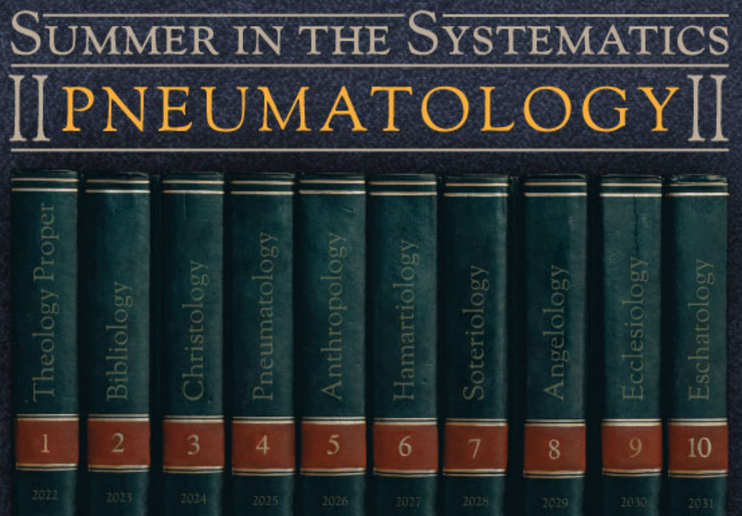

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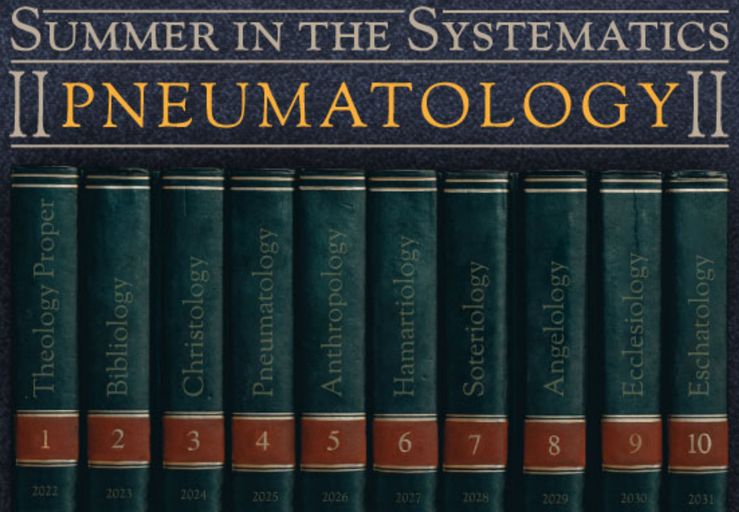
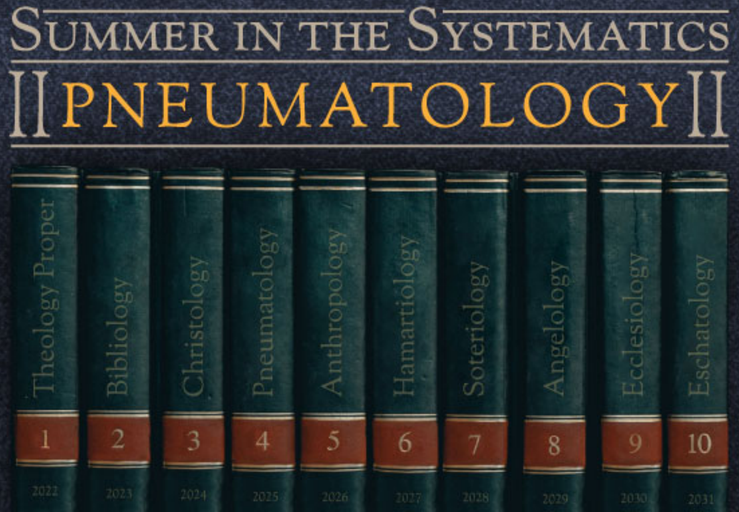


"As each one has received a gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God—whoever speaks, as one speaking the oracles of God; whoever serves, as one serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and might forever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 4:10-11



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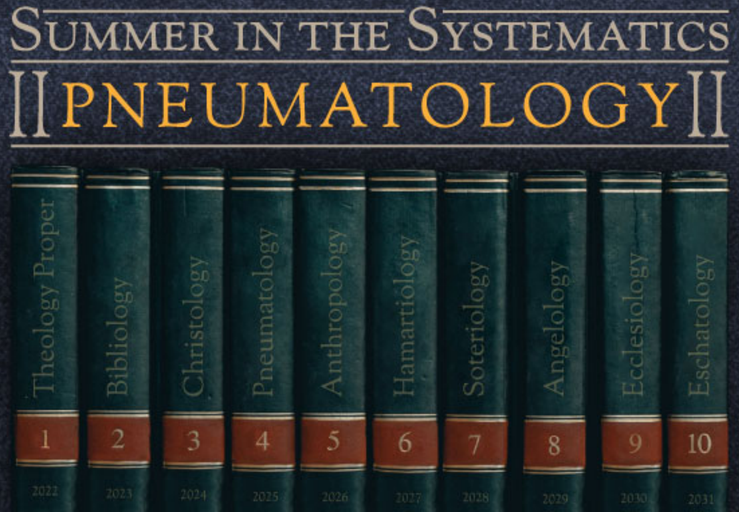

"Cessationists, including myself, believe that some spiritual gifts ceased to function during the first century, the time when the apostles ministered and the New Testament was written."

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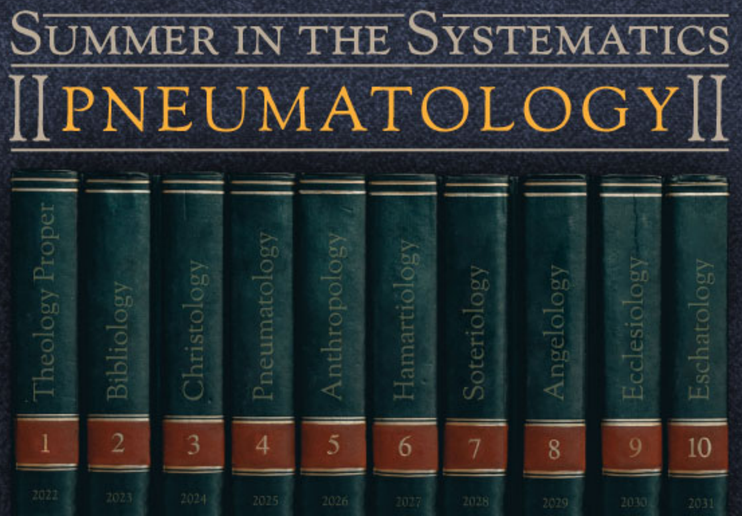

"The gospel message was unusual and astounding. A man executed in a very small country was presented as the Son of God who came to die for all men. For those who trusted in him, God would by grace forgive their sins. Few people outside Israel had ever heard of Jesus."

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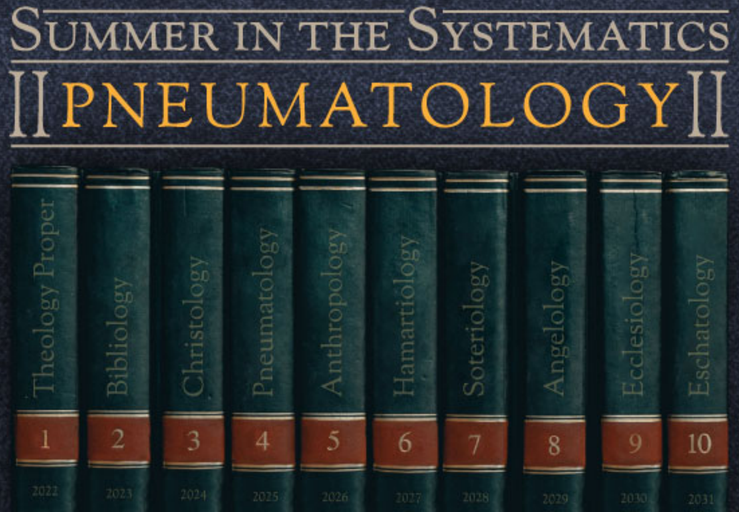

"He died before the church was established. He was executed after a brief career. These facts at least show the difficulty faced by early evangelists. The miraculous sign gifts put this whole message in a different perspective since the miracles were evidence that the message was from God."

