

Defending The Faith: Introduction

What is apologetics?

Why apologetics?

- 1. The Bible Commands us to do apologetics*
- 2. God used apologetics*
- 3. Jesus used apologetics*
- 4. Paul and the other apostles used apologetics*
- 5. It is unreasonable to believe without evidence*
- 6. Unbelievers have legitimate doubts and questions*
- 7. It strengthens believers*
- 8. It is “salt and light” in our collapsing culture*

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The Limits of Apologetics

<i>Faith that God exists</i>	<i>Faith in God</i>
Area of apologetics	Area of evangelism
Address the mind	Address the will
Uses reasons and evidence	Requires the Holy Spirit
Comes before faith <i>in</i> ...	Comes after faith <i>that</i> ...
Points the person <i>to</i> Jesus	Places trust <i>in</i> Jesus

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The Proper Role of Apologetics

Gospel Message (Rom. 1:18)



Apologetics (2 Cor. 10:4-5)



Hinderances

Blinders

Obstacles

Questions & Doubts



Unbelievers

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NIV) 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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The Apologetics Pyramid

