HOW TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH

Apologetics designed for you



"In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't."

- Blaise Pascal

"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.' All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it."

- C.S. Lewis

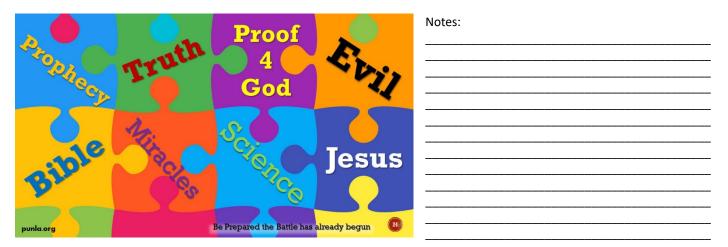
We must own our Faith. It is not enough to believe what you have been told. It is important to know why we believe, and it is important to understand what a Church Tradition is and what is actually in the Bible. Below are some of the Christian Traditions not fully aligned with scripture.

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•	Jesus changed the name of Saul to Paul.				
•	Classic Christmas Nativity with wisemen and animals.				
•	Jesus – the name above all names.				

We must own our faith. We must know these things, so when critics use them, we are ready to provide a defense and these things should not affect our faith.

Seminar Overview

- Topic 1 Apologetics Introduction (How & Why we should Defend our Faith).
- Topic 2 Worldview and You (How We See the World Affects Behavior).
- Topic 3 Is there Truth, Goodness, and Beauty? (There Must be Basis for Objective Truth).
- Topic 4 Is there God? (Ontological, Cosmological, Teleological, & Moral Arguments for God).
- Topic 5 Can You Trust the Bible? (Reliability, Inerrancy, and the Super-Natural).
- Topic 6 The Problem of evil. (What is Evil and What Does It Say About God).
- Topic 7 Historical Jesus and the Evidence for the Resurrection.
- Topic 8 Science & the Bible (Hidden Science in the Bible, Archeology which Supports the Bible, and Refuting Naturalism).
- Topic 9 the Plan (How to Apply our Knowledge and Skills to Strengthen your Walk with Jesus and Help Others).



What is Apologetics?

- Apologetics is a reasoned argument or justification
- Greek word apologia (ἀπολογία) meaning defense

Christian Apologetics

- Defending Christian Faith
 - ✓ Questions
 - ✓ Answers
 - ✓ Arguments

Why Apologetics?

- Demands & Expectations
 - ✓ Unanswered doubts result in rejection of faith
- Basis for Truth
 - ✓ Beliefs have become emotional not rational
- Nature of Skeptics
 - ✓ Skeptics are hostile toward traditional views.

Effective Communication requires 3 things;

- 1) Knowledge
- 2) Application
- 3) Character

Why we need Apologetics?

- 70-75% of youth leave faith after high school (Barna survey)
- Christians are not taught to how to cross examine the skeptical or atheist views they encounter
- Majority of College Professor view Christian Students unfavorably
- College Professors are 5 times more likely to be atheist than general public
- Christians are not equipped to resist the rabidly anti-Christian society we live in

Apologetics A PLAN

- Don't defend what you don't believe
- □2 facts (the hope in me & the Bible)
- □Step 1 Listen
- □Step 2 Listen
- □Step 3 Listen.

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Reduce the questions you have to defend

Apologetics A PLAN

- Science has no opinions, Scientists do
- oScience can't explain Logic & Math
- Science can't explain Metaphysical (Awareness)
- Science can't explain Aesthetics (Beauty)
- Science can't explain Ethics (Morals)
- Science can't explain Science

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