

Why We Need Apologetics

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Evidence and Answers

Introduction

I. **B**_____

A. 1 Peter 3:15

1. "...always be prepared to give a defense (apologia) for the hope you have within you..."
2. Apologia is often used in a legal way meaning, a defense before a tribunal or elsewhere.

B. Apologetics was essential in the ministry of Jesus and the Apostles.

1. Throughout His ministry Jesus presented compelling reasons and evidence to uphold and defend His claims to be the divine Son of God. (John 5 & 8)
2. Apologetics was essential in the ministry of Jesus' disciples.
 - a) Acts 2:22
 - b) Philippians 1:7 and 1:16
3. Over half the New Testament is an apologetic defense of Christianity or refuting of false teachings.

II. **R**_____

A. 1 Pet. 3:15 "...the reason (logos)"

1. The reason is a rational argument or account
2. The believer is to give a well reasoned explanation for why they believe.
3. Christianity is a rational faith based on good reasons and evidence which Christians are called on to present when questioned.

B. The heart will not commit to what the mind is not convinced of.

III. A _____

A. The Goal (10:5)

1. The Christian is called to demolish false ideas that keep unbelievers from seriously considering the Gospel message.
2. Through training the Christian seeks to dismantle false arguments that fortify a person's unbelief.

B. The more you know why you believe, the greater tool you become in the hands of the master.

IV. C _____

A. Apologetics builds confidence in Christians in their faith and to share their faith and engage their culture for Christ.

B. An emotional faith will only take you so far, sooner or later you will need solid reasons and evidence for why you believe and live as you do.

V. E _____

A. Instead of the Church transforming the culture, the culture is transforming the Church.

B. The early church conquered the Roman Empire because they could out love and out think the culture.

Conclusion