

# **Introduction to Apologetics**

## **SESSION 1: WHAT IS APOLOGETICS**

### **1B: Description of the Apologists and their Practice from 1 Peter 3:15**

1. The Apologists
  - a. Apologists are seeking holiness: “sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.”
  - b. Apologists are prepared to share: “always be ready.”
  - c. Apologists are willing to share: “to give a defense.”
  - d. Apologists are growing relationships: “to everyone who asks you.”
2. Their Practice
  - a. Apologists are sharing personal reasons: “the hope that is in you.”
    - i. Every apologist has their personal reasons.
    - ii. Every apologist has their personal style.
  - b. Apologists are sharing with meekness: “with meekness.”
    - i. Meekness is gentleness.
    - ii. Meekness is mildness.
  - c. Apologists are sharing with reverence: “and fear.”
    - i. Reverence for their Savior.
    - ii. Reverence for their testimony.
      1. For the one sharing: the content of the gospel as central and apologetics as helper.
      2. For the one asking: the concern as central and apologetics as helper.
    - iii. Reverence for their audience.
      1. The audience is always a person made in the image of God.
        - a. Dignity and Worth.
        - b. Loved by God.
        - c. Self-determining.
      2. The audience is always being asked to consider something of eternal significance.
        - a. Questioners are not questions.
        - b. Souls are not syllogisms.
        - c. People are not problems.

