

BASICS OF APOLOGETICS IN THE NT

1. Questions are assumed

2. Answers are required

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer (ἀπολογία) to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

This is the basic idea of apologetics!

- **An answer**
- **Often a somewhat formal answer**

Not off the cuff

Not a stream of consciousness

- **An answer to / for real, actual people → who have asked questions**
- **An answer for the common man as opposed to the philosopher**
- **An answer defending &/ explaining the faith!**

We must be able to have the answer to:

Why we believe in these things

Why we belong to something

Why we behave according to certain things

- **An answer(s) to your own questions**

What is a very common question?

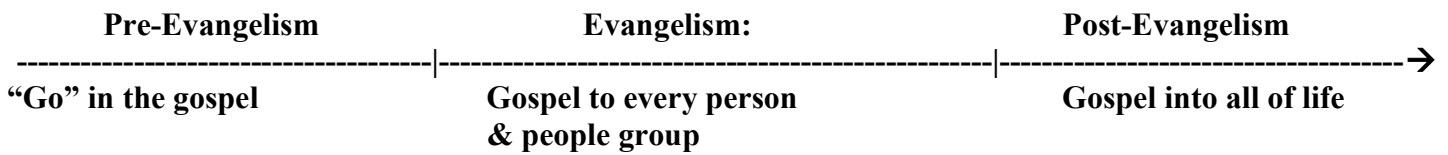
Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. **Romans 8:19** For the earnest expectation of the creature (τῆς κτίσεως) waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. **Romans 8:20** For the creature (ἡ κτίσις) was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, **Romans 8:21** Because the creature (ἡ κτίσις) itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. **Romans 8:22** For we know that the whole creation (πᾶσα ἡ κτίσις) groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. **Romans 8:23** And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; **2 Corinthians 4:18** While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

John 9:1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. **John 9:2** And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? **John 9:3** Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. **John 9:4** I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Where do Apologetics apply? Who needs Apologetics?



3. Preparation is needed

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How do we get ready? Readiness coming from?

- **Personal Bible study**
- **Study of a topic of interest**

- **Pulpit ministry**
- **Bible study**

- **Sunday school**
- **A book study**
- **Bible college &/ seminary**
- **Living the Christian life over time**
- **At our own level & speed**

This IS our Christian life!

4. A relationship is demanded.

KJV: 1 Peter 3:15 But **sanctify** the Lord God (κύριον δὲ τὸν θεὸν **ἀγιάσατε** ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν) **in your hearts:** and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

ESV: 1 Peter 3:15 but in your hearts **honor** Christ the Lord as **holy** (κύριον δὲ τὸν Χριστὸν **ἀγιάσατε** ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν), 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,

Genesis 5:22 **And Enoch walked with God** after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

Genesis 5:24 **And Enoch walked with God:** and he was not; for God took him.

Genesis 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: **Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.**

Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; **walk before me, and be thou perfect.**

Leviticus 18:3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye **not** do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye **not** do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances. **Leviticus 18:4** Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: **I am the LORD your God.**

Leviticus 20:23 And ye shall **not** walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.

1 Kings 3:6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, **according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee;** and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.