

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **1Peter 3:15**.
- B. Christians are to be equipped for every good work.
- C. This is done by knowledge of the word of God (2Tim. 3:16).
- D. Because of many false doctrines being taught, Christians should be able to give an answer for the hope that lies within them and answer to who teach falsely.

## I. THE ANSWERS ARE...

- A. To the atheist who does not believe in God:
  - 1. The Bible says he is a fool (Psa. 14:1).
  - 2. No good at all can come from this life (Psa. 14:1).
  - 3. believing in God should be obvious by looking at creation itself (Rom. 1:20-22).
- B. To the agnostic, who says that one cannot prove God:
  - 1. God was in the person of Jesus Christ. To deny Christ is to deny God, to know Christ is to know God, thereby proving His existence (Jn. 1:1,14).
  - 2. To see Jesus is to see God (Jn. 10:30).
  - 3. The tomb is empty proving Jesus to be deity and be God (Rom. 1:4).
- C. To those who teach false doctrine:
  - 1. The sum of Thy word is truth (Psa. 119:160).
  - 2. To distort and twist is done only by the ignorant (2Pet. 3:16-18).
  - 3. A swift (certain) destruction awaits false teachers (2Pet. 2:1-3).
- D. To the hypocrites:
  - 1. You are not fooling God (Gal. 6:7,8).
  - 2. You are not fooling your fellow man (Rom. 2:25-29).
- E. To the legalists; who bind where God hasn't;
  - 1. God has done the binding and loosing from heaven (Mt. 16:19).
  - 2. We sometimes major in minors and minor in majors (Mt. 23:23,24).
- F. To the liberal; who looses where God hasn't:
  - 1. to speak one must do so as God has directed in His word (1Pet. 4:11).
  - 2. We are not to exceed what is written (1Cor. 4:6,17).
- G. To those in denominational circles and fellowships:
  - 1. There is but one of all things pertaining to God (Eph. 4:4-6).
  - 2. Jesus prayer was for the unity of His followers (Jn. 17:20-23).
  - 3. We want to be Christians and Christians only (Ac. 11:26).
- H. To those who would add creeds, dogmas, and other books:
  - 1. God's word is sufficient (2Tim. 3:16,17).
  - 2. Any other gospel is no gospel at all (Gal. 1:8,9).
  - 3. God's word is complete as given in the Bible (Jude 3; Rom. 10:17).

## CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. This is not a complete list of things to be known, or to answer to but it is a start of one being able to defend their faith.
- B. In the face of these things we are to contend for the faith (Jude 1:3).
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.