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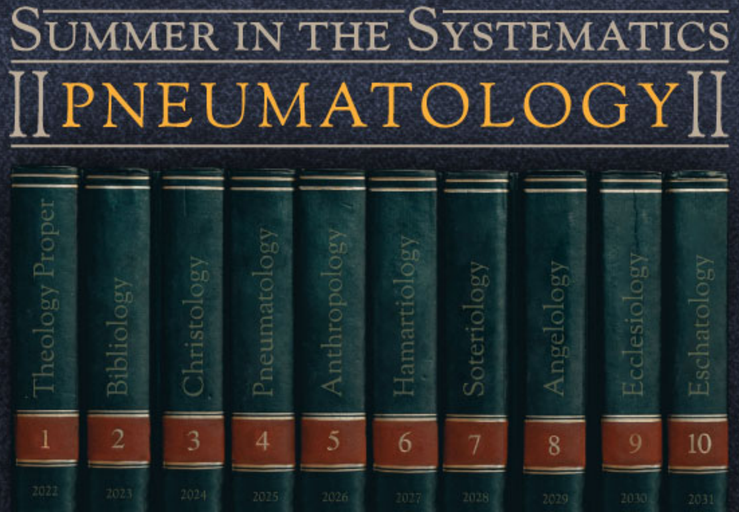

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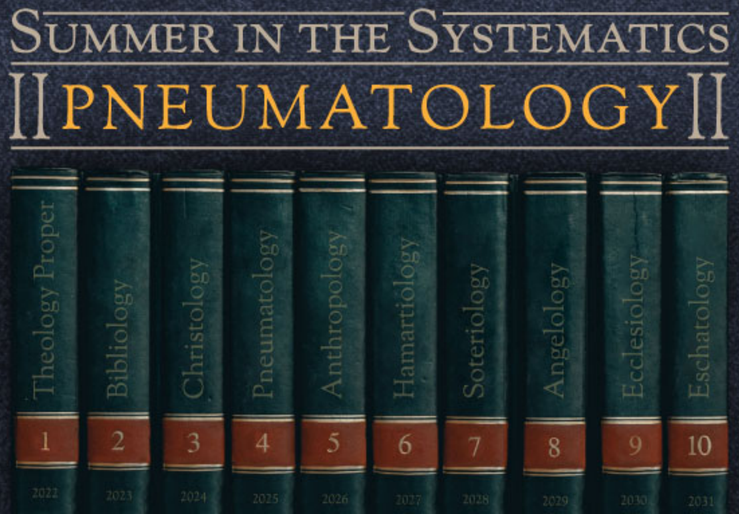

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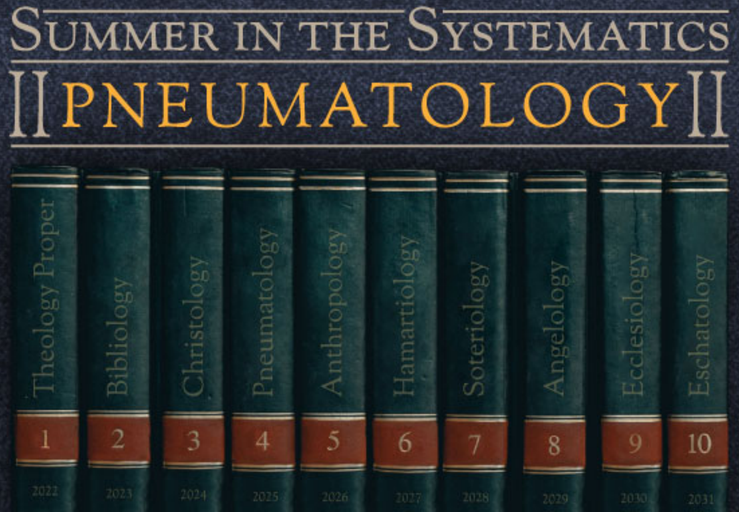

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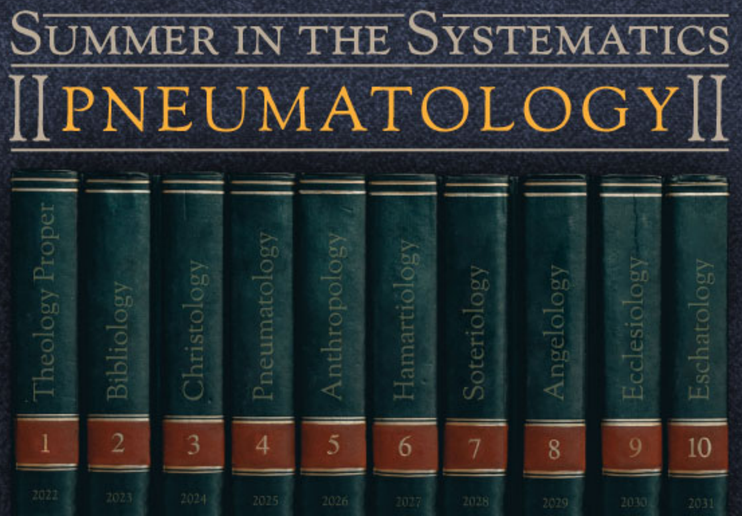
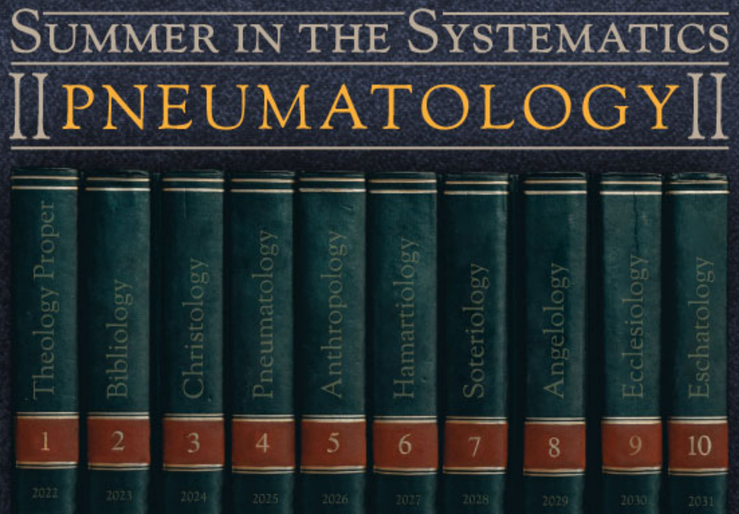


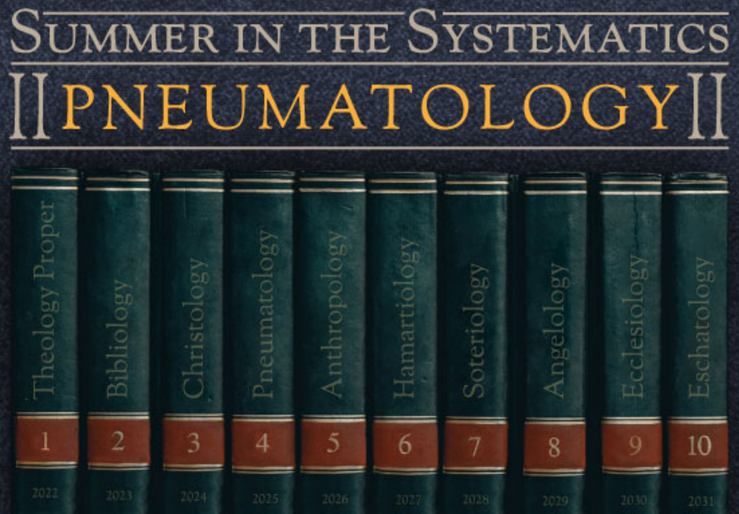
"And He went up on the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. And He appointed twelve (whom He also named apostles) to be with Him and to send them out to preach, and to have authority to cast out the demons."

Mark 3:13-15



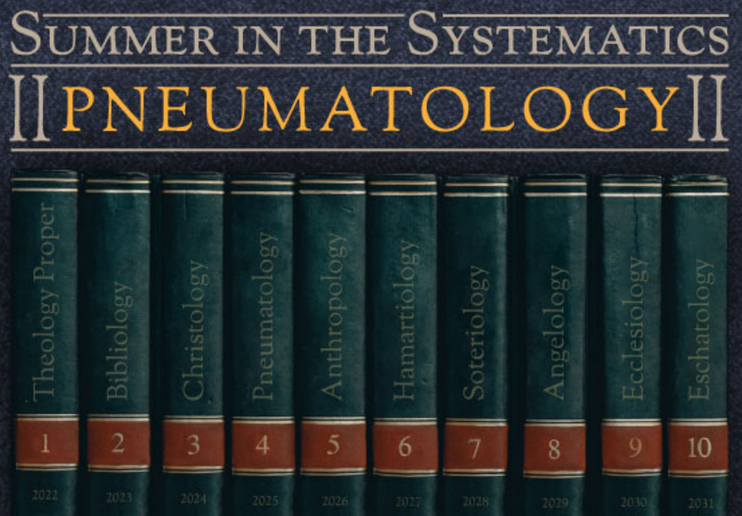
"Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, having been set apart for the gospel of God . . ."

