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Christian Apologetics - What is it? Why does it matter?

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Some Questions Non-Believers Ask About Christianity . . .

and Most Christians Cannot Answer

**“Everything I believe seems to hinge
on the Truth of the Bible . . .**

☐ How do we know it’s really from God?”

“My professor keeps pointing out contradictions in the gospels . . .

☐ *Can I still trust them?”*

**“The concept of hell seems
barbaric and cruel . . .**

☐ Wouldn't a loving God save everyone?”

**“I’m finding it harder to believe
in events like the Resurrection . . .**

**❑ *How can I believe in miracles
if I’ve never seen one?”***

**“I have gay friends who are
kind, wonderful and happy . . .**

☐ Are we sure that homosexuality is wrong?”

**“Science seems like it can explain
everything in the universe . . .**

☐ “Do we really need to believe in God?”

“There is so much suffering in the world . . .

☐ How could a good God allow such evil?”

Jesus said,

*“You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your MIND.”*

Matthew 22:37

Is Christianity Rational?

Is Christianity True?

If so, can you explain why?

Acts 19:8

And he [Paul] entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.



Isaiah 1:18

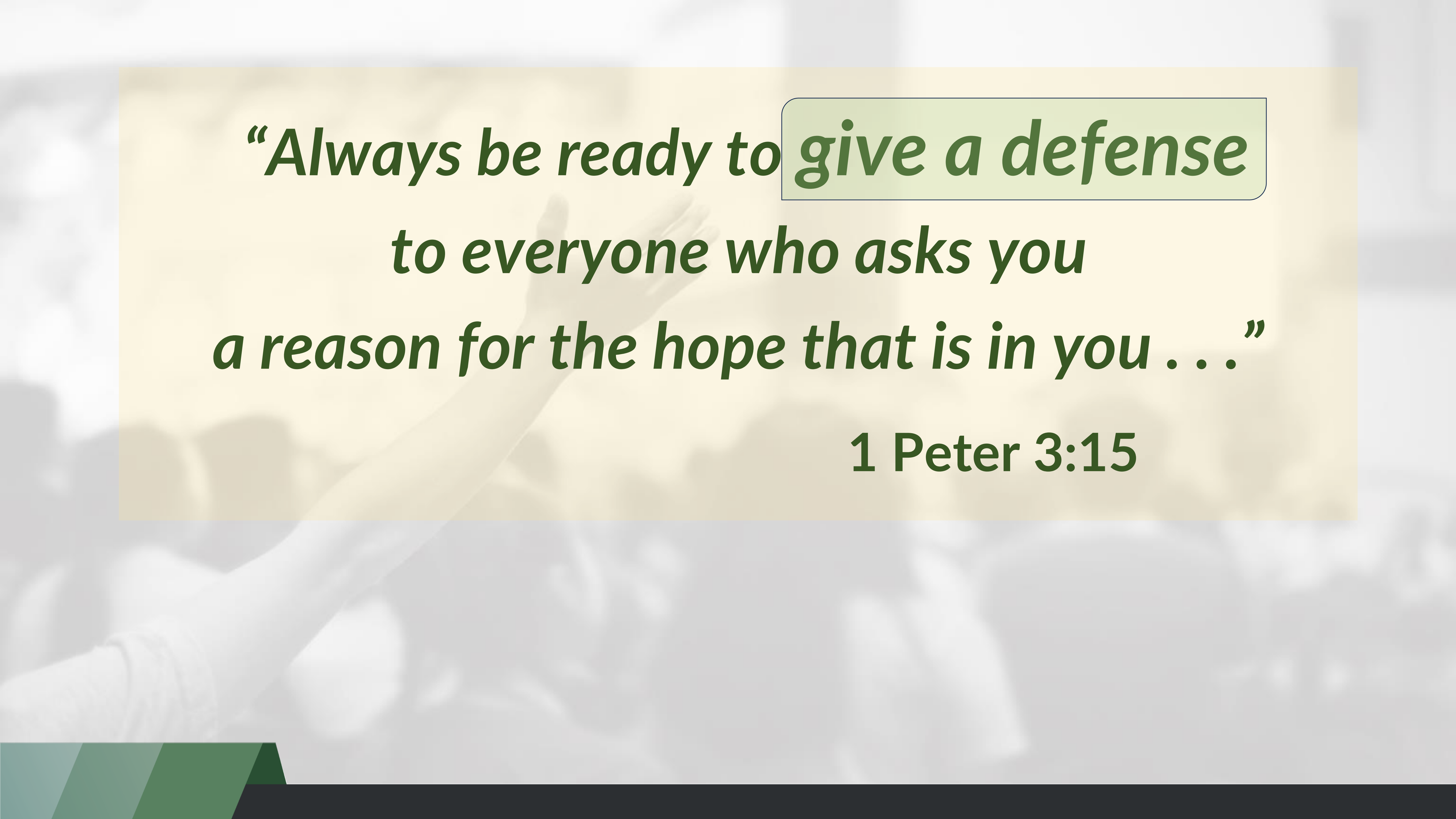
“Come now, let us reason together,
says the Lord”



Jude 3

I found it necessary to write appealing to you
to contend for the faith that was once
for all delivered to the saints.



