

I Believe

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As some of you know I am into the Biblical Discipline known as Apologetics. It is found on **1st Peter 3:15** *"Instead sanctify Messiah as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in you, yet with humility and reverence – keeping a clear conscience so that, whatever you are accused of, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Messiah may be put to shame."* In other words, be ready to defend your belief using Scripture. There are many disciplines found within Apologetics. Everything from Creationism to Historical Accuracy of Scripture to name but a few. I tend to fall into the Inerrancy of Scripture (the belief that the Bible is free from error) and Creationism. I believe that Christian has a part of Scripture they find most interesting to them. And I would encourage to find that and then through the Holy Spirit and studying God's Word learn as much as you can about that specific interest. As **2 Timothy 3:16 – 17** *"All Scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for restoration, and for training in righteousness, so that the person belonging to God may be capable, fully equipped for every good deed."*

In saying that, as you learn more about your specific area of Scripture and begin to defend it Biblically. We must remember how we are to do it. We are to defend it "with humility and reference" not argumentative. We are not trying to win anything, just present the facts and let God do the rest. I want to encourage you that anyone who turns it into an argument is no longer seeking knowledge. It is in those situations that you are to walk away in love. Our witness becomes first over our desire to be right. Again, I encourage you to find a specific area of Scripture that interests you and dive right into the world of Apologetics.

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