



## RCCG Sunday School Student Manual 18 February 2024: Lesson 25

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## RCCG SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT MANUAL 18 FEBRUARY 2024 (LESSON 25)

### TOPIC: CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

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### BIBLE PASSAGE: Jude 3-4

<sup>3</sup> Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

<sup>4</sup> For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and

our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **MEMORY VERSE: 1 Peter 3:15**

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

The English word apology comes from a Greek word that means “to give a defense.” Christian apologetics, then, is the science of giving a defense of the Christian faith.

Many sceptics doubt the existence of God and/or attack belief in the God of the Bible.

Some critics attack the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible ( 2 Timothy 3:16) while false teachers promote false doctrines and deny the key truths of the Christian faith.

The mission of christian apologetics is to combat these movements and instead promote the Christian faith and truth.

## **OUTLINES:**

1. ???REASON AND BIBLICAL INSTANCES
2. ???WITH GENTLENESS AND RESPECT

## **1. REASON AND BIBLICAL INSTANCES**

A. There is no excuse for Christians to be completely unable to defend their faith (Jude 3-4).

Christians should know what they believe, why they believe it, how to share it with others, and how to defend it against lies and attacks (Colossians 4.01)

We are all commanded to be ready and equipped to proclaim the gospel and defend our faith (Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Peter 3:15)

The only way to do this effectively is to study why we believe what we believe (2 Timothy 2:15).

This will prepare us to “demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ,” as Paul said we should ( 2 Corinthians 10:5)

Jesus was His own apologetic,, as He often stated that we should believe in Him because of the evidence He provided (John 10:25; 10:38).

In fact, the whole Bible is full of divine miracles that confirm what God wants us to believe (Exodus 4:1-8; 1 Kings 10.36-39, Hebrews 2:3-4; 2 Corinthians 12:12)

Paul practiced what he preached; in fact, defending the faith was his regular activity (Philippians 1:7)

He refers to apologetics as an aspect of his mission in the same passage (V16).

He also made being an apologetic a requirement for all believers (Titus 1:9).

Jude, an apostle of Jesus, wrote,

***“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”***

(Jude 3).

### **CLASS ACTIVITY 1:**

Apart from the above reasons, why do you think a Christian should defend his/her faith in this end time?

## **2. WITH GENTLENESS AND RESPECT**

Defending the Christian faith, as apologetics, should never involve being rude, angry, or disrespectful (2 Timothy 2:24).

While practicing Christian apologetics, we should strive to be strong in our defence and at the same time Christ-like in our presentation (Matthew 10:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:7).

If we win a debate but turn a person even further away from Christ by our attitude, we have lost the true purpose of Christian apologetics (2 Corinthians 6:3).

### **CLASS ACTIVITY 2:**

Have you had any cause to defend your faith lately, how did you do it?

## **CONCLUSION: RCCG Sunday School Student Manual 18 February 2024**

We are commanded to use apologetics in as many or more places as we are told to preach the gospel.

### **QUESTION**

- ??Give three examples of people in the Bible that defended the faith.
- How should believers defend the faith?

## **ASSIGNMENT: RCCG Sunday School Student Manual 18 February 2024**

Mention five things you can do to defend the faith (2×5=10 marks).

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