

LESSON 01: PROFESS AND DEFEND YOUR FAITH

What is *faith*?

Faith has _____:

Faith has a focus

The faith professed in the Willoughby Heights Canadian Reformed Church is

Profession of Faith – 2023-2024

- Starting point: all communicant members catechized in Willoughby Heights will have had at least 6 years of catechism instruction
- Those wishing to profess their faith may do so as early as in their sixth year of instruction
- The profession of faith course is focused purely on profession of faith, not on instruction
- As a rule, profession of faith takes place on a Sunday prior to a Sunday we celebrate the Lord’s Supper on.
- The course generally exists of 6 one-hour classes, at a time and place that works for all taking & teaching the course
 - For example: if all taking the course attend CCHS, we could run the class from 3 to 4pm right after school
- There’s a limit of 5 people per class
- If only one person signs up for a class, you may need to bring a friend who is willing to take the course too.

Space for your own notes

Defending one’s faith

Apologetics _____

In Christian circles, apologetics _____

Bible Study: Acts 17:16-33 and 1Cor 1:18-2:5

1. What greatly distressed or provoked Paul? _____

2. What did he do about it? _____

3. What would people in Athens spend much of their time on? _____

4. What did the Athenians ask Paul to do? _____

5. Did Paul agree to do so or did he say no? _____

6. How did Paul try to engage his hearers for his message? _____

7. At hearing about *what* did the Athenians reject the Gospel? _____

8. Any idea why (*leave blank if you have no clue*)? _____

Now go to 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

9. What makes the message of the cross “folly”? _____

10. What do Greeks seek? _____ Describe in your own words what this means. _____

11. What are we, when proclaiming the Gospel, to boast in? _____

12. When Paul came to Corinth (right after Athens!) what did he NOT come with? _____

13. How did he come? _____

14. What do Acts 17 and 1 Corinthians 1&2 tell us about defending and presenting the Christian faith?
