

# DOCTRINE OF APOLOGETICS

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1. Apologetics is the biblical and reasoned defense of the biblical faith. God gives believers many opportunities to give evidence to others that what we believe is true. We talk with people about the evidence for the existence and nature of God, Jesus Christ—his life and times, physical resurrection, the reliability of the Bible, Christianity and pagan myths, the origin of the universe and of man, miracles, salvation by faith alone in Christ alone, biblical and non-biblical worldviews, and other doctrines of the Word of God.
2. When we answer the critic's questions, explain why we believe what we believe, and challenge them to consider what the Bible says, we are not only evangelizing and teaching, we are also practicing apologetics.
3. The word "defense" comes from the Greek word apologia "a speech of defense or reply." The writers of the New Testament use the word eight times—Acts 22:1; 25:16; 1 Corinthians 9:6; 2 Corinthians 7:11; Philippians 1:7 and 17; 2 Timothy 4:16, and 1 Peter 3:15.
4. Peter tells us to be ready to give a defense for the hope that is in us: "but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence" (1 Peter 3:15).
5. Paul had an apologetics ministry in Athens and in Ephesus. In Athens he spoke with Jews, God-fearing Gentiles, and Greek philosophers: "reasoning [dial egomai, to discuss, converse, preach] in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and in the market place [Acts 17:17].... they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, 'May we know what this new teaching is which you are

*More on the Doctrine of Apologetics Next Week*

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# SPOKANE BIBLE CHURCH

Sunday, April 6, 2008

Welcome to our Sunday morning Bible classes. Our services are designed to teach the Word of God, so believers can grow in grace and knowledge of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4:12).

## Sunday School

Bible Classes are available for all age groups ... from nursery to adult studies.

9:30 a.m.

## Church Service

Welcome, Announcements, Grace Giving, Prayer

10:45 a.m.

*Congregational Singing:*  
Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God, 343

*Congregational Singing:*  
And Can It Be That I Should Gain, 270 (Verses 1, 4, 5)

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18 by Luke Kennedy

*Congregational Singing:*  
Praise Him! Praise Him! 281  
All Glory, Laud and Honor, 282

Study of the Word of God:  
"Philippian Joy," Guest Speaker, Ken Bryan

*Congregational Singing:*  
Trust and Obey, 327 (Verse 1)

Benediction

# SPOKANE BIBLE CHURCH

## Opportunities for Spiritual Growth and Fellowship This Week

**Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.**  
Prayer Groups  
Spokane Bible Church

Gathering of believers to pray for our nation, community, church, missionaries, fellow believers, and for the salvation of unbelievers

**Wednesday, 7:20 p.m.**  
Mid-Week Bible Class  
Spokane Bible Church

No Wednesday night Bible class this week.

John 1:14

*"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

## Prayer Focus This Week



"Pray without ceasing,"  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

- Paul Schmidtbleicher, Evergreen Baptist church, Seattle, Washington
- Ralph and Cindy LaRosa, Philippines
- Health Concerns:
  - Donna Morris: Healing of five severe wounds; Intense shoulder and arm pain
  - Eva Schmidt: Cancer, encouragement for Eva and for family
  - Dody Frick: Surgery recovery; neck and arm pain
  - Dee Proser: Recovery from hip injury
  - Vic Bobb's mother
- Titus Kennedy: Teaching ministry at the Word of God Bible College
- Pastor Tod Kennedy: Trip to Kiev, Ukraine to teach at the Word of God Bible College; ministry, safety, health
- Northpointe Retirement Ministry
- Salvation Request: Cliff Lewis's granddaughter Julie
- Spokane Bible Church – Other Ministries
  - Each believer will recognize their area of ministry.
  - The community around the church will become a source of people for church growth.
  - Believers will share the gospel and Bible truths with others and introduce them to the church
  - Evangelist to serve from Spokane Bible Church to the community.
  - Evangelistic Home Bible Classes