A blurred background image of a person in a white shirt with their right hand raised, set against a church interior with other people in the background.

*“Always be ready to **give a defense**
to everyone who asks you
a reason for the hope that is in you . . .”*

1 Peter 3:15

Acts 22:1

“Brothers and fathers, hear the defense that I now make before you.”



Philippians 1:16

I am put here for the defense of the gospel.



2 Cor 10:3-5

⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ . . .



Christian Apologetics

Apologia . . . Greek word for the defense of the faith.

Christian Apologetics

***“The rational defense of the Christian worldview
as objectively true, rationally compelling,
and existentially or subjectively engaging.”***

Doug Groothuis

Christian Apologetics, 2nd ed.

Christian Apologetics

“The history of apologetics is really a special case of the history of evangelism.

The more secular the modern world becomes, the more important it [apologetics] is.”

John Warwick Montgomery

AoM works in East Africa . . .



Ebenezer Afolabi, author of *Doing Apologetics With An African Mindset*

“There are two glaring problems in defending the Christian faith in Africa: Lack of awareness of apologetics, and little access to apologetics training.”



AoM works in Brazil . . .

Oswaldo Souza, associate pastor for Central Church of Belo Horizonte, Brazil

“Apologetics is essential for our younger generation, who are so vulnerable as they step out into the world. They need to know why they believe what they believe so they are prepared when their faith is challenged.”





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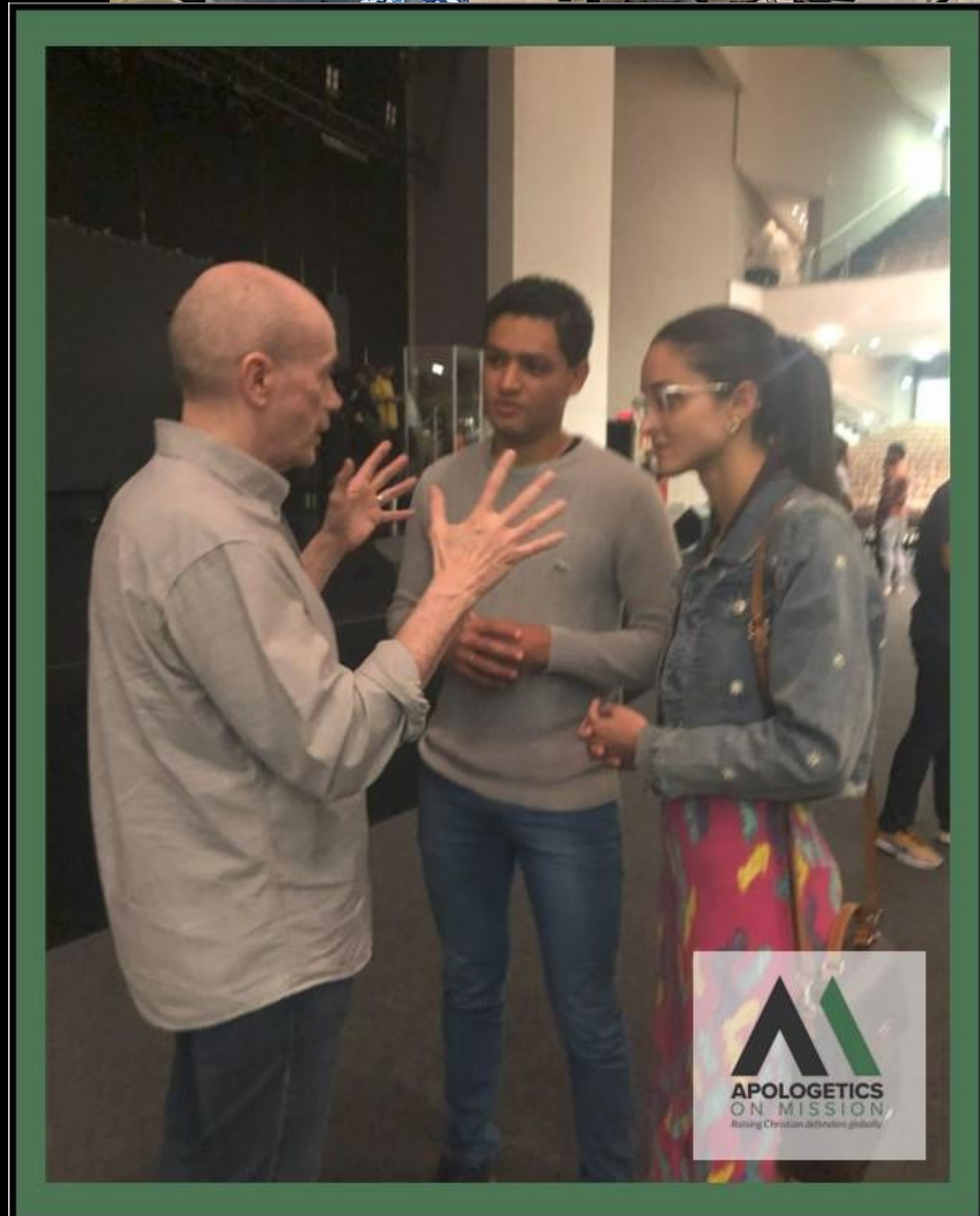
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