

Christian Apologetics (Part 39)

Introduction

I. The Premises of the Christian Apologist

II. The Character of the Christian Apologist

III. The Strategy and Tactics of the Christian Apologist

A. Methodology: Reason and use evidence within the bounds of biblical presuppositions.

B. Paul at Athens (Acts 17:16-34): Use people's ignorance and knowledge of God to tell them the truth about God.

C. Strategic Objective: to plant a seed

D. Asking Questions: gather information; shift the burden of proof; steer the conversation

E. Finding Flaws (Logical Fallacies; Practical Fallacies; Polemical Inconsistencies; Grounding Problems; Reduction to Absurdity)

F. Dealing Wisely With People

-Some people resist the gospel for emotional reasons.

-Some people resist the gospel because of prejudice.

-Some people resist the gospel from simple rebellion.

-Steamrollers/Bulldozers (Proverbs 18:2, 13):

- Stop him.

- Shame him.

- Leave him.

Questions for Meditation

1) Have you submitted to Christ?

2) Are you a steamroller/bulldozer with other who disagree with you? Galatians 5:22, 23