

# #1 - What about ... ???

## An Introduction to Apologetics

Intro – “I’m scared”

**Big ‘E’ & Little ‘e’ Evangelists** [Colossians 4:3-6]

Paul - proactive

3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

Colossians - provocative

5 Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

reactive

**Ready to defend** [1 Peter 3:15b]

always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

## **1. Defence & Attack**

### **Common Questions**

**Truth or Rightness**

**“Defeater beliefs”**

# The Question behind the Question

## Proof v Reasonable Confidence

### 2. Manner [1 Peter 3:13-17]

Innocent suffering is a blessing  
[v13-14a & 17]

Don't fear people [14b]  
but value Christ as Lord [15a]

13 Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed.

(17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.)

Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy,

Hope is provocative [15b]

always being prepared to  
make a defence to anyone  
who asks you for a reason  
for the hope that is in you;

Gentleness is necessary [16a]

16 yet do it with gentleness and  
respect, having a good conscience,

The goal is evident innocence [16b]

so that, when you are slandered,  
those who revile your good behaviour  
in Christ may be put to shame.

**Conclusion – Provocative, Prepared, Pleasant**