# 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 “Varieties”. What school of apologetics is a Reformed Protestant methodology (and popular in our circles)?

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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).*

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