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Read Chapter 5: *The Existence and Being of God*

Use Scripture to support your answers.

1. As is prevalent in much of the Church today, what is man's typical approach to theology?
2. How would you define *theology*? How does an improper knowledge of God affect how man understands other biblical doctrines? What effect does this have on worship?
3. How might it be possible that a theology professor who is able, with clear diction to declare the cosmological, teleological, and moral arguments of reason that point to the existence of God, possibly die and go to hell?
4. What is meant by *the incomprehensibility of God*? According to Isaiah 55:8-9, Romans 11:33 and 1 Timothy 6:16, how can God possibly be knowable? How has holy, inspired Scripture assisted us in this seemingly impossible association?

Read these quotes by some of the faithful men of God:

“Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan.”
~ John Bunyan

“Those who know God the best are the richest and most powerful in prayer. Little acquaintance with God, and strangeness and coldness to Him, make prayer a rare and feeble thing.”
~ Charles Spurgeon

“The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for faithful men. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men...men of prayer.”
~ Anonymous

“Prayer is not so much an act as it is an attitude—an attitude of dependency; dependency upon God.”
~ Arthur W. Pink

“Work, work, from morning until late at night. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall have to spend the first three hours in prayer.”
~ Martin Luther

“To desire true change...and at the same time to neglect prayer and devotion is to wish one way and walk another.”
~ A.W. Tozer

“The Christian needs to be alone during a definite period of each day for meditation on Scripture...and for prayer...even during times of spiritual dryness and apathy. It matters little what form of prayer we adopt, or how many words we use. What matters is the faith which lays hold on God, knowing that He knows our needs before we even ask Him. That is what gives Christian prayer its boundless confidence and its joyous certainty. We simply make petitions and requests to One who has the heart of a Father. Of course, God's will must be the primary object of our prayers and we must recognize prayer as an instrument of God's will. Therefore, we pray that God's will may be done.”
~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Read Chapter 30: *The Necessity of Atonement*

Use Scripture to support your answers.

1. Consider and expound on the statements in the Scriptures which emphasize the fact that the death of our Lord and Savior was an absolute necessity.

The statements are subdivided in the following manner:

- 1) Scripture which describes His conduct,
- 2) Scripture where Christ Himself spoke of His death, and
- 3) Scripture where others spoke our Lord's death on the cross.

2. Explain and Biblically refute some of the objections to the necessity of the substitutionary atonement.

3. What is one primary reason why people have so much difficulty with the doctrine of the necessity of the atonement? How can we remedy this tragedy?

