

PRACTICAL APOLOGETICS

Session 1 – Introducing Apologetics

Introduction

I want every class to end with you having a:

- better understanding of the _____ of apologetics,
- more _____ in your ability to engage in apologetics, and
- helpful _____ to use in your apologetics.

1. The Definition of Apologetics

Various definitions' common elements:

Our definition: The art and science of advancing and defending the Christian faith against other worldviews' attacks and weaknesses.

2. The Task of Apologetics

"... in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect" (1 Pet 3:15).

- Explain Why We Have _____ in Jesus
- Explain the _____ of other Worldviews

3. The History of Apologetics

- The New Testament Church
- The _____ Church
- The Medieval Church
- The _____ Church
- The Modern Church

4. The Approaches to Apologetics

- Classical
- Evidentialist
- Presuppositional
- Cumulative Case
- Your Approach:

- _____

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