

LESSON 01: PROFESS AND DEFEND YOUR FAITH

Memory work

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death? - You may also memorize Hymn 64:1,2

A. That I am not my own,

*but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death,
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.*

*He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.*

*He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;*

indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.

Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me

of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Everybody is to memorize this text: 1 Peter 3:15

*But in your hearts honour 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.*

Homework

Look up the article on “Christian apologetics” at Wikipedia.

1. Who is listed as the one to have started “Christian apologetics”? _____

Where can you read about him defending the Christian faith? _____

2. Look under the heading “History”. What school of apologetics is popular in Calvinist circles (that’s us)?

3. What are your expectations with respect to catechism classes this year? Any concerns?

(A homework sheet like needs only to be seen by you and me, so give it to me straight).

