

Class 1 Session B Notes

Apologetics in Scripture 1 Peter 3:15-16

Apologetics = Defence

Apo = "away, from"

Logos = "speech, word"

"To answer back"

To "speak away" a charge (courtroom setting)

Approaches to Apologetics:

1. Fideism (rational argumentation not required) – key text Acts 5:35-39 - Gamaliel's counseled the other religious leaders to leave the apostles alone. Should we follow this advice?

Consider:

- 2 Corinthians 5:11
- 1 Peter 3:15-16
- Titus 1:9
- Jude 3
- ! Disobedience confirms people in unbelief !

2. Testimonial_(Your story)

Value:

- Hard to falsify
- Heart-involvement
- Genuine concern
- Empirical

Limitations:

- Lacking logical arguments with clear premises
- Counter examples
- Other interpretations

3. Social

Value:

- Empirical
- "Positive"

Limitations:

- Counter examples
- No clear argument to God's existence

