READING SCHEDULE – MODULE 5/PART 1

Textbook Reading
☐ Read ***one chapter of your choosing*** from Grudem ch. 14, ***or*** 16

Study Guide (for whichever chapter of Grudem you may choose to read)

For Grudem Chapter 14 – *The Person of Christ* (pp. 281-302)

- What is the main question which this chapter addresses?
- How does Grudem summarize the Biblical teaching about the person of Christ?
- What is the Biblical evidence for the virgin birth of Christ? What are the implications of the virgin birth for our salvation? What does it tell us about the nature and person of Christ?
- How does Grudem respond to the Roman Catholic claim about Mary? What does this tell us about the virgin birth? What difference does it make?
- What is the Biblical evidence that Jesus had a physical body just like ours? What is the nature of His body after the resurrection? How do we know?
- What is the Biblical evidence that Jesus had a human mind and human soul and human emotions? How did Jesus increase and mature in all these things, in terms of His human nature? What does this tell us about Jesus? How does this apply?
- How does Grudem respond to the claim that Jesus was not truly human because He did not sin? What theological issue is at stake in this mistaken claim? How does Grudem correct it?
- What is the Biblical teaching on the sinlessness of Christ? What does the illustration of a weightlifter tell us about the temptation and sinlessness of Christ? What does this tell us about Christ? How does this truth help us?
- Why was Jesus' full humanity necessary? What is "docetism" and why is this heresy dangerous?
- How is Christ's obedience compared to the representative function of Adam? What is the evidence for this? Why does it matter?
- Why was Jesus' humanity necessary for Him to be a sacrifice of atonement on our behalf? What does this tell us about the nature and mission of Jesus?
- What are the other reasons for the necessity of Jesus' humanity? What difference do these make?
- What is the definition of the word "incarnation"? What does this tell us about Jesus? Why does this matter?
- What are the direct Scriptural claims to the deity of Christ? What do the uses of the word "theos" and "kyrios" tell us in reference to Jesus? What Old Testament passages referring to God are applied to Jesus in the New Testament? What are the implications of this?
- In what other ways does the New Testament claim the deity of Christ? What is the connection between John 8:58 and Exodus 3:14? What is the point of the phrase "Alpha and Omega"? What is the meaning and point of the title "Son of Man" in this context? How is this connected

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to the book of Daniel? What are the implications of the term "Son of God"? What do all of these things tell us about Jesus?

- What is the Biblical evidence that Jesus has divine attributes? How are these demonstrated?
- What is the "kenosis" theory? How does Grudem respond to this? What is the correct meaning of this passage? What is the evidence he gives? How does this interpretation fit into its context? What difference does this make?
- What conclusion does Grudem make from all the evidence for the deity of Christ?
- Why was Jesus' deity necessary? What are the implications for our salvation? Why is this important for us to believe?
- What did the "Chalcedonian Definition" conclude about Jesus? What inadequate views did it reject? What was wrong with those views? Why was each of them dangerous? How does the true, orthodox views protect against those mistakes?
- What does the Chalcedonian Definition state about the nature of Christ? How does it demonstrate rejection of heretical views? What should we learn from this?
- How does Grudem suggest we reconcile Biblical texts that speak of His deity with those that speak of His humanity, with its limitations? What are the principles he suggests from this? How do these apply to our understanding of the nature of Christ? How does this protect us from misunderstanding certain passages? What difference does this make?
- What is the point Grudem makes about the unity of Christ's nature? Why is this important?
- What does Grudem call the "most amazing miracle"? Why is this amazing and important? How should we respond to this?
- Review and reflect on the "Review Questions" and "Questions for Personal Application."

For Grudem Chapter 16 – *Resurrection and Ascension* (pp. 319-328)

- What are the three main questions which this chapter addresses?
- What is the Biblical evidence for the resurrection of Christ? What is notable about the extent of this evidence?
- How is Christ's resurrection different from the resurrection of Lazarus?
- What are the ways that Christ's resurrected body had continuity with His body before the resurrection? What are the ways that it is different? Why is it important that Jesus has a physical body after the resurrection? What error should we avoid about our future existence? What difference do these things make?
- Which Person(s) of the Trinity were active in the resurrection [see also Rom. 1:4? Why does this matter?
- Describe the doctrinal significance of Christ's resurrection for His people in your own words. What does Grudem emphasize? What Biblical evidence does he give for each point?
- How is the resurrection of Christ connected to our salvation? How is it connected to the current life of His people? How should we respond to this?
- How is Christ's resurrection connected to our justification? What is the Biblical evidence for this? What difference does this make?
- How is the resurrection of Christ connected to our future resurrection? What does it mean that Christ is "firstfruits"? What does that tell us about what Christ accomplished? Why does this matter?
- How did Paul connect the resurrection with our ethical behavior? How should that motivate and change our lifestyle? What are the specific areas in which this applies?
- What is meant by "ascension"? What is the Biblical evidence for this? Why is this important?

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- What did Jesus experience at His ascension? What is the Biblical evidence for this? What difference does this make for His people?
- What is the significance of Jesus sitting at God's right hand? What does the Bible teach about this? What does this "sitting" symbolize? What are the implications of this for the world we live in? How should we respond to this?
- Describe the significance of Christ's ascension for our lives. What are the implications for our future? What are the implications for the way we should live right now? How should you respond?
- Review and reflect on the "Review Questions" and "Questions for Personal Application."