

A Rational Defense For The Christian Faith

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The Defense of Our Faith

We read in I Peter 3:15 "**Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.**" The word in Greek for 'answer' is the word **apologia**- which means a reasoned defense or justification. This has led to a branch of theology concerned with the defense of our faith in Christ- apologetics. The purpose of the articles that will be appearing monthly, as the 'Apologetics Primer', are designed to encourage more intelligent and active faith in those who defend it. Namely, you and me.

Let me give you a first example. We defend our faith because we believe it to be true and that God is the only absolutely perfect being. We assert that it is very much better to follow Christ than not. We believe it is better to live the ethics and life Jesus laid before us.

People will often respond to our faith with this sort of question: You are assuming a real "better". But aren't all of our judgments of comparative value merely subjective?

How do you answer that? Well, the asking of the question itself answers it. The questioner would not have asked unless he or she believed that it was really better to ask the question and really better to find the true answer. A person can speak subjectivism but cannot live it.