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## Finitude

- **Introduction:**
  - **Main Point:** How we understand our \_\_\_\_\_ will shape how we approach our \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Two Perspectives:
      - Mortality culminates with \_\_\_\_\_.
        - The *Neopagan* Perspective
      - Mortality culminates with \_\_\_\_\_.
        - The *Theocentric* Perspective

### ***What is Finitude?***

- God is infinite in that he is...
  - Completely capable of accomplishing anything
  - Not limited by the bounds of \_\_\_\_\_, matter or space.
  - Wholly independent of all things, relying on \_\_\_\_\_ outside of himself for his existence
    - Known as the doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_
- Humanity is finite in that...
  - We are limited.
  - Our lives are \_\_\_\_\_ by the existence of another – that is, God.
  - We exist within matter, space and time.
  - Our existence is owed to, dependent upon, and is directed toward the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
    - Known as the doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Romans 6:23
- Genesis 3:19
- Psalm 90:9

## ***Neopagan Anthropology and Finitude***

- Mortality culminates with *extinction*.
  - “...they thought it reasonable to concentrate on immediate profit and pleasure, believing that their bodies and their possessions alike would be short-lived.... What was pleasant in the short term, and what was in any way conducive to that, came to be accepted as honorable and useful.” – *Thucydides, observing those afflicted with the Athenian Plague (c. 430 BC)*.
    - Personal \_\_\_\_\_, comfort, fulfillment, happiness and \_\_\_\_\_ are what makes a life meaningful and good.
      - Ecclesiastes 12

## ***Theocentric Finitude***

- Our mortality culminates with *transition*.
  - Psalm 90:1-12
    - Finitude is our closest friend because it reminds us that we remain wholly \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ God.
      - Psalm 90:12
        - What Moses means here is that we would be reminded that we are \_\_\_\_\_.
- We must be \_\_\_\_\_ with our finitude.
  - *Our hope*: we worship a God who \_\_\_\_\_ the grave.
    - Heb. 2:14-15
    - 2 Tim. 1:10
    - 1 Cor. 15:54-55
- If our mortality shapes our morality, then for the Christian, the fact that we will be with \_\_\_\_\_ should spur us on toward living as He lived