

Introduction to Apologetics

SESSION 10: IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY?

10A: Is That What Christianity Teaches? Yes.

Course Overview: In this course we introduce the science and art of apologetics regarding its key biblical basis, philosophical and other considerations, and practical applications to fundamental questions the Christian worldview answers.

1. The Exclusive Message
 - a. The textual basis:
 - i. From Jesus: John 3:16-17, John 14:6
 - ii. From Peter: Acts 2:38-39
 - iii. From John: 1 John 2:2
 - iv. From Paul: Romans 1:16-17, Romans 3:23-24, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9-13
 - b. The logical basis, version one:
 - i. Jesus claimed to be God.
 - ii. Jesus claimed that salvation is only through Him.
 - iii. Jesus claimed that He would rise from the dead to prove He is God.
 - iv. Jesus rose from the dead.
 - v. Jesus is God.
 - vi. Therefore, what Jesus claimed concerning salvation is true.
 - c. The logical basis, version two:
 - i. God has spoken through Scripture.
 - ii. What God speaks is true and without error.
 - iii. The Scripture says that Jesus is the only way to salvation.
 - iv. Therefore, Jesus is the only way to salvation.
2. The Inclusive Audience
 - a. All need salvation.
 - b. All are offered salvation.
 - c. All are able to be saved.
3. The Excluded Options
 - a. Cherished Pluralism (Coexist)
 - b. Inclusivism
 - c. Universalism
 - d. Reprobationism

