

APOLOGETICS

1. Arguments on **behalf** of the Christian faith
2. Arguments regarding the **necessity** of the Christian faith
3. Arguments **against** views incompatible with the Christian faith

APOLOGETIC (Greek origin) signified
a speech in someone's defense
in a court of law.

An “apologist” thinks along these lines...

1. Personal **CONVICTION** of the reality/exclusivity/necessity of the Christian gospel (truth!)

2. Personal **OBEDIENCE** to the Biblical instruction to “defend/contend” the faith

“Dear friends... I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once and for all entrusted to the saints.” *(Jude 3)*

3. Personal **COMPASSION** for folks headed toward God's wrath through ignorance or stubbornness

REALITY. Many folks refuse to consider the gospel seriously unless they are presented with **evidence** of its truthfulness.

REALITY. Many Christians are weak, careless, doubtful, and easily led astray by **objections** from unbelievers!

SEVERAL CORE ISSUES...

- GOD (existence)?
- Bible (mythology, lunacy, or revelation)?
- Mankind (fallen nature or social injustice or mental illness)?
- Hell/Heaven (reality of afterlife/reward)?
- HELPER/SAVIOR (intervention/justice vs. mercy)?
- Jesus Christ
(identify/purpose/accomplishment)? **ETC.**

**“Always be ready to give an
ANSWER/REASON/DEFENCE
(apologia) to anyone who asks you
about the hope that is within you.”**

(1 Peter 3:15)

It is vital that we boldly declare the reasons and logic and truth that **compel** us to **believe**.