

Calling Out the **Called Out**

Week 10...Defense

You are the Called Out

1. You have been called *by* God *through* baptism to be His child.
2. You are being called out **by** the world.
3. You are being called out **into** the world.

House of Salvation Analogy

- People outside the house are damned
- People inside the house are saved
- There is one Door (John 10)

Salvation looks different...

FROM THE OUTSIDE



FROM THE INSIDE



But there's a problem...



Scriptural Mandate

- 1 Peter 3:15—“In your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense [ἀπολογία/*apology*] to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you”

What Apologetics Is & Isn't

● Apologetics Is:

- *A Reasoned Defense*
- ...in order to remove obstacles

● Apologetics Isn't:

- ~~Where you start~~
- ~~Replacing the Holy Spirit~~
- ~~Sufficient~~

Defending the Defense

- *Apologetics* is not where you start.
 - It is a **defense**
- Gospel first (*it* is the power of God unto salvation)
 - A *reasoned defense* may not be needed...but it may.

Defending the Defense

● Does *apologetics* replace the Holy Spirit?

- Faith comes from hearing
- God works through His Word
 - As it is read
 - As it is proclaimed
 - As it is heard

Defending the Defense

- *Apologetics* is not sufficient for salvation.
- No matter how much you “prove” or how many objections you answer, your arguments will **never** save anyone.
- Does that mean it doesn't matter?

What the Defense Looks Like

- Jude 3
- Titus 1:9
- 2 Cor. 10:5
- Luke 1:1-4
- Acts 1:3
- Acts 17:2-4;
22-34
- Acts 26:26
- 1 Cor. 15:1-8
- Mark 2:1-12

“Hence the value of these arguments must not be overestimated, for they can never make any person a believing child of God. But neither must they be underestimated, since they are of great value in refuting the flippant charges of infidels and in strengthening Christians against the very doubts which from time to time arise in their own hearts.”

“Arguments of reason, historical arguments, etc., can also be of service in the conversion of a person by inducing those outside the Church to read or hear the Word of God itself and so come to faith in the Word by the operation of the Holy Ghost through the Word.”

Recommended Reading
