

GRACE —EQUIP—

FOUNDATIONS OF GENERAL APOLOGETICS

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INSTRUCTOR

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This first course lays the theological foundation for a presuppositional approach to apologetics while clarifying the proper place of evidences in conversations with unbelievers. Designed to strengthen the believer's faith and equip him or her for effective evangelism, it examines the nature of unbelief, evaluates competing worldviews, presents arguments for the existence of God, and addresses the problem of evil—all from a biblical perspective. The course concludes with practical instruction on responding to objections and engaging in fruitful evangelistic dialogue. *Second course on Foundations of Apologetics will be released soon.*

LESSON SCHEDULE

Week 1 (Tuesday, January 13): Theological Foundations for Presuppositional Apologetics
Week 2 (Tuesday, January 20): Apologetic Method and Worldview analysis
Week 3 (Tuesday, January 27): Apologetic Method and Worldview analysis
Week 4 (Tuesday, February 3): The Existence of the Christian God
Week 5 (Tuesday, February 10): The Problem of Evil
Week 6 (Tuesday, February 20): Practical Apologetic Strategies, The Use of Evidence

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

- Richard L. Pratt Jr. *Every Thought Captive*
- Nate Busenitz. *Reasons We Believe*

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- Greg L. Bahnsen. *Always Ready*
- Gregory Koukl, *Tactics*

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Read assigned textbooks
2. Write two 2-page papers addressing the following questions:
 - What is presuppositional apologetics?
 - You have a friend who struggles to believe in God because of injustice in the world. Write a letter to him explaining how you think through the problem of evil.
 - Make a two minute video geared toward an unbelieving friend or family member on why you believe in God's existence.

QUESTIONS AND FOLLOWUP

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