

## *The Message Notes*

**Message:** *In Defense of the Faith – Part II*

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**Text:** I Peter 3:14-15

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**Objective:** We want to know the answers to questions that are frequently asked about our faith, so we can share the hope we have in Christ.

### **Review: Frequently Asked Questions:**

1. Who created God? **Answer:** The Scriptures teach God **preexisted** and is the **cause** behind creation. (Genesis 1:1)

- God is actual (real)
- God is monotheistic (oneness)
- God is transcendent (otherworldly)

**Question:** If there is **no creator** what is the **ultimate purpose** for your existence?

2. Why do you believe God exists? **Answer:** I believe God exists by the **intelligent** design of the universe, **intricate** design of my body, the **incarnation** of Jesus Christ, and the **impact** of my faith by the gospel.”

- a) **Intelligent** design of the universe. According to **Scriptures**, God is the **designer** behind creation. (Romans 1:20, Genesis 1:1-5) God composed **order** out of **chaos** by **naming distinctions** and **giving limitations**.
- b) **Intricate** details of my Body. Psalms 139:14-15
- c) \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. Colossians 1:15
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ by faith and the gospel. Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:6

**Question:** How do you **come to** know **what you** know?

3. Why are we considered sinners? **Answer:** I am a sinner (lawbreaker), by Adam’s sin, which spread to each human being. Romans 5:12, Psalms 51:5

**Question:** Why do humans break God’s laws (lawbreakers)?

4. Why are we considered lost? **Answer:** We cannot answer the following questions: Luke 19:10

- a) Where did you come from?
- b) What is the meaning of life?
- c) What happens after death?

5. What is your evidence of the resurrection of Jesus? I Corinthians 15:6-9

**Answer:**

- a) Jesus died by Roman crucifixion (historians Josephus, Tacitus, and Lucian wrote about it).
- b) Jesus' disciples were **cowards before** the resurrection, and **after** the resurrection, they became **witnesses** and **died for the faith**.
- c) Conversions of Paul, the **persecutor** of the church, became an Apostle and James, the **brother** of Jesus, once a skeptic, became head of the Jerusalem church. (Acts 22:6-21, Acts 15:13-19)
- d) **Mary Magdalene** and the **other Mary** were the **first** eyewitnesses of the resurrection, Matthew 28:1-10. Women testimonies were regarded as worthless and not allowed to testify in a Jewish court of law.

6. Why do you follow Christ? **Answer:** I **follow** Christ because He **loved** me, **died** for me, was **buried**, and **was raised for me**. He **promised me eternal life** with Himself and God. Do you know anyone else better to follow? 2 Corinthians 5:15

7. What are your guiding values? **Answer:** I have a **biblical** worldview. I **defer** to scriptural authority over cultural values, race, ethnicity, etc. Romans 12:2

**Biblical worldview: Genesis 1:1-3:9-10**

1. **Originality** is of God (Genesis 1:1)
2. **Creativity** came from God – heaven and earth (Genesis 1:26)
3. **Identity** is in God – image and likeness (Genesis 1:26)
4. **Sexuality** is defined by God – male and female (Genesis 1:27)
5. **Activity** comes from God – fruitful, multiply, increase, maintain kingdom order over the earth (Genesis 1:28-30)
6. **Morality** is absolute – freely eat and shall not eat (Genesis 2:16-17)
7. **Mortality** (death) - came from our disobedience (Genesis 2:15-17)
8. **Unity** - marriage is between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:24)
9. **Accountability** is to God – where are you? (Genesis 3:9-10)