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### **5 Questions**

1. ***What are the two ways in which rebellion against God manifests itself?***

According to Bird, the first way is demonstrated by moral evils perpetrated against other human beings, and second it discloses itself in the desperate attempt of people to do almost anything to avoid worshiping the Creator.

2. ***What is the difference between judging justice and saving justice?***

Bird explains that the difference between God's judging justice and saving justice is His covenanting activity, where God commits Himself through His promises.

3. ***How does Bird describe the connection between salvation and redemption?***

Bird states that the salvation that the gospel announces must be understood in the context of the redemptive history that discloses God's salvific plan and assumes an underlying narrative that describes why people need saving in the first place.

4. ***What is the connection between redemptive history and covenants?***

According to Bird and the verses he provides, the epoch of redemptive history illustrates that God reveals Himself as the Lord who covenants with His people.

5. ***What is Paul's view regarding predestination?***

Paul emphasizes that it has always been God's intention from the beginning to create a Christ-shaped family, a renewed human race modeled on the Son, who are heirs of God and fellow heirs with Israel's Messiah.

### **3 Definitions**

1. **Divine judgment**- the response of God's infinite justice and holiness to the evil that has infested creation
2. **Abrahamic covenant**- enact the mission of God to reach into the world through His chosen people
3. **Predestination**- a doctrine that proposes God's foreordaining of all events that came to pass

### **Summary**

In Sections 5.1 to 5.3.1 of *Evangelical Theology*, Michael Bird begins by discussing the concept of salvation through the gospel, and alludes to the hard truth about human rebellion. Bird then uses a series of verses to state that salvation must pass through Jesus Christ. Furthermore, Bird goes over the covenants from the Old Testament to the New Testament to relay God's redemptive works in history via salvation. Lastly, Bird discusses the topic of predestination and connects with other revolving concepts such as foreknowledge.