

# Making A Defense



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1. Read 1 Peter 3:15–17. What words or phrases stand out in your thinking as important? What do you get out of these verses?
2. Before we will be ready to make a defense, what do we first need to do? What does this phrase mean?
3. When are we to make a defense? Does a “defense” also include an “offense”? What does this word mean?
4. What does it mean “to give an account”?
5. If they are “asking for it” what is to be our attitude in giving an account?
  - A. Define the words used.
  - B. What other passages speak to the kind of attitude we should have when teaching others?
6. How do we “keep a good conscience”?
7. Do you think verses 16–17 are connected in any way to verse 15?
8. What further points do these passages teach that relate to 1 Peter?
  - A. Colossians 4:5–6
  - B. Ephesians 4:15
  - C. 2 Timothy 2:23–24
  - D. 2 Timothy 4:2

**Statements About Baptism:**

#1 - "I was baptized when I was just a baby and I know I am saved."

#2 - "It doesn't matter how I live now, I was saved when I was eleven. I know I'm, going to heaven and nothing I do now will change that."

#3 - "Sprinkling IS baptism!"

#4 - "I was baptized after I was saved, so I know I am right because I've done what the Bible says."

List the Bible principles this statement ignores or violates. Place a number 1–4 beside the principles that correspond with the statements above.

List the passages you would offer to defend the Bible principles you believe are violated by the statement. For each passage give one or two reasons why you would want someone to know what this says. Again, put a number that corresponds with the statements above.

If you believe each statement should be defended with a sequence of verses, give a sequence for each of the four statements.

**"We must obey all of the Bible if we want to please God. The ten commandments are very important for us today!"**

List the Bible principles this statement ignores or violates.

List the passages you would offer to defend the Bible principles you believe are violated by the statement. For each passage give one or two reasons why you would want someone to know what this says.

Should these passages be introduced in any kind of sequence or does it matter? If a sequence is needed, how would you introduce it?

**“How do you KNOW the Bible is from God and isn’t just some well written book that has everyone fooled?”**

List the Bible principles this statement ignores or violates.

List the passages you would offer to defend the Bible principles you believe are violated by the statement. For each passage give one or two reasons why you would want someone to know what this says.

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**“If we believe, we will be saved: John 3:16!”**

List the Bible principles this statement ignores or violates.

List the passages you would offer to defend the Bible principles you believe are violated by the statement. For each passage give one or two reasons why you would want someone to know what this says.

Should these passages be introduced in any kind of sequence or does it matter? If a sequence is needed, how would you introduce it?

**“I really need to go to church this Sunday. The second Sunday of November is the sixth time this year we will partake of the Lord’s Supper.**

List the Bible principles this statement ignores or violates.

List the passages you would offer to defend the Bible principles you believe are violated by the statement. For each passage give one or two reasons why you would want someone to know what this says.

Should these passages be introduced in any kind of sequence or does it matter? If a sequence is needed, how would you introduce it?

**“The Bible is a good book, but we should also listen and abide by the manuals and statements of faith established by the denomination where we worship, or even the book of Mormon or a voting convention of delegates.”**

List the Bible principles this statement ignores or violates.

List the passages you would offer to defend the Bible principles you believe are violated by the statement. For each passage give one or two reasons why you would want someone to know what this says.

Should these passages be introduced in any kind of sequence or does it matter? If a sequence is needed, how would you introduce it?

**“You believe you are the only ones going to heaven. One church IS just as good as another. The many churches are the branches of the one vine(John 15)!”**

List the Bible principles this statement ignores or violates.

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Should these passages be introduced in any kind of sequence or does it matter? If a sequence is needed, how would you introduce it?

**“I volunteer two hours a week at the church’s outreach center. It’s not much, but I can do something for Christ. The church should be involved in helping those who are in need.”**

List the Bible principles this statement ignores or violates.

List the passages you would offer to defend the Bible principles you believe are violated by the statement. For each passage give one or two reasons why you would want someone to know what this says.

Should these passages be introduced in any kind of sequence or does it matter? If a sequence is needed, how would you introduce it?

**Someone under the age of 27 tells you they are an elder of the church where they worship.**

List the Bible principles this statement ignores or violates.

List the passages you would offer to defend the Bible principles you believe are violated by the statement. For each passage give one or two reasons why you would want someone to know what this says.

Should these passages be introduced in any kind of sequence or does it matter? If a sequence is needed, how would you introduce it?

**“I think the resurrection of Jesus is the greatest hoax of all time!”**

List the Bible principles this statement ignores or violates.

List the passages you would offer to defend the Bible principles you believe are violated by the statement. For each passage give one or two reasons why you would want someone to know what this says.

Should these passages be introduced in any kind of sequence or does it matter? If a sequence is needed, how would you introduce it?

**“I heard people speaking in tongues on Sunday!”**

List the Bible principles this statement ignores or violates.

List the passages you would offer to defend the Bible principles you believe are violated by the statement. For each passage give one or two reasons why you would want someone to know what this says.

Should these passages be introduced in any kind of sequence or does it matter? If a sequence is needed, how would you introduce it?

**“We use drums and guitars in our worship service and I’m sure God is very pleased with us!”**

List the Bible principles this statement ignores or violates.

List the passages you would offer to defend the Bible principles you believe are violated by the statement. For each passage give one or two reasons why you would want someone to know what this says.

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