

COURSE SYLLABUS

Defending Our Faith

Course Lecturer: D.A. Horton, MA

Course Description

This course will guide you in ways to defend your faith while expressing God's love toward those who oppose you. The emphasis is not on "winning the argument" but on planting seeds of the gospel in your conversations. First Peter 3:15 says, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

- Define *apologetics* and explain why it is important.
- Understand the difference between Christian apologetics and winning an argument.
- Understand some of the different views held by other faiths.
- Discuss how the Bible addresses questions raised by the LGBTQ Community.
- Understand the importance of responding to different views with gentleness and respect.

Course Lecturer



D.A. Horton, MA

Education:

- Calvary Theological Seminary, MA
- Calvary Bible College, BA

Teaching Career:

- Adjunct Professor, Systematic and Contemporary Theology courses, Calvary Bible College
- Author of seven urban-focused courses for Urban Studies major, Calvary Bible College

Other Career Highlights:

- National Coordinator for Urban Student Missions at the North American Mission Board (NAMB)
- Executive Director of Reach Life Ministries, the nonprofit ministry of Reach Records
- Urban church planter, pastor and lead teaching elder
- For over sixteen years, used the medium of rap music as a tool to help educate the people of God

on the precepts of Scripture as well as on how to evangelize the lost by presenting them with the gospel of Jesus Christ

Course Methods

Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage you in understanding, processing and applying the information learned in this course to your life. These methods include the following:

- **Video-based teaching**
The primary teaching session in each lesson is provided in video format. If you do not have the bandwidth required to view the video, we provide the option of listening to the lesson or reading the lesson from a transcript.
- **Additional Resources**
Lessons may be accompanied by additional readings, images, etc. that you can use to supplement your learning.

Course Requirements

Course requirements include:

1. Viewing the Class Time lectures for each lesson, which include:
 - **Lesson Overview:** A brief outline of what the lecturer will cover in the lesson.
 - **Lesson Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
 - **Lectures:** 5-10 minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.
2. Taking each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.

Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the Class Time lectures.

Note: Quizzes and the Final Exam are automatically graded and your course grade is weighted as follows:

Quizzes	40% of Course Grade
Final Exam	60% of Course Grade

In order to obtain a Certificate of Completion your overall score in the course must be 70% or higher.

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