

Apologetics

Part 1/5 Session 2

Limitation of Apologetics

Purpose of Apologetics

Strengthens the faith through evidence!

Belief (foundation) & Truth (Apologetics)

- It cannot give you faith, but it can strengthen your faith.
- It cannot give you the love you have for God. It can increase it, but not define it.

Faith, Grace, Hope, and Love

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, [c]character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (Romans 5:1-5)

Purpose

- We can't know everything
- There are some of God's mysteries we will never know and what we are allowed to know will be revealed to us according to His will for us.

Faith before wisdom

- *He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)*
- *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. (James 1:5-6)*

Doing Apologetics in a scientific context

- Context is everything
- Being compassionate and non-judgmental is the only effective tool that will produce fruitful discussion and debates regardless of your opponent's aggression and hostility. Remember that you are representing Christ to a child of God.
- Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace seasoned with salt that you may know how you ought to answer each one.
- People don't care how much we know until they know how much we care. Winning their hearts, with gentleness and respect, should take precedence over winning an argument.