***D.E.F.E.N.D. T.H.E. F.A.I.T.H.***

***(The Basis for Your Belief)***

***Part II***

***I Peter 3:15***

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***“15but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,”***

 ***I Peter 3:15 (ESV)***

Today we are looking at Part II of the two-part message called “D.E.F.E.N.D. T.H.E. F.A.I.T.H.” Last week we focused in on I Peter 3:15 where Peter tells us to always be ready to give a defense, a reason why, for our Christian faith. The word “defense” is where we get the word “apologetics.”

We are to present our faith with humility, friendliness, warmth, and kindness; treating people with respect and honor.

Last week we looked at:

**I. DEITY of Jesus Christ**

**II. EXCLUSIVITY of the Gospel for Salvation**

**III. FULFILLMENT by Jesus Christ of Old Testament Messianic Prophecies**

**IV. ETERNAL SECURITY—IF Saved, Always Saved**

Then we skipped to:

**XIV. HEAVEN and HELL are Real**

We will pick up and notice the remaining Essential Doctrines:

**V. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God**

Psalm 147:5

Acts 17:25

**VI. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—God’s Definitions Do Not Change**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Job 31:15

Psalm 22:10

Jeremiah 1:5

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 19:4-6

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John 17:17

John 14:6

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Acts 5:29

**VII. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—The Story of How You Got Saved**

Revelation 12:11

John 1:12-13

**VIII. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SPIRIT**

Romans 8:11

The Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 5:3-4

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**IX. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—The Second Coming of Jesus Christ**

Acts 1:11

John 14:3

**X. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—In Jesus Christ Alone for Salvation**

Ephesians 2:8-9

Romans 5:1

Faith means you are not trusting in how you feel, what you do, or what you don’t do to gain God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. You simply take God at His word.

**XI. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—Jesus Literally Rose from the Dead**

I Corinthians 15:3-8

Acts 3:15

**XII. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible**

John 17:17

II Timothy 3:16

Hebrews 4:12

**XIII. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GOD—God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy**

Matthew 28:18-20

II Corinthians 13:14

Colossians 2:9

Genesis 1:26

**XIV. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are Real**

John 14:2-4

Revelation 21:4

Matthew 25:41, 46

Revelation 20:8-14