

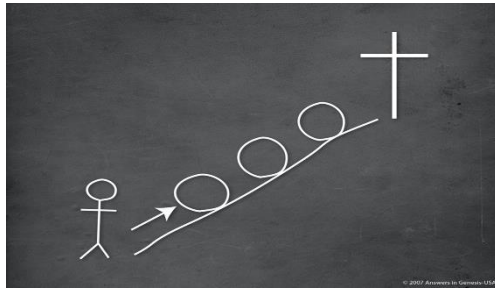
# 1. Introduction to Apologetics

## I. What is apologetics?

- Apologetics is the defense of the faith.
  
- Christian Apologetics is presenting the evidence for the validity of Christianity.

## II. Why study apologetics?

- Pre-evangelism
  - Apologetics helps us to share our faith.
  
  - Apologetics helps you to remove the intellectual roadblocks on a person's road to the cross



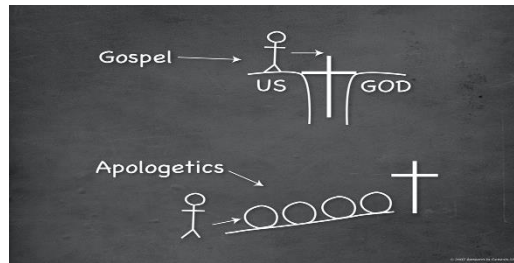
- Post-evangelism
  - Apologetics helps to strengthen our faith.

## III. Where in Scripture are we commanded to use apologetics?

- 1 Peter 3:15

## IV. When should we present apologetics, before or after the gospel?

## *Gospel first, then Apologetics*



V. Who needs apologetics?

### VI. Application of Lesson

- A. This week, approach someone who is not a Christian and ask him for reasons for his unbelief. Try to discern why he is not a Christian. If he has intellectual problems with Christianity, find out what they are. You may want to lead your conversation to the subject by asking, “Do you consider yourself a Christian? Do you mind telling me why you choose not to be a Christian?”
- B. Ask the same person if he believes truth is relative.
- C. Share the “W” questions and answers with a friend or family member.