



## **Christian Apologetics Syllabus - Teacher: Benjamin Taylor**

The class goal is to present a defense of the Christian faith that is accessible for Junior High to High School age students.

### **CLASS OBJECTIVES**

1. To provide scholarly information addressing objections against Christianity.
2. To provide scholarly information that supports the truth of Christianity.
3. To encourage retention of and critically thinking about the information provided.
4. To evaluate possible responses to the presentation of the material from both a Christian and non-Christian perspective.
5. To prepare students to respond to objections to their faith coming from peers, media, college professors, etc.
6. To give students information that will convict them in the midst of temptation and encourage them when suffering.

### **GENERAL CLASS CONTENT**

1. How Do I Know the Bible is True?
  - a. The New Testament Manuscript Evidence
  - b. The Old Testament Manuscript Evidence and Comparative Data
  - c. The Historical References and Archeological Data for the Bible
  - d. How were the Books of the Bible Chosen?
  - e. The Inerrancy of the Bible and Why are There So Many Translations?
2. Absolute Truth and the Rationality of Christianity
  - a. Does Absolute Truth Exist and How can it be Known?
  - b. Is Rationality Inconsistent with Christianity?
3. The Absurdity of Life Without God
4. Arguments for the Existence of God
  - a. The Kalam Cosmological Argument
  - b. The Leibnizian Cosmological Argument
  - c. The Teleological Argument
  - d. The Moral Argument
  - e. Reformed Epistemology
  - f. Other Arguments for the Existence of God



5. Christianity and Science
  - a. Are Christianity and Science Incompatible?
  - b. The Ground of Modern Science in Christianity
  - c. The Method of and Limits of Science
  - d. The Age of the Earth
  - e. The Relationship between Christianity and Evolution
  - f. Is Evolution True?
  
6. The Historicity of the Resurrection of Jesus
  - a. Are Historical Knowledge and Miracles Possible?
  - b. Can the Biographies of Jesus be Trusted?
  - c. Did Jesus Really Claim to be the Son of God?
  - d. The Historical Evidence for the Death and Resurrection of Jesus
  
7. Is There More Than One Way to God?
  
8. The Problem of Evil
  - a. Does Religion Cause People to be Evil?
  - b. Does the Existence of Evil and Suffering Disprove God?
  - c. Is God a Moral Monster?
  
9. Christian Doctrines
  - a. Is the Doctrine of the Trinity Irrational?
  - b. Is the Doctrine of the Incarnation Irrational?
  
10. Objections from the New Atheists
  - a. The Celestial Teapot Objection
  - b. Who Created God?
  - c. Richard Dawkins's "Amusing Strategy"
  - d. The Genetic Fallacy
  
11. Concluding Discussion
  - a. How Do I Talk to People About Christian Apologetics?
  - b. What Should I Do Now?

Important Note: This syllabus is not exhaustive of every topic that will be made available through homeskoolery.com in the future. Upon the completion of the creation of the Christian apologetics course, work will begin on topics such as Hermeneutics (How to Read the Bible), the Attributes of God, Doctrine of Christ, Ethics, etc