Romans 1:1



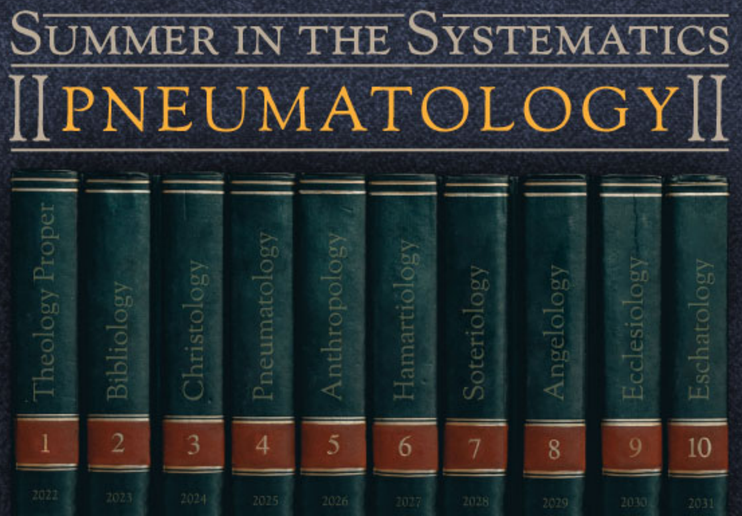
"For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth."

1 Timothy 2:7



“And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?”

1 Corinthians 12:28-29



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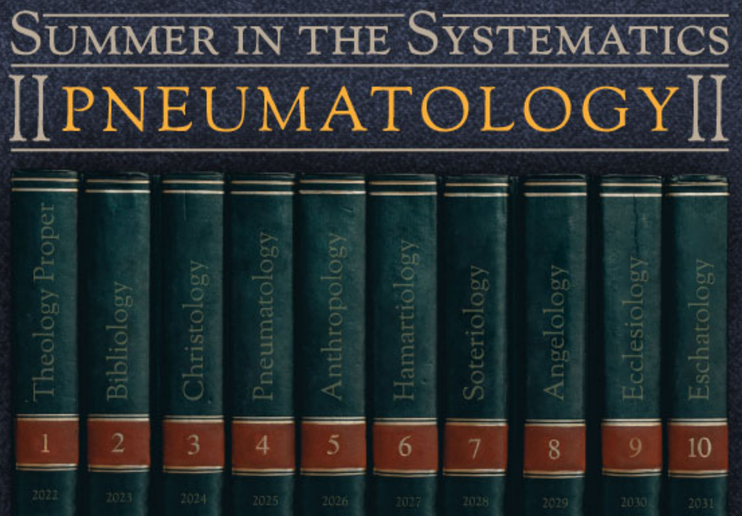

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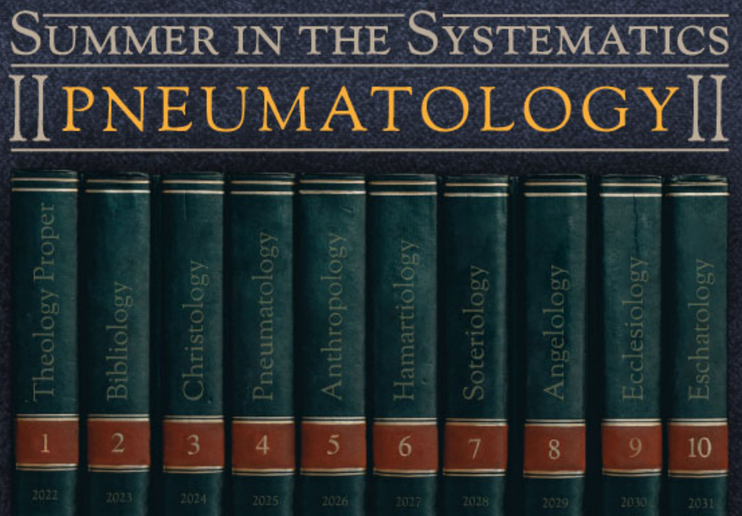

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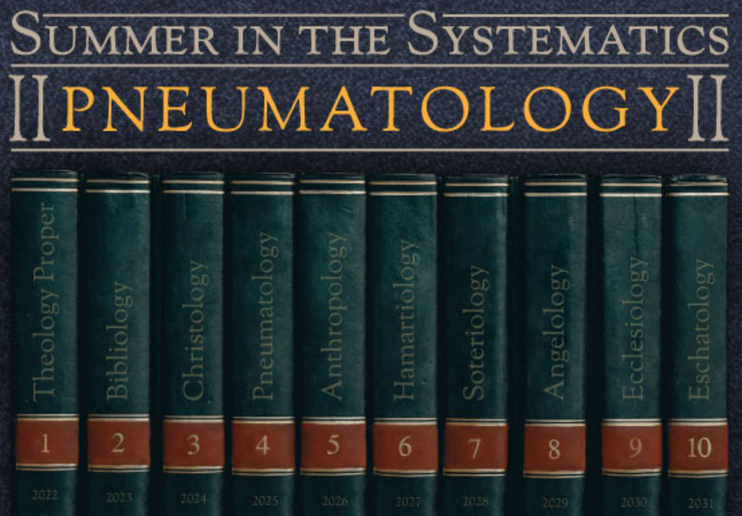
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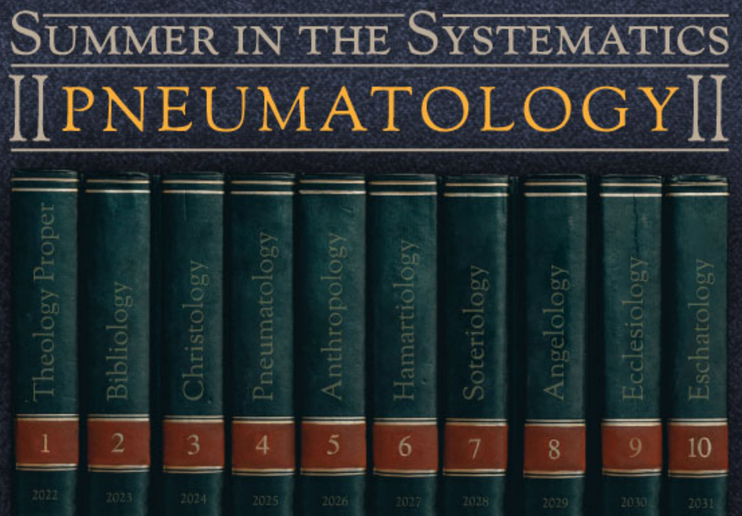
Hebrews 1:1-2



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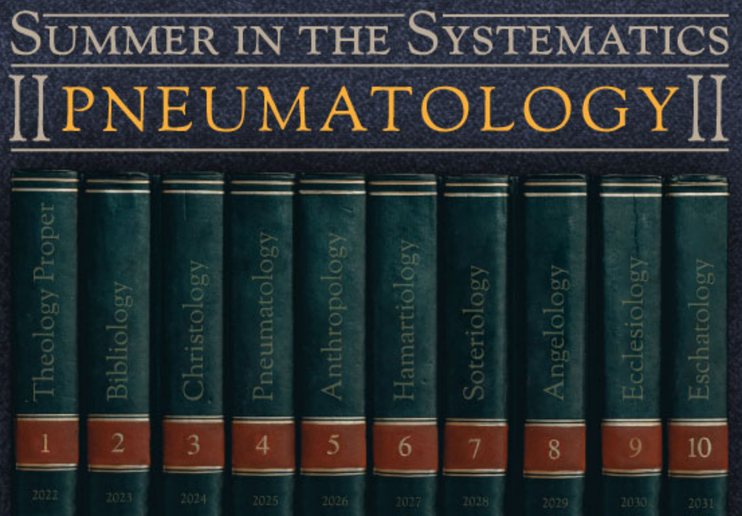

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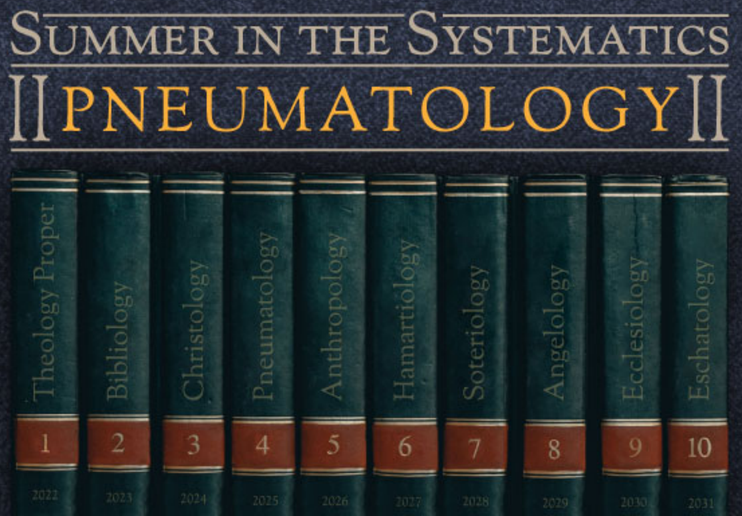

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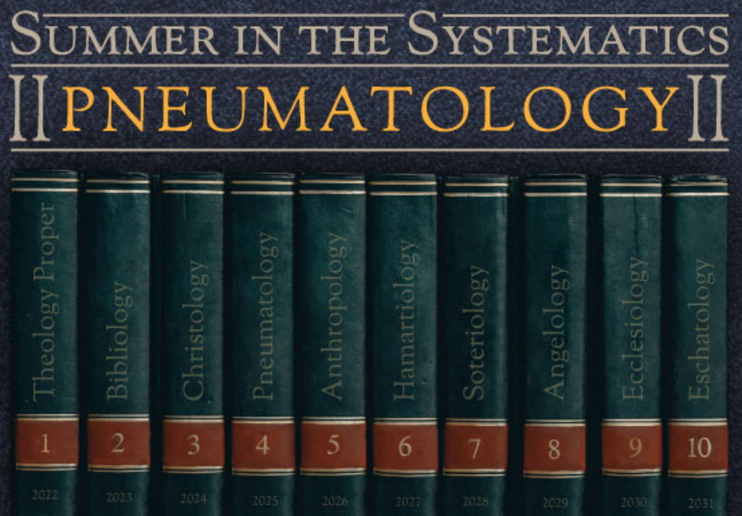

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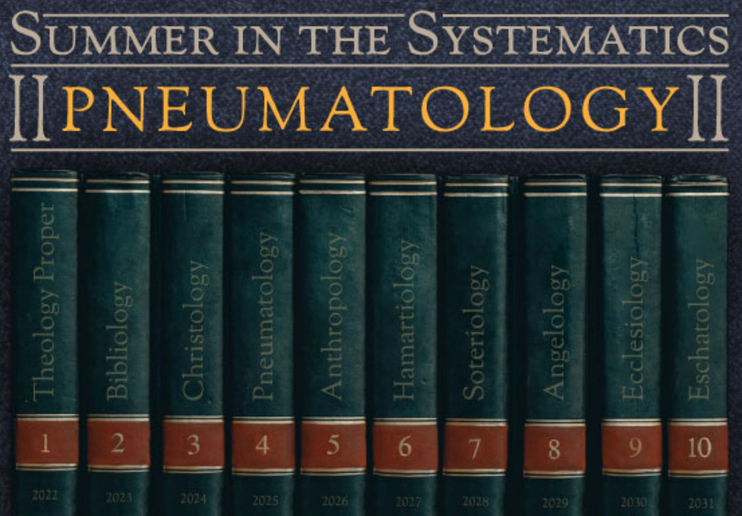
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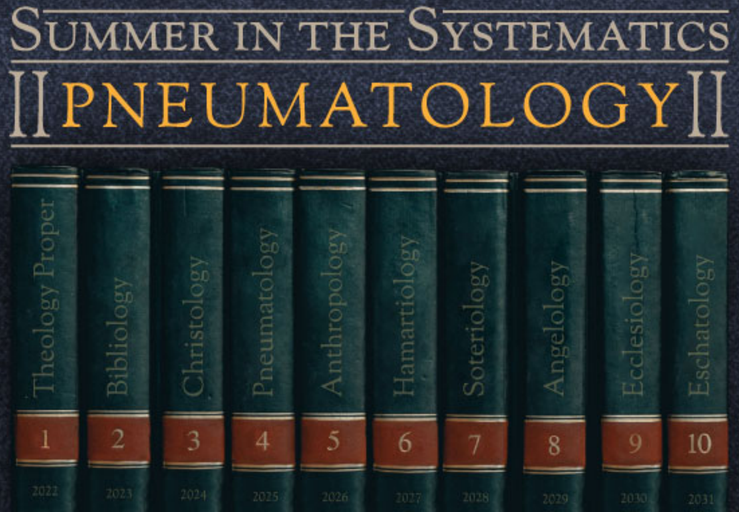
Acts 5:12



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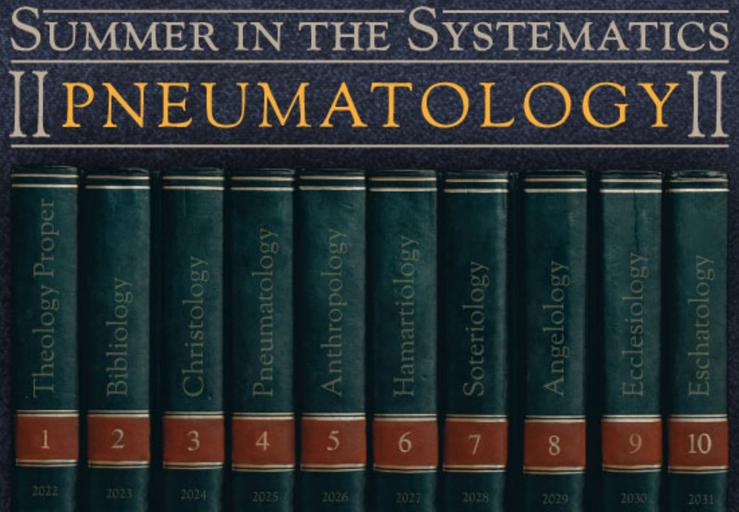

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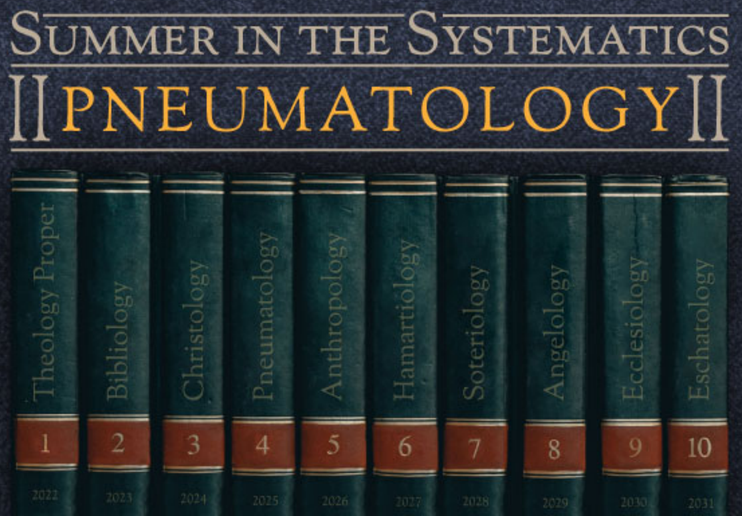
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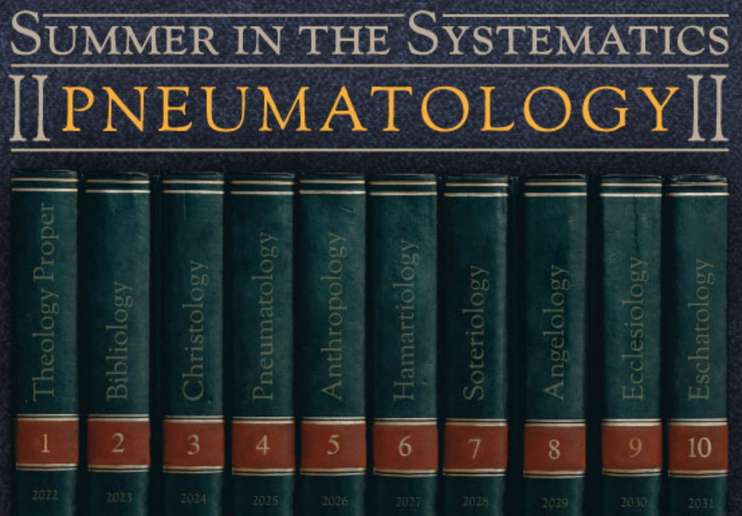
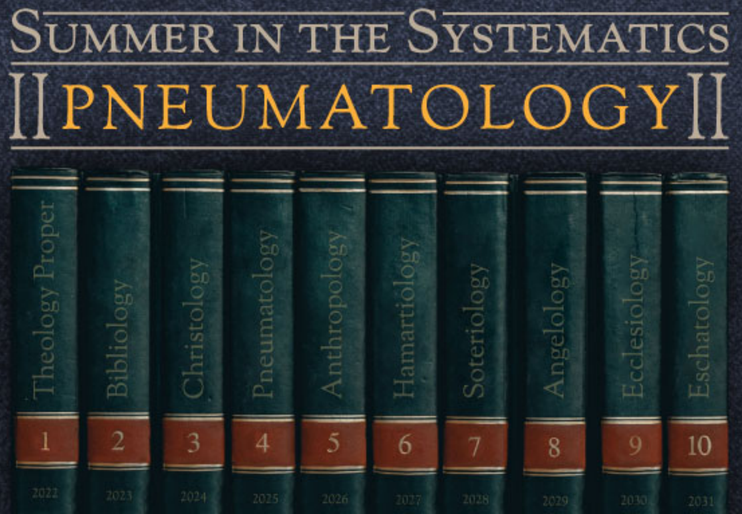
"No longer drink water only, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments."

1 Timothy 5:23

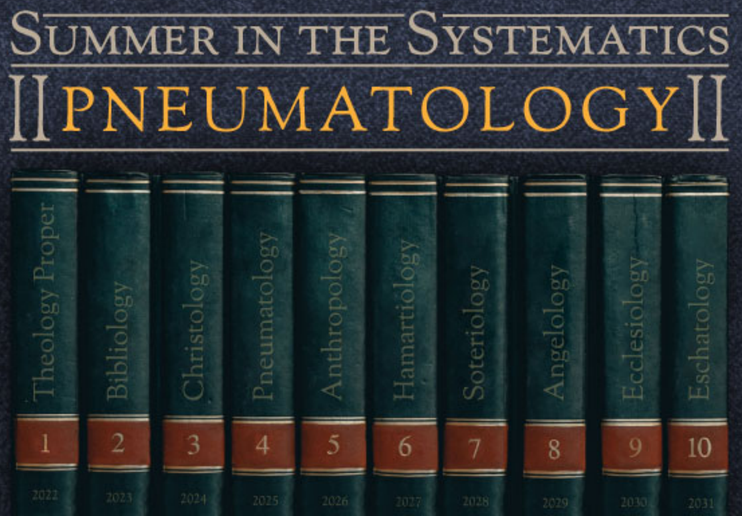


“Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.”

2 Timothy 4:20



TONGUES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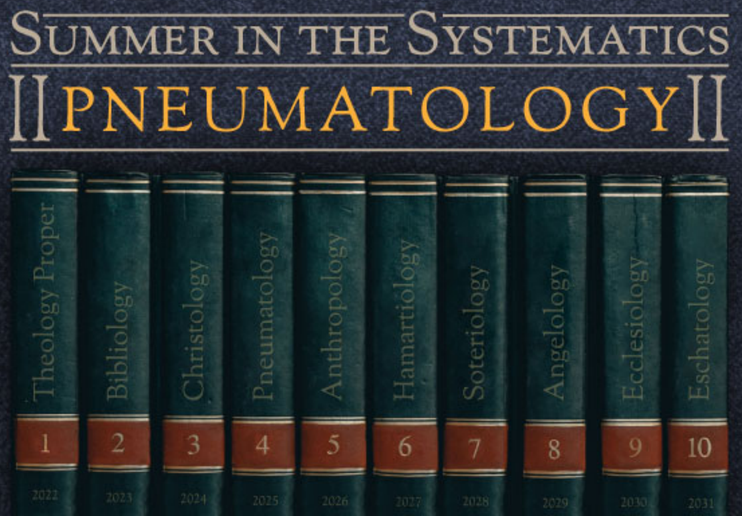
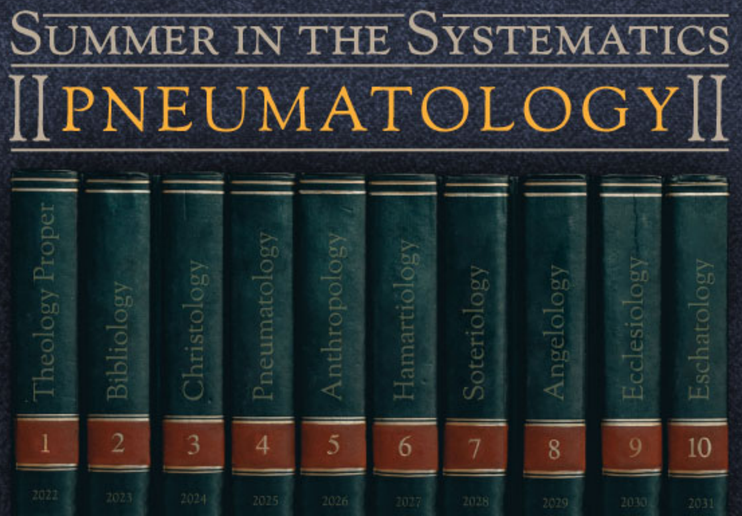
"Tongues is the God-given ability to speak in a language of earth that is unknown to the speaker."

Charles Ryrie



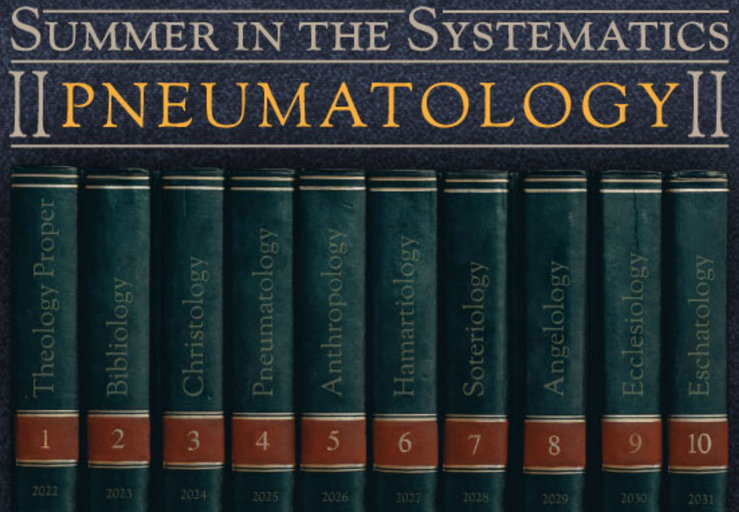
"No proof from the Greek language has been presented to demonstrate that glossa was used to mean unintelligible ecstatic speech. A word must be interpreted according to its normal usage unless the context demands otherwise. Those passages describing the gift of tongues cannot be interpreted as referring to other than known human languages . . ."

Thomas Edgar



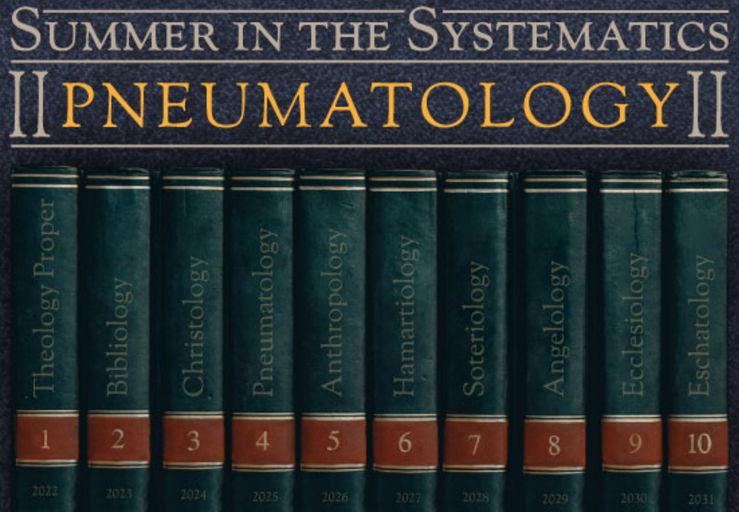
"So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers."

1 Corinthians 14:22

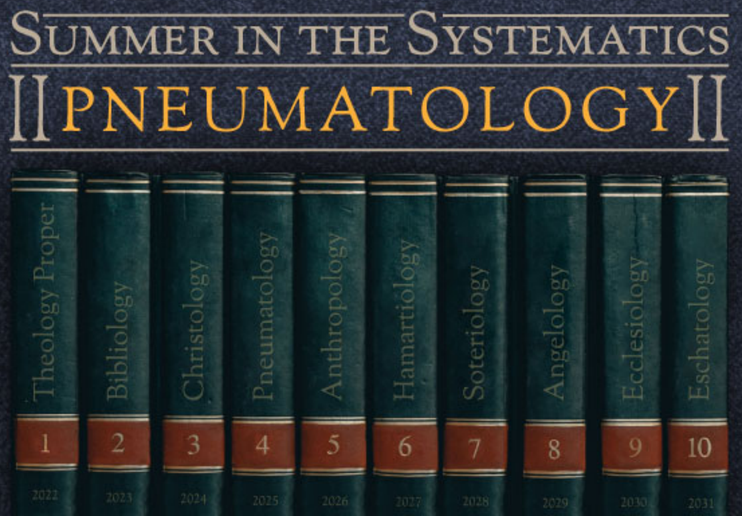


"One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church. But I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but even more that you would prophesy. And greater is one who prophesies than one who speaks in tongues, unless he translates, so that the church may receive edification."

1 Corinthians 14:4-5



TRANSLATION OF TONGUES



“ . . . the ability to interpret that message in a language understood by the hearers.”

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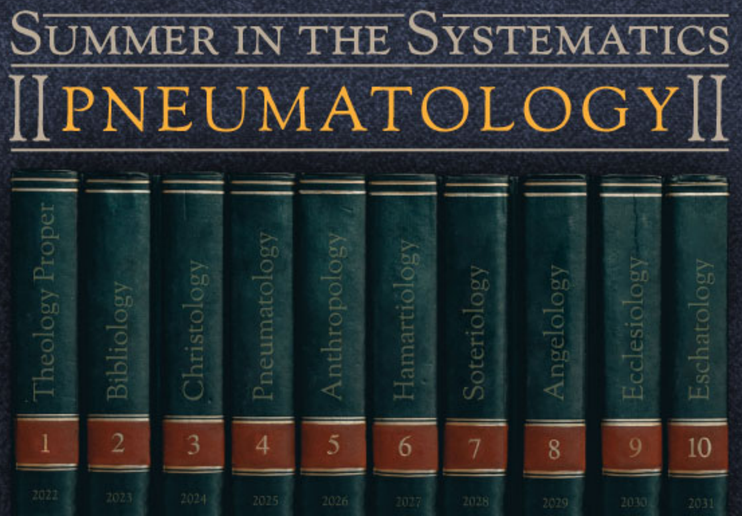
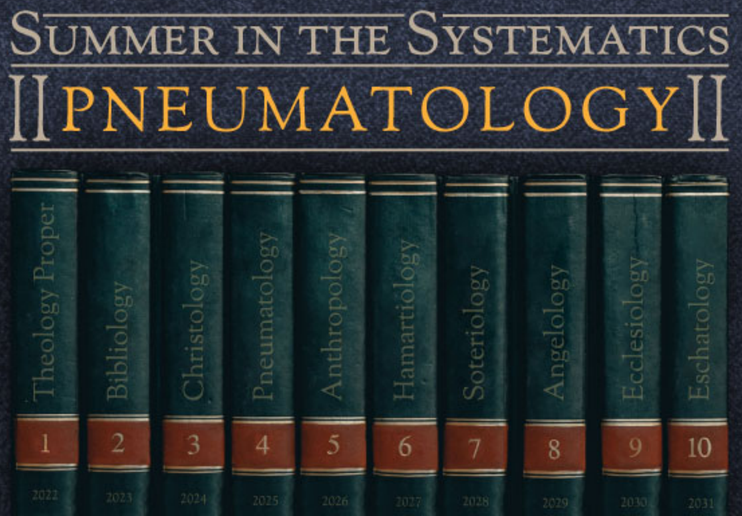


"If anyone speaks in a tongue, it should be by two or at the most three, and each in turn, and one must translate; but if there is no translator, he must keep silent in the church, and let him speak to himself and to God."

1 Corinthians 14:27-28



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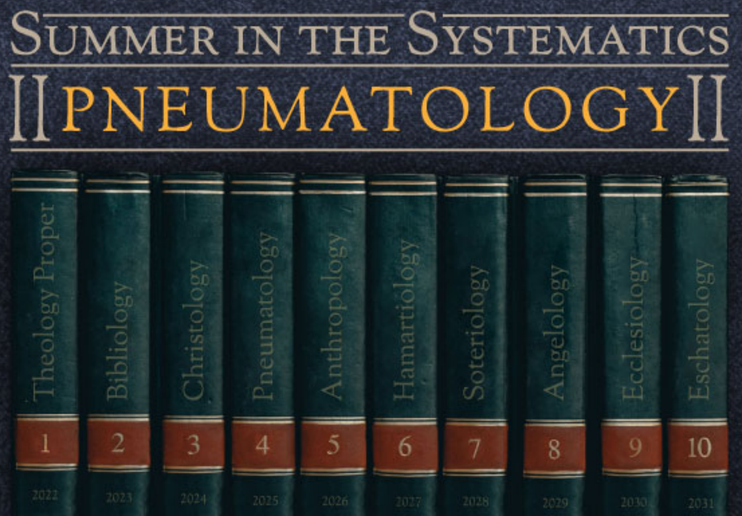
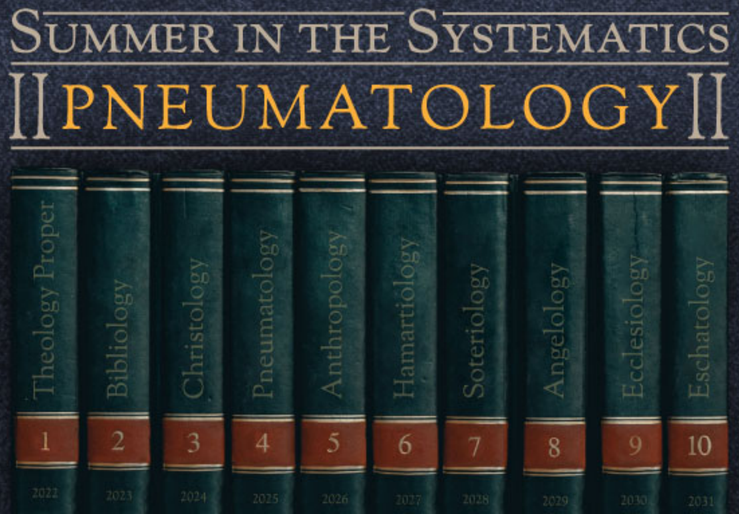


"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God."

1 John 4:1-3



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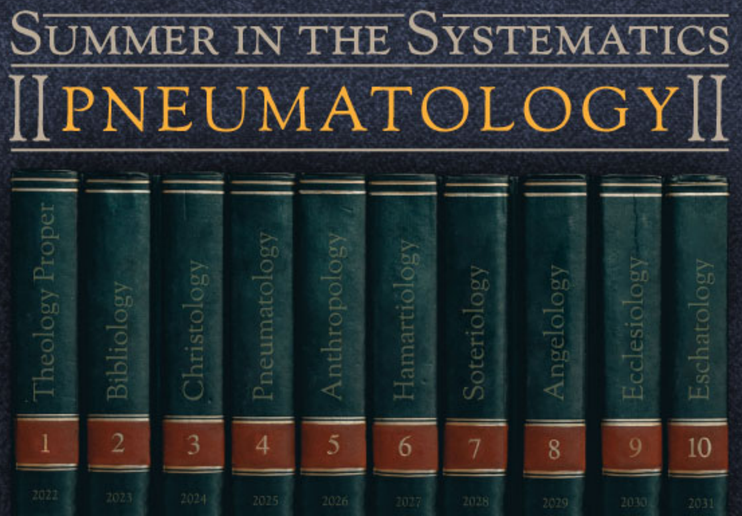

“ . . . give a direct word from the Lord to skillfully guide the local church in a specific decision.”

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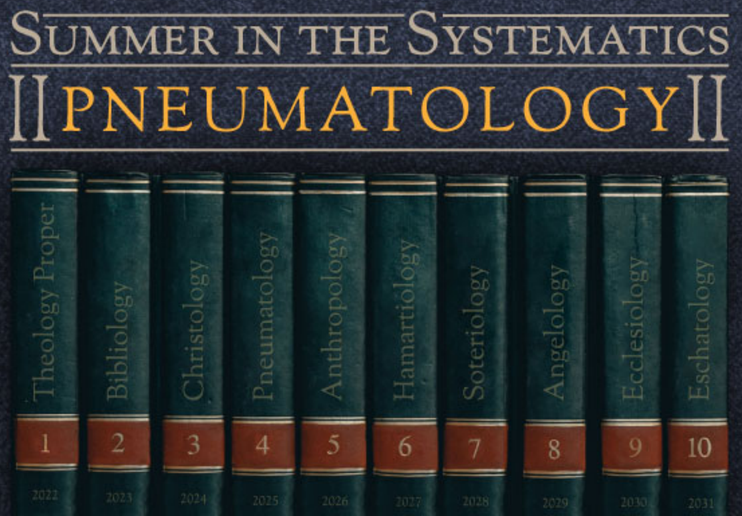

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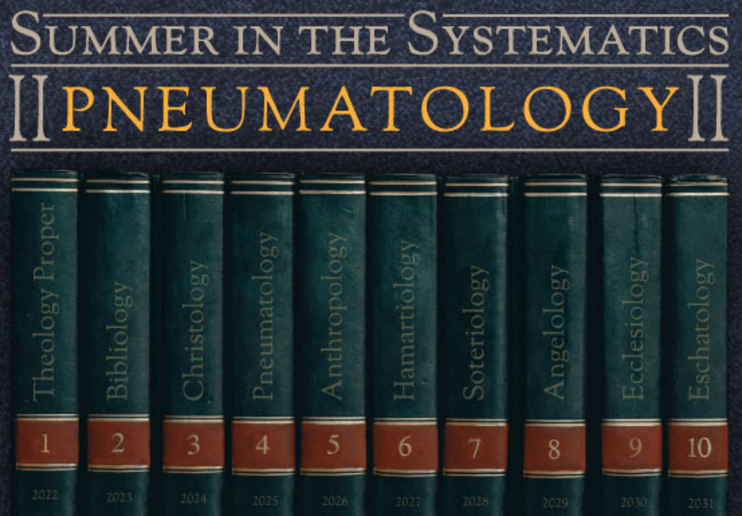
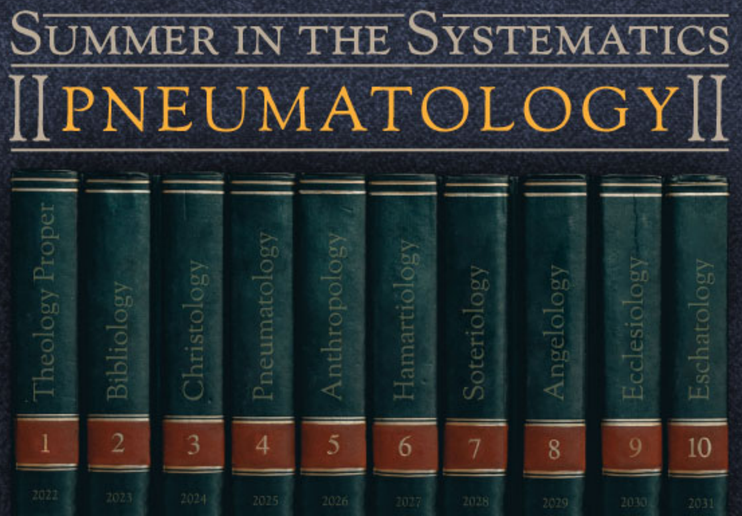
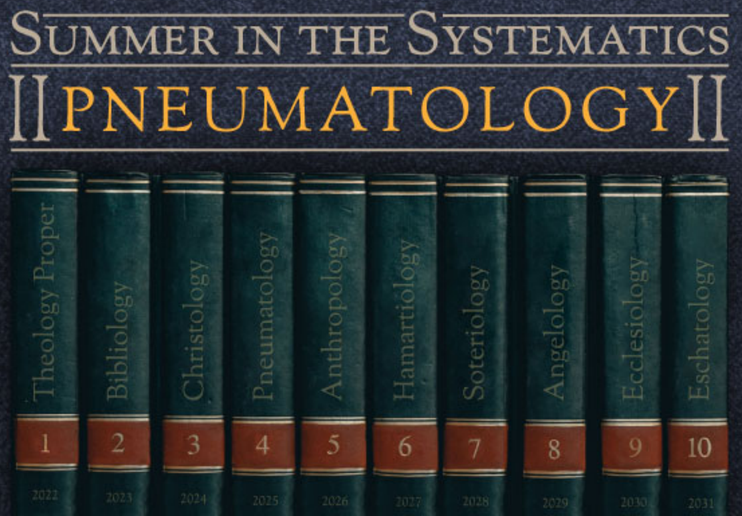


"The divine enablement to communicate a direct word of insight from the Lord to guide the local church . . ."

John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue

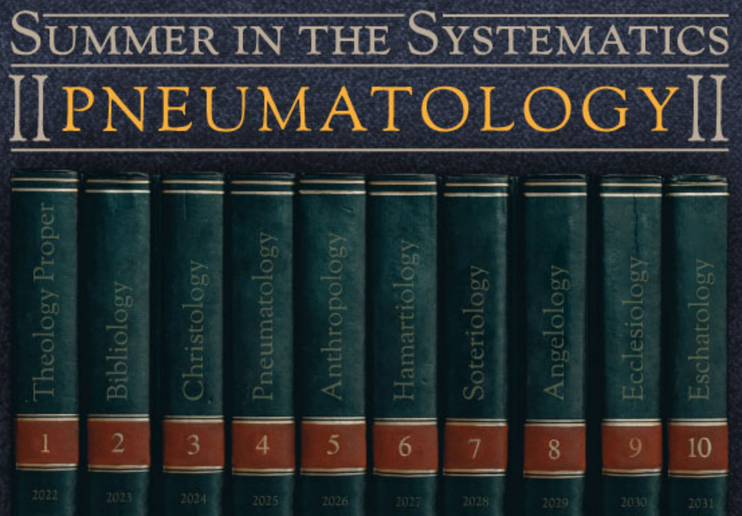


6. THE SUMMARY OF THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT



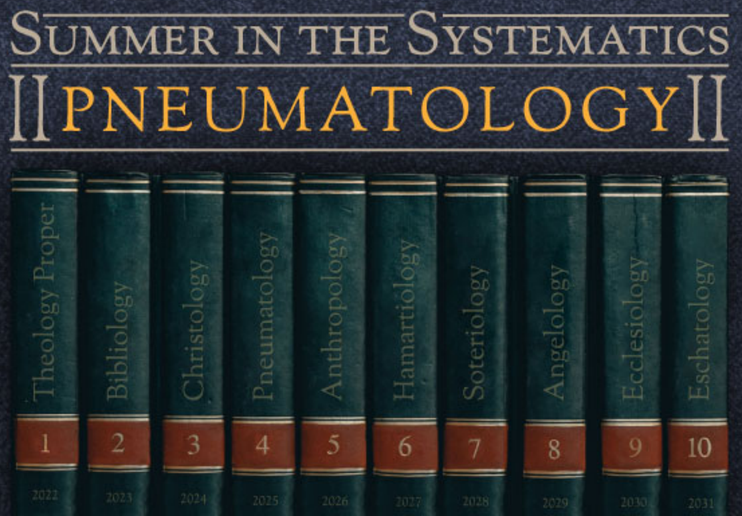
"For you were called to freedom, brothers; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

Galatians 5:13



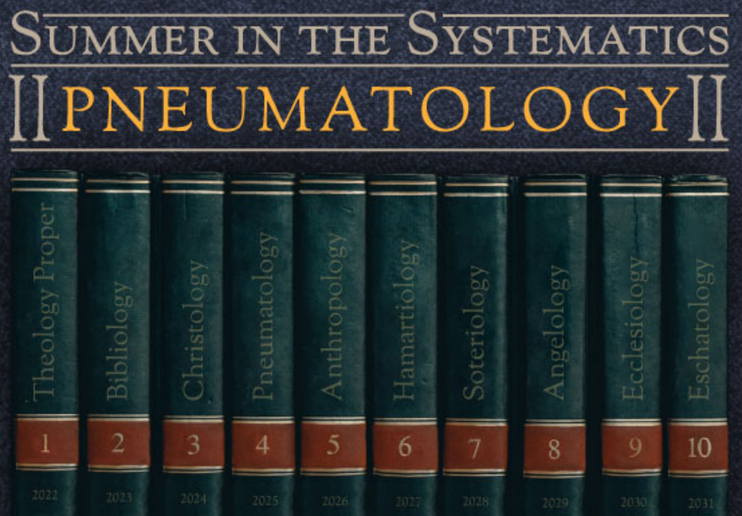
"And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:24-25



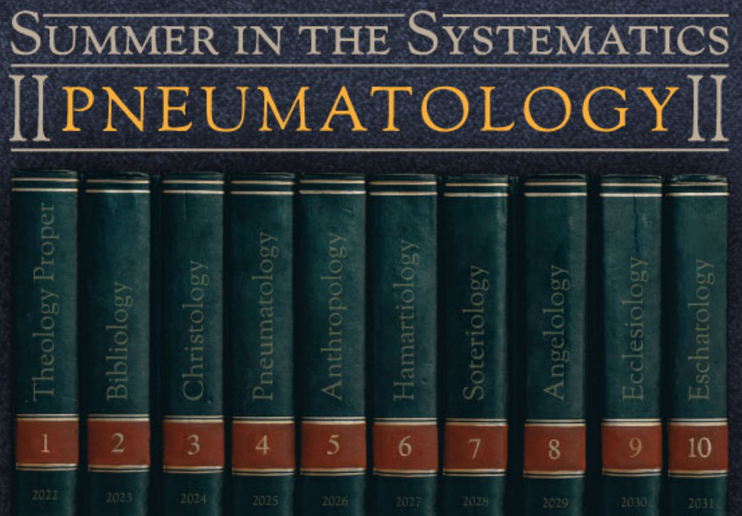
"Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7



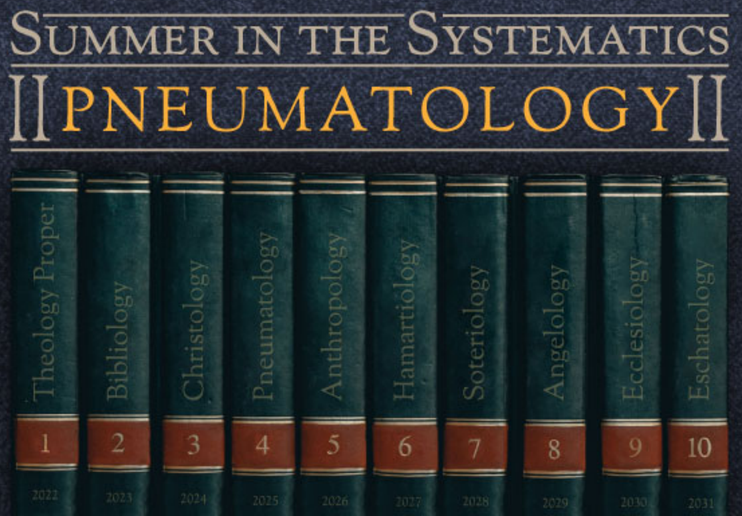
"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to keep all that I commanded you . . ."

Matthew 28:19-20



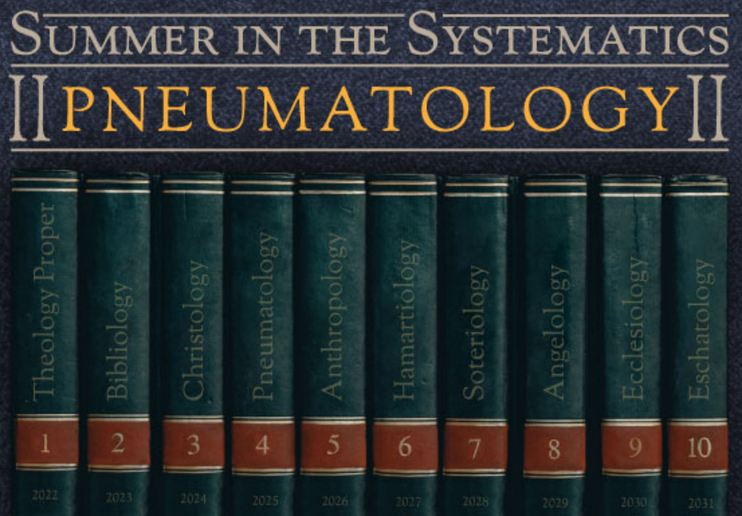
"Instead, be kind to one another, tender-hearted, graciously forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has graciously forgiven you."

Ephesians 4:32



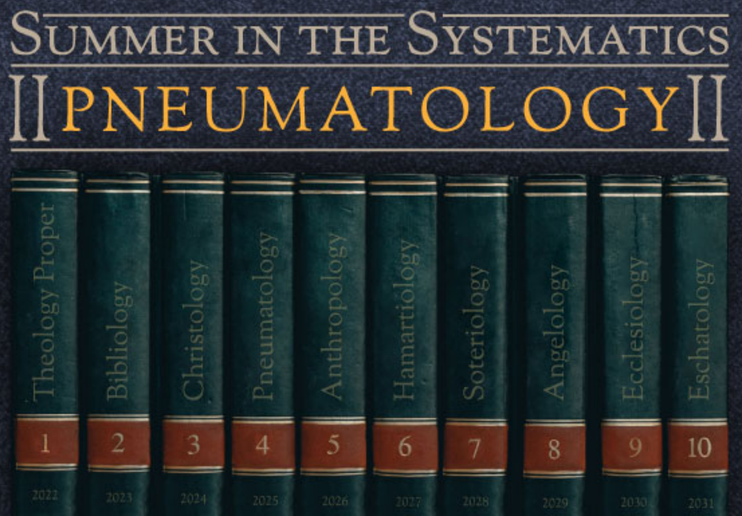
“ . . . for we walk by faith, not by sight.”

2 Corinthians 5:7



“. . . but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to THE END OF THE EARTH.”

Acts 1:8



"Amid all the discussion and debate about various aspects of the doctrine of spiritual gifts, we must not lose sight of our responsibility to be good stewards of whatever abilities and skills the Holy Spirit has given us."

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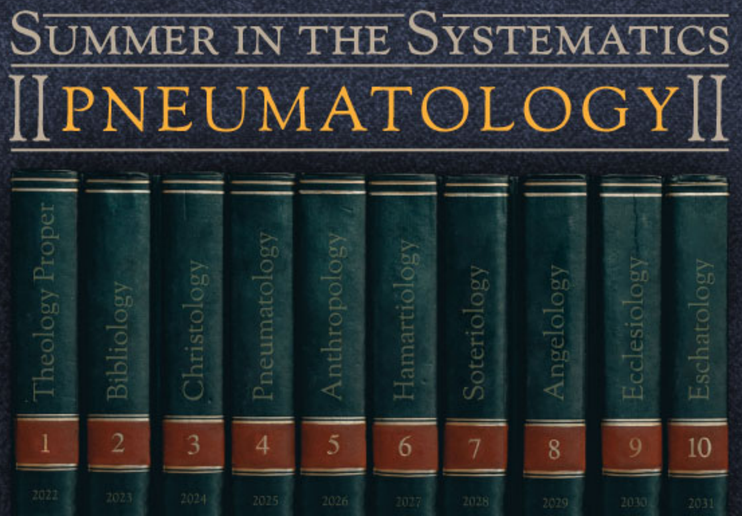

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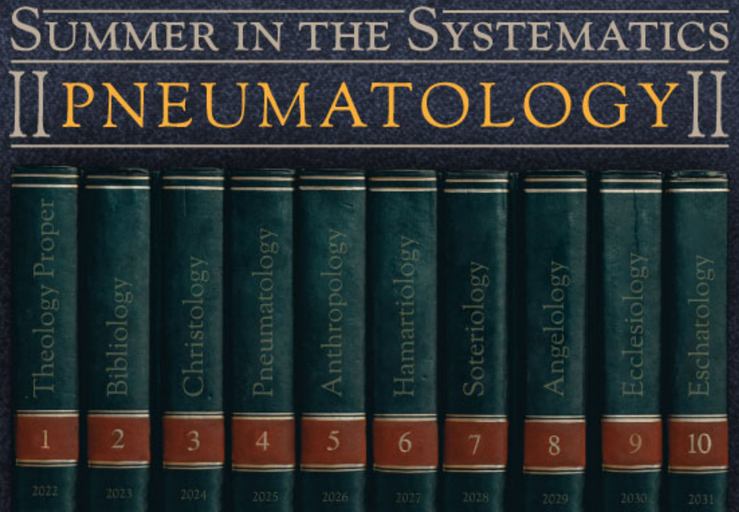
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