

Defending The Faith Series

The Apologetics Pyramid

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The Power Of The Gospel

Romans 1:16-17

Defining The Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1. People need to understand they're a sinner in need of a Savior

Romans 3:23

ILL: Rock

Romans 6:23

ILL: Wages

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2. People need to understand that Christ died for their sins and rose from the dead.

Romans 5:8

1 Peter 3:18

2 Corinthians 5:21

Isaiah 53:6

ILL: Cancer

ILL: Wallet



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3. People must understand that eternal life is a free gift that is received by faith.

Romans 6:23

Ephesians 2:8-9

Ephesians 1:7

1 John 5:11-13

John 20:31

EMPHASIZE: Salvation is by grace alone ... by faith alone ... in Christ alone!

John 1:12

John 3:16

John 14:6

John 5:24

1 John 5:11-13

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Opening Diagnostic Questions

1. If you were to die tonight, do you know for sure you're going to heaven?
2. If you were to stand before God and He was to ask you, why should I let you into heaven, what would you say?
3. Has anyone ever taken a Bible and shown you how you can know for sure you're going to heaven? May I?

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Closing Invitation Question

1. Is there anything holding you back from placing your faith and trust in Christ as your only way to heaven?
2. If not, would you like to ask Him for His free gift of eternal life right now? I can help lead you in prayer if you would like.

TIP: Have them read the verse(s). Ask them what they think the verse(s) mean.

TIP: Use your testimony. Work the Gospel into your testimony.

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DEFENDING THE GOSPEL

Someone wrote me a question for the series a while back ... *“we know someone who says a loving God would not send ‘good’ people to hell. He is referring to people who work hard, pay their bills, are good to their families, etc. He says ‘if these people aren’t ‘good enough’ for heaven, why doesn’t God just snuff them out? How could he torture these people forever?”*

How do we defend the Gospel when people ask questions like these?

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QUESTION # 1 – How can a loving God send ‘good’ people to hell?

1. God is not just a “loving God” ... He is also a “just God”.

Deuteronomy 32:4

2. God’s standard is perfection, which none of us can obtain.

Matthew 5:48

Romans 3:10–12

Isaiah 64:6

James 2:10



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3. Because all sinned and God is just, all stand guilty/condemned before Him.

Romans 3:2-3

Hebrews 9:27

4. Christ's death demonstrates both the love of God and the justice of God.

Romans 5:8

Romans 3:21-26



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4. God provided a way for us to have His righteousness credited to our account.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Romans 4:1-8

5. If we could make it to heaven by being good, then Christ wouldn't have had to die and we would be able to boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9



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6. “Good people” do not have to spend eternity in hell. They can choose Christ as their Savior.

2 Peter 3:9

John 3:16



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QUESTION # 2 – What about those who never have opportunity to hear the Gospel? Is God just in sending them to hell?

Psalm 19:1–2

Romans 1:20-21

QUESTON # 3 – What about infants and mentally handicapped people? Will they be judged by God in the same way as unbelievers?

2 Samuel 12:22-23

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QUESTIONS # 4 – How can Jesus be the only way? What about all the other religions in the world? Are you saying that sincere people who don't believe in Jesus are bound for hell?

John 14:6

Acts 4:12



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