

“A Defensible Faith”

(1 Peter 3:15)

Today we begin a new series under the title, “Answering Tough Questions.” The series will seek to address some of the challenging questions Christians face when sharing Christ with a spiritually lost world. The discipline of defending the faith is called “apologetics.” This morning we explore the motivation for Christian apologetics.

“...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15, NIV

“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:5, NIV

“Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.” Jude 1:3, NIV

1. We argue for the _____ of Christian claims.
2. We defend the Christian faith by answering the _____ to it when it is _____.
3. We defend Christianity by showing how all other _____ are false.

“Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15, NLT