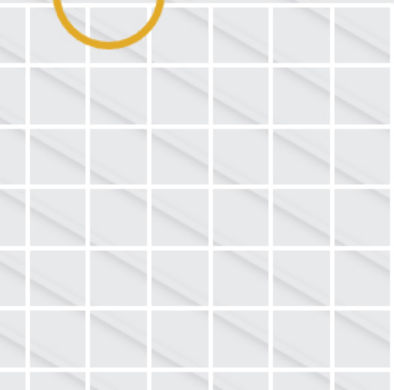




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TODAY'S TOPIC

What Is Apologetics?

1. Introductions: presenters and participants
2. Question exercise
3. Introduction to Apologetics
 - a. Defining Apologetics
 - b. Is Apologetics Biblical?
 - c. Why is Apologetics Important?

You can watch the recording of this session on
YouTube at bit.ly/defendersapologetics



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INTRODUCE YOURSELF





WHAT IS APOLOGETICS?



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Apologetics:
Apologizing for
your faith





apologia:

(Greek) “defense”,
as in a court of law



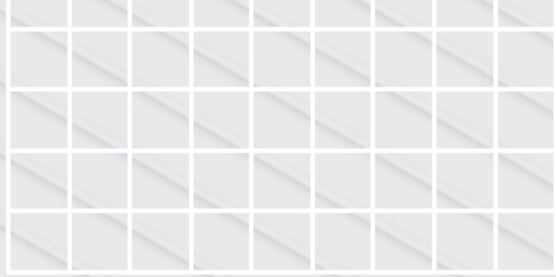
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“Always be prepared to make a **defense** (“apologia”) to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you...

...but do it with **gentleness and respect.**”





Why are **gentleness and respect** essential when we talk with unbelievers about what we believe?

