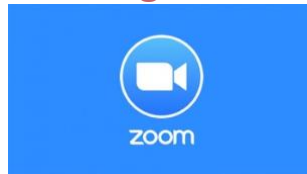




**How to Stay Christian in College
Summer Online Class
Meetings Live on**



Dates: June 5 - August 7 - 10-week course

Time: 1:00 3:00 (2-hour class)

Day: meets on Friday

Enrolling Middle School - College and Public, Private, or Homeschooled Students

Registration Form on page 6

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This is a class that God has given me a passion to present to today's youth. I have taught this class for many years and it is my joy to see my students learn the scientific and historical evidence for our Christian beliefs. Upon completing this class, students will be able to not only tell you what they believe but they will tell you WHY they believe it and will be able to defend their faith to anyone who asks them. The Bible explicitly tells us to be prepared to answer questions that people may have about our faith.

1 Peter 3:15

15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

Christian teens find themselves in the midst of a spiritual battlefield as they walk through the halls of secular high schools and colleges; as many are not prepared to effectively defend their faith - unprepared to respond to tough questions and challenges from the opposition; both professors / teachers and other students.

By learning Christian Apologetics, students can confidently articulate not only what they believe, but WHY they believe it.

The movie, Gods Not Dead based on a true story - it gives us glimpse into the college classroom and the challenges that our Christian youth are facing.

Apologetics in the Bible
Apologetics is Pre-Evangelism
What is Truth?
Does God Exist?
Creation a literal 6 days - hard evidence
Evidence that rebukes Evolution
Worldviews
If God Exists, Why Evil?
Are Miracles Possible?
Evidence for the reliability of the Old and New Testament
Evidence for Jesus the Messiah
Evidence for Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection
Evidence for the Trinity
Evidence for The Flood
Evidence for Dinosaurs
And more

Christian Apologetics is not listed as a spiritual gift for teachers, preachers, or evangelists. Rather, *all* Christians are called to be ready with an answer

Colossians 2:8 "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ."

C.S. Lewis famously said "**Good philosophy must exist, if for no other reason, because bad philosophy must be answered... The learned life then, is for some, a duty.**" We are in a war with the hallow and deceptive philosophies of our time: relativism, religious pluralism, naturalism, nihilism, postmodernism, scientism, critical theory, - you name it, it's all out there.

These things have a major impact on us and the society we are living in.

Our job is to confidently present truth to the world.

Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

It's important to understand that Christian Apologetics is often referred to as pre- evangelism - because before we can share the good news of the Gospel Of Jesus - we must first answer questions an individual may have that would have to be answered before they can embrace the Gospel. God does not need defending but people need help understanding.

As C.S. Lewis pointed out, the question is not *if* we are apologists, but the *kind* of apologists we are. All of us are making a case for Christianity in some fashion or another. The key question is whether we are doing it well.

Apologetics is the Evidence God has given us for what we believe as Christians. Apologetics is a branch of Christian theology; Jesus and his disciples used Apologetics. The term is based on the Greek word "apologia," which means, "defense."

"Worldview" refers to what we believe. "Apologetics" is all about WHY we believe it. Students today need to learn about both. The Greek word for apologetics appears several times in the Bible. Usually translated as "answer," "testify," "testimony," and "reason." Categories of Christian apologetics

include the following:

1. Textual apologetics—defending the trustworthiness of the Bible, then presenting the content of what it says
2. Evidence-based apologetics—presenting external data that provides objective confirmation of the Christian faith (such as historical, archaeological, or scientific facts)
3. Philosophical apologetics— exposing the flawed reasoning behind arguments against Christianity.

Christians should be equipped to process Biblically such questions as:

Is there absolute truth? Does God exist? Is the Bible trustworthy? Was Jesus the Messiah? Is there evidence outside the Bible for Christianity? Evidence for the Resurrection, Evidence for a literal six days of creation, Evidence for The Flood, Evidence for Jesus outside the Bible, evidence for dinosaurs, scientific evidence within the pages of the Bible, Evidence for Creation and Against Evolution, and so much more.

Barna Group statistics show that 75% of our Christian Youth will walk away from God and the church by the end of their freshman year. The reason is students are not able to defend their faith; they don't know WHY they believe Christianity. However, statistics also show that even before college, teens are pondering how Christianity stacks up against competing beliefs.

Statements like, "You've got your truth, and I've got mine," or "Jesus was just one of many great spiritual leaders," have become axiomatic in our culture.

It is vitally important that as parents, we equip our teens so that they are able to stand strong. Christianity is to be believed and followed because it is true. In a world of sincerely held opinions, Christianity comes to us via historical, scientific, and archaeological facts that support everything we believe.

Teens need to be equipped for inevitable intellectual questions and spiritual challenges. Apologetics helps by demonstrating Christianity, showing that it is credible, reasonable and relevant.

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Paul, the theologian and philosopher, did not write the above scripture. Instead it was Peter, the fisherman. More than ever before, we must rise to the challenge of his words and equip a generation to "always be ready." As Christians we ALL need to be ready!

The famous Christian movie, *God's NOT Dead*

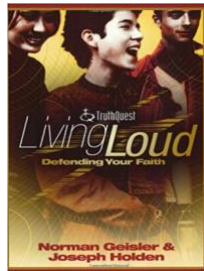
The story is about a college student having to defend his faith. The first day of class the Philosophy Professor states in class the famous quote by German Philosopher
FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE "GOD IS DEAD"

A Christian student says, he cannot write that and puts God on trial to prove God IS not dead and God does exist ... He uses Apologetics to do this. He is able to stand strong in his faith because he is equipped with the evidence

Watch the trailer and see what your teens will most likely have to face on college campus and some high school campuses

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMjo5f9eiX8>

In this class, we will use this book as a base, but I had studied this extensively and will be giving so much more information and adding additional topics that are not covered in the book



Living Loud Book required for this class

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0805424822?ref=ppx_pt2_dt_b_prod_image

Feel free to buy this new or used and siblings are welcome to share 😊

**How to Stay Christian in College Summer ZOOM Class
REGISTRATION FORM**

Student's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade entering in Fall 2020 _____

Home Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Parents Names _____

Parent's cell phone number Mom or Dad _____

Parent's email address Mom or Dad _____

Church name _____

Christian denomination _____

I AGREE TO PAY FOR ALL 10 CLASSES AND UNDERSTAND THAT IF MY SON/ DAUGHTER IS ABSENT OR MISSES A CLASS - I AM STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR THE CLASS MISSED

MRS. WHITAKER WILL HELP MY SON/ DAUGHTER TO UPDATE THEM ON WHAT WAS MISSED.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE / DATE

_____ Date _____

PLEASE MAIL CHECK REGISTRATION CHECK FOR \$35.00 AND THIS FORM TO

MRS. JOANNE WHITAKER 148 WORNALL DRIVE SANFORD, FL 32771 -

PARENTS WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL OR TEXT CONFIRMING YOUR SON / DAUGHTER IS REGISTERED IN
THIS CLASS

REGISTRATION FOR THIS CLASS WILL END ON MAY 31ST

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND CLASS IF THE TUITION HAS NOT BEEN PAID

There will be two tuition payments for this class – there are 10 classes – each class is 2 hours
\$15.00 per class

Payment 1 for first 5 classes due on or before June 1st \$75.00

Payment 2 is for the second 5 classes due on or before July 1st \$75.00

Total tuition for the class is \$150.00