

**Podcast: Confessing The Faith**

**Episode 30: The Doctrine of Divine Impassibility**

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**Introductory Remarks**

**Q1: Sam, before we get to the Doctrine of Divine Impassibility (DDI), would you take a moment to tell us a bit about yourself? [ 2:21 ]**

**Q2: You recently earned your PhD. Congratulations! Tell us a bit about that. [ 3:09 ]**

**Q3: Would you define the DDI for us? [ 5:10 ]**

*“God is not acted upon, and cannot be acted upon, by anything, either from within himself or outside of himself.”*

**Q4: What are passions, or affections? [ 7:14 ]**

*“Passions and affections are movements towards what we think is good and away from what we think is bad.”*

**Q5: I know that some will disagree with this doctrine saying, “but what about those passage of scripture that describe God as having human like passions or affections?” For example, Genesis 6:6-7: “And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the LORD said, ‘I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.’” (Genesis 6:6–7, ESV)**

- a) **Why can't we just take those scripture texts on face value? [ 17:56 ]**
- b) **What are we to do when faced with, what appears to be, a contradiction in the text of scripture? [ 19:25 ]**
- c) **How are we to understand the passages of scripture that attribute human emotion to God if indeed he does not really experience emotion? Are these texts meaningless? Are they untrue? [ 21:11 ]**

**Q6: Some might also bristle at this doctrine saying, “this teaching makes our God out to be cold, distant, impersonal.” Does it? [ 29:50 ]**

**Q7: Why does this doctrine matter? [ 39:17 ]**

**Conclusion**