

Defenders

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"Always be ready to give a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. However, do this with gentleness and respect" 1 Peter 3:15 HCSB

1 Three Class Purposes

- ☑ To train Christians to understand, articulate, and defend basic Christian truths
- ☑ To reach out with the Gospel to those who have not yet come to know Christ.
- ☑ To be a heart-warming fellowship of mutual encouragement and care.

2 Teaching Content

Christian Doctrine what the church believes and teaches
Apologetics to provide rational reasons for the truth of Christianity's claims

3 Topics

1. [Christian Testimony](#) How to make it an effective evangelism tool
2. [Foundations of Christian Doctrine & Apologetics](#) What it is, Why to study it
3. [Doctrine of Revelation](#) Authority, General & Special Revelation, Biblical Inerrancy, Bible Canonicity
4. [Doctrine of God](#)
 1. [God is ..](#) Knowing God, Self-Existing, Eternal, Omnipresent, Immutable, Immaterial, Omniscient, Holy, Loving.
 2. [God must exist](#) Properly Basic Belief, Leibnitz argument from Contingency, [Kalam Cosmological Argument](#) , [Teleological Argument from Fine-Tuning](#), [Moral Argument](#) from Absolute Moral Values, Ontological Argument
 3. [Problem of Evil/Suffering/Hell](#) Why does God not prevent all three? Christianity has the best answer, [gives comfort](#)))
5. [Doctrine of the Trinity](#) One God, Three persons: Father Son Holy Spirit, History of Explanations, Possible Model
6. [Doctrine of Christ](#) Deity and Humanity of Christ, History of Explanations, Possible Model
7. [Doctrine of the Holy Spirit](#) Deity, Personhood, Role in Salvation, Ministry to believers
8. [Doctrine of Creation vs Evolutionism](#) 6 Days and/or not, Evolution and/or not, Physics/Chemistry/Biology @creation.com
9. [Doctrine of Man](#) Made in God's Image, Where do we come from? Why are we here? Where we go when we die?
10. [Doctrine of Salvation](#) How Jesus's death can be a substitute payment for our own guilt penalty, Baptism, Only Jesus, Can we lose our salvation?
11. [Doctrine of the Church](#) The role of believers as the body of Christ
12. [Doctrine of the Last Things](#) Jesus Second Coming, [Resurrection of the Saints](#), [the New Heaven and Earth](#)
13. [Church practices](#) Communion, Spiritual gifts & speaking in tongues, Leadership & women, Divorce and remarriage, Alcohol
14. [God's will for me](#) How to make decisions that God approves and make Him happy
15. [Tactics](#) How to share our beliefs in a gentle and respectful way @Tactics book
16. [Abortion](#) Wrong according to the Bible and secularly
17. [Homophobia, Transphobia, Islamophobia, SexVsGender, Bigot, Intolerant](#) What it is, How to respond to being labelled as such @STR. org
18. [False religions](#) Islam, Roman Catholic, LDS, Jehovah Witnesses Key believes, counter apologetics
19. [12 Rules for Life, Jesus' edition](#) How Jesus would improve upon Jordan Peterson's book
20. [5 Love Languages](#) Great relationship advice from a Christian councillor
21. [Calvinism, Arminianism, Molinism](#) How to harmonize God's sovereignty and our free will.
22. [Constructive Politics](#) How do 1) have empathy and gain understanding of other views and 2) make our point lovingly to 3) find an acceptable solution,

4 Resources

- <http://www.reasonablefaith.org> Christian Doctrine and Apologetics in general
- <https://www.reasonablefaith.org/podcasts/defenders-podcast-series-3> Outlines, Podcasts and transcripts
- <http://creation.com/> Creation and Evolution
- <https://www.str.org/> Apologetics & Social issues
- <http://www.studylight.org/> Tons of Bible Translations, 10 in parallel, commentaries, articles, news
- <http://biblegateway.com> <http://biblos.com> <http://biblehub.com> <http://www.blueletterbible.org>
- <https://www.logos.com/> best PC software for Bible study, but \$