

## Monday Feb 8 2021 Q/A Time

- Monday Night's discussion was a wonderful time in brainstorming many ideas and we even went over time!
- Our conversation began with MTD (Moralistic Therapeutic Deism) and how it can be "attractive" to people who like to hear phrases such as: "you are loved", "you are worthy", etc. That led us into a conversation regarding the Prosperity Gospel movement, which promotes the belief that if God loves you then he would never allow any 'bad thing' to happen towards you. This movement, of course, is heretical and completely misunderstands the teachings of Scripture, when Paul and Jesus speak of suffering for Christ.
- The Q&A turned to discussing talk-shows (TV and radio) that promote MTD thinking, and even briefly mentioned how contemporary Christian music has become less doctrinal and more 'feely'. It was mentioned by Joey that people sometimes use a "Reader-response Hermeneutic", which seeks to understand the biblical story from only our time-period rather than from the historical past's view; this hermeneutic has helped create the MTD mindset in Millennials and Generation Z. It was commented that this called a "me-ology" hermeneutic.
- Lastly, the group discussed the need to have parents and pastors teach more doctrinal ideas, not merely topical subjects or touchy-feely stories from the Bible. Sermons, Sunday Schools, and Youth Groups can be very therapeutic than doctrinally sound. This led us into a brainstorm of ways in how the church could help teach the youth, adults, and parents how to better know their biblical worldview.