

GAP: Grassroots Apologetics for Parents Ten Questions About Apologetics

- 1 Apologetics: What does this word mean, anyway?** The purpose of apologetics is often misunderstood. Apologetics is not about arguing with people nor is it about apologizing for our faith! Apologetics simply means making a case for and defending the truth of Christianity.
- 2 What does the Bible say about it?** As believers, we are called to be able to give a reason (or defense) for the faith that we have, always with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15). We are also called to the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2). When we become believers, we don't check our brains at the door!
- 3 Why do we need to learn apologetics?** People in and out of the church have tough questions and we should be prepared to help those with questions. In studying apologetics, we also grow our *own* faith—gaining a deeper conviction and the confidence needed to share the Good News with those in our path.
- 4 Who needs to learn apologetics?** Moms. Dads. Brothers. Sisters. Grandparents. In essence, everyone needs to know how to give an answer for the belief they hold! Learning apologetics is not just reserved for the Pastor, Youth Minister, or the “intellectual” Christian. It is a biblical calling for all believers!
- 5 How can apologetics help a skeptical world?** Christianity is under attack. Daily, our children go into a culture that challenges the truth of our faith. This has resulted in more than 60 percent of young adults walking away from Christianity today. We owe it to our kids to equip them with a deep understanding of how we know Christianity is true. If we want future generations to stand firm on the truth of God's Word, they must know truth and be able to articulate that truth to those asking.
- 6 How can apologetics help the Church?** There is a constant threat of apostasy in the Christian Church. In recent years, many churches have fallen away from the historic Christian faith. There is a pressing need for defending biblical truth within the walls of the churches which claim to be Christian.
- 7 Isn't blind faith enough?** Many believers think the word faith means to believe something without reason or evidence. The distortion of this word has caused major consequences. It has caused the believer and skeptic alike to think that being a Christian means never asking questions. It's simply not true! Jesus himself offered many evidences that he was who he claimed to be, and never commanded blind faith.
- 8 Shouldn't we just preach the gospel?** There are many who don't believe the Bible is the inspired word of God or that it has any authority for their lives. How do you share the gospel with someone who does not believe the same about the source you are using? There has to be a common foundation to start with, and an understanding of apologetics can help you explain the evidence for God's existence, historical evidence for the resurrection, and how we know the Bible is reliable.
- 9 I see the need for my kids, but why should I learn apologetics?** We, as parents, have been given the mandate to disciple our kids. Part of that training is the training of their mind. We can't equip them with an understanding we don't have ourselves. Training starts with us.
- 10 Apologetics seems like a lot of work.** Yes, it takes time and effort, but you put time and effort into ALL the things in your life that are a priority. Is the growing of your faith and your child's faith a priority to you? If so, join a GAP Chapter today!

