

In Defense of Our Faith (1 Pet. 3:15)
Sunday October 9, 2016

1. **The Truth Of Our Faith (Does It Match Reality?)**
 - a. Is our faith blind? _____
 - b. Is our faith evidence-based? _____ **Matt. 22:37**
 - c. Is the Bible true? _____
 - d. ___% of our youth leave the church in college
 - e. Youth indoctrinated in _____ and _____
 - f. We need to know
 - i) _____ we believe,
 - ii) ___ we believe _____ we believe, and
 - iii) how to _____ our faith, **Col. 4:5-6**
 - g. We need to have a _____ worldview, **1 Ch. 12:32**
2. **Roadblocks To Faith (Roadblocks to Overcome)**
 - a. Lack of _____ of God, **Rom. 1:18-22**
 - b. Perceived _____ of other Christians
 - c. Accepting Christ requires turning away from ___, **Rom. 2:15**
 - d. ____, _____, ___ in the world
 - e. Perceived conflict between _____ and the _____, e.g. _____ vs. _____
 - f. No answers from _____ to the hard questions
3. **Evidence For Faith (Evidence To Present)**
 - a. Jesus' Credibility – Is He _____?, **Mt. 12:40**
 - b. _____ Come True – _____ + Others, **Is. 61:1-2**
 - c. Evidence That Christ _____ From the _____, **1 Cor. 15:14**
 - d. Is the Bible God's _____? **Mt. 5:17-18**
 - e. Does _____ Verify the Bible? **Gen. 14:2**
 - f. _____ Apologetics, **Gen. 1**
 - g. Is the Bible reliable _____? **Is. 40:22**
 - h. If God is all-loving/all-powerful, why do we have so much _____, _____, and _____? **Gen. 3**

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4. **Defense Of Faith By Example (Biblical, Modern, Parents)**
 - a. **Jesus** in **Matt. 22:37** – use your _____
 - b. **Peter** in **2 Pet. 1:16** – _____, not myths
 - c. **Paul** reasoned with the _____ from the Word, **Acts 17:2**
 - d. The _____ examined Scriptures themselves, **Acts 17:11**
 - e. **Paul** answered questions of _____ and _____ alike, **Acts 17:17, 23**
 - f. **Paul** – _____ all things, hold on to the _____, **1 Th. 5:21-22**
 - g. **James** exhorts us to be _____, not just hearers in **James 1:22**
 - h. **Jude** in **Jude 3** – _____ for our faith
 - i. **Modern examples** – _____, _____, _____
 - j. **Parents** – Bring them up in the _____ and _____ of the Lord, **Eph. 6:4, Prov. 22:6**
5. **Surety In Faith (Faith Based on Facts)**
 - a. We have evidence for the Truth of God's Word in _____, _____, _____, _____, also _____, **Deut. 18:22**
 - b. Our Truth does _____ reality
 - c. Our faith is _____ and can be _____, **Gen. 1:26**
 - d. Believers can be _____ in their faith, **1 Cor. 15:14**
 - e. Alleged errors in the Bible are _____, **Tit. 1:9**
 - f. _____ Apologetics is critical for discerning the Truth
 - g. _____ Apologetics confirms the Truth from the 1st verse
 - h. We must (and can) know:
 - i) _____ we believe
 - ii) _____ we believe _____ we believe
 - iii) how to _____ our faith confidently

TREES (TTruth****, R**Roadblocks****, E**Evidence****, E**Examples****, S**Surety)************

Does your truth (what you believe to be true) **match reality?**