



Course Title: High School (HS) Bible - Apologetics

Description:

Apologetics is an activity of the Christian mind which attempts to show that the Gospel message is true in what it affirms. An apologist is one who is prepared to defend the message against criticism and distortion and to give evidences of its credibility.

Our young people are blasted with various philosophies, false information, and false beliefs. This class is designed to reinforce the knowledge of the young disciple of Christ and prepare them to defend their beliefs by gaining a better understanding of what others believe.

In the fall semester we will study other religions with the book, *The Challenge of Cults and New Religions* by Ron Rhodes. We will take a critical look at the problems and inconsistencies in other religions and beliefs and contrast that with the reliability of a Biblical worldview and the Gospel. The book introduction calls this "...seek(ing) to light a candle in the midst of darkness," and this adds the apologetics dimensions to the study of this book.

In the spring semester we will shift to the book, *Stand Your Ground: An introductory Text for Apologetics Students* by Dean Hardy. This text is a high school level introduction to apologetics to prepare students for the onslaught of ideas and philosophies they will encounter as young adults.

Recommended Grades: 9+

Thursdays 8:30 – 10:00 AM; 32 weeks

Textbooks: (provided on loan)

The Challenge of Cults and New Religions, Ron Rhodes

Stand Your Ground: An introductory Text for Apologetics Students, Dean Hardy

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