# The Defense of Our Faith An introduction to Apologetics

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# Apology

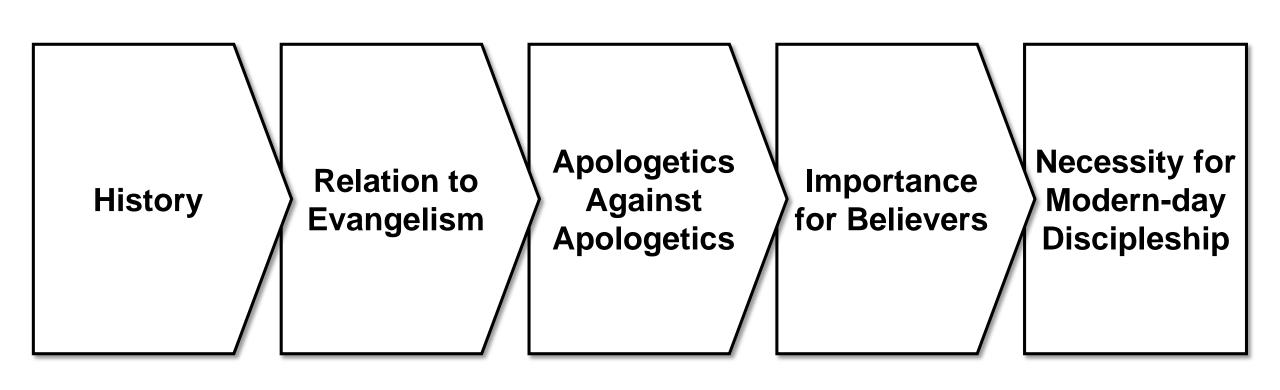
A regretful acknowledgement of an offense or failure

English Oxford Dictionary

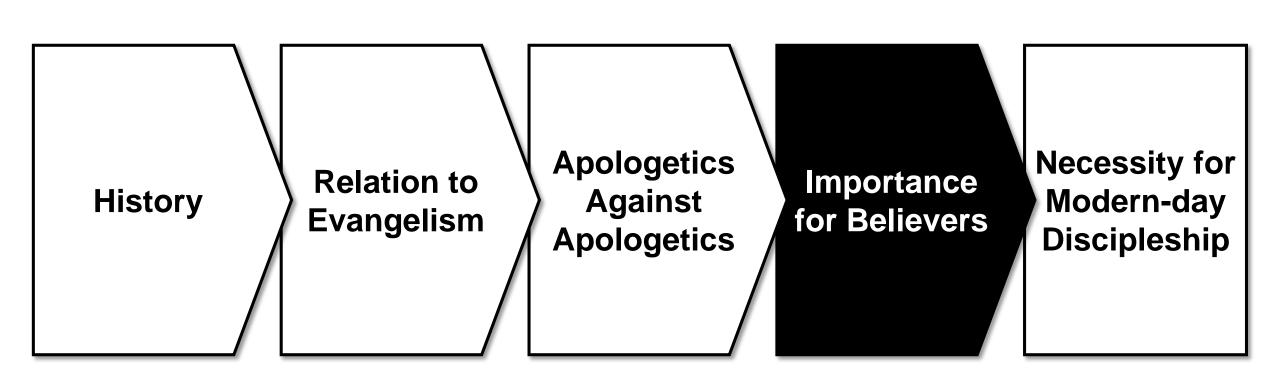
## **Apologia**

(Greek) An answer; legal defense of oneself; carefully reasoned defense of one's beliefs or actions

#### **Getting Started With Apologetics**



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#### Importance for Believers

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience;

1 Pet 3:15-16 (NKJV)

The Mind of Man

Life as Evidence

**Our Hearts** 

**Look Behind** the Question Always be ready to give a defense

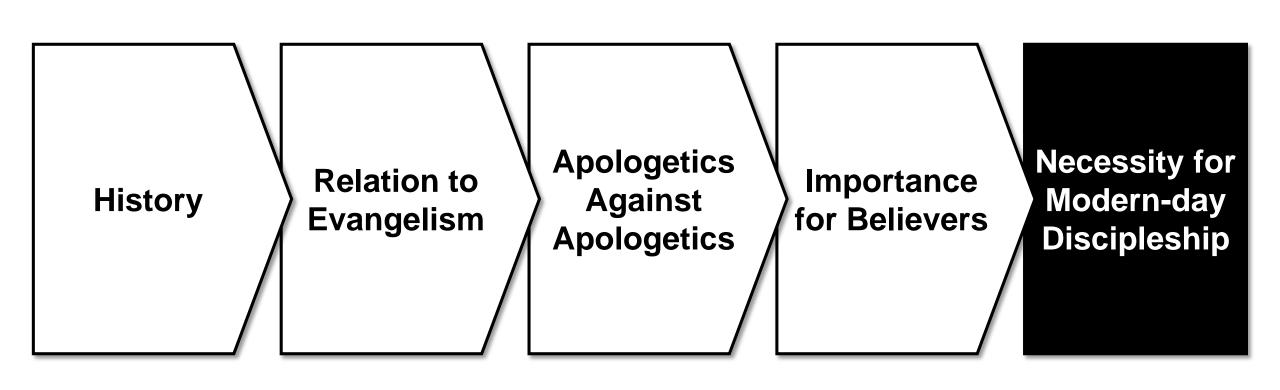
No Excuses

**Preparation** 

Necessity of the Cross

Reason to Believe

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#### **Necessity for Modern-Day Discipleship**

**Shaping Culture** 

**Strengthening Believers** 

Winning Unbelievers

#### The command for all believers

Our hope and life is the greatest apologetic

Confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ

Must be practiced with the correct attitude of humility and dependence on God

"My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine sounding arguments... So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ."

**Colossians 2:2-4, 6-8**