**Expository Apologetics**

**What Is Expository Apologetics?**

**Chapters 1 and 2**

**Objective**: **The goal of this lesson is to ensure that the student understands concretely what Apologetics is and is not, coupled with the meaning of Expository Apologetics from the author’s perspective. The student will understand and identify the misconceptions of Apologetics and learn the necessity of every believer’s duty to be an apologist.**

1. **Please explain what Expository Apologetics means in its simplest form and then explain what it is not.**

* **Definition:**
* **Being Biblical**
* **Easy to remember**
* **Being conversational**

1. **Explain from your point of view the biggest misconception Christians make concerning the Apologetic process.**

* **Explain what and who we are confronting.**
* **Explain the limitations we face.**

1. **Let’s examine some New Testament forms of vindicating God’s truth. (Romans 12:19-21).**

* **Vindication through Answering Objections**
* **Vindication through Wrestling with Error**

1. **Wrestling with our own contradictions and inconsistencies**
2. **Wrestling with contradictions that come to us directly**
3. **Wrestling with the contradictions we know to be common among those we teach.**
4. **Let’s examine the need for Apologetics**

* **Biblical Illiteracy**
* **Postmodern/Post-Christian Thinking**
* **Open opposition to Biblical truth (Western View)**
* **Opposing Religions**

1. **Three Audiences of Expository Apologetics**

* **The non-believer (Heathen)**
* **The church goer (Evangelist)**
* **The disciple (New Convert)**

1. **Let’s examine 1 Peter 3 and the Lost Paragraph.**

* **1 Peter 3: 1-16**
* **Explain the broader context in which Peter is writing.**
* **Look at 1 Peter 2:11-3:12**

1. **The Exile and Sojourner**
2. **General to Specific**
3. **The Identity of the Apologist**

* **Who is the Apologist?**
* **Explain the attitude of the Apologist.**
* **Explain the speech of the Apologist.**
* **Explain the character of the Apologist.**

1. **Finally, let’s examine the Critical Text (1 Peter 3:15-16) and its Oppositions.**

* **Our righteousness makes us strangers and aliens. (1 Peter 2:11)**
* **Our righteousness brings opposition and suffering. (1 Peter 3:13-14)**
* **Our righteousness is born of our devotion to Christ. (1 Peter 3:15)**
* **Our righteousness requires an explanation. (1 Peter 3:15)**
* **Our righteousness shapes our explanation.**
* **Our righteousness vindicates our explanation.**