

7. What is the gospel message? What makes a calling to the gospel message “effective?” Pages 66-71

8. Which fact regarding salvation do people have the most trouble understanding and/or accepting: All people “sin,” the penalty for “sin” is death, or Jesus the Christ paid the penalty for “sin?” Pages 66-71

KNEADING THE THOUGHT

What spans the gap between Hamartiology (the study of “sin”) and Theology (the study of the Lord God)?

9. Grudem argues there are two essential elements to an effective proclamation of the gospel—repentance regarding “sin” and “faith” in the Christ. Which of these two elements is missing most in said proclamation? Are there other elements missing? For example, efficacy? Complete understanding of “faith” and/or “sin?” Page 69

10. Who is responsible for regeneration, for being born from above? So what? Pages 72-80

11. Why and how does Grudem separate regeneration from “saving faith?” Pages 72-80

12. According to Grudem, how does “genuine” regeneration manifest itself? Why is this a spiritually pragmatic dangerous proposition? Miracles = evidence? Church activity? Pages 77-79

13. Conversion—why do we equate knowledge as sufficient? What does personal trust add? Pages 81-92

14. Conversion? Provide an explanation of why “faith” (i.e., trust in the Christ) and repentance are both essential elements to conversion? Why must both continue throughout life, according to Grudem? Pages 81-92

15. Why is “justification” a key element to His work in redeeming us, saving us from being separated from Him (sin)? Why does Grudem argue that an accurate understanding of justification is the distinction between salvation based on trust (“faith”) and not good works? Pages 93-105

16. “How can God declare we have no penalty to pay for our evil, and that we have the merits of perfect righteousness, if we are in fact guilty of evil? That is, how can God declare us to be not guilty but righteous when in fact we **are** unrighteous?” Page 97-105

17. How is adoption different from being justified? What is spiritually pragmatic dangerous about adoption as a basis for salvation? Pages 106-114

18. How does (should?) adoption affect and effect our relationship to other adoptees? Pages 115-129

19. Why do you suppose “sanctification” is a neglected element in the study of soteriology? Pages 115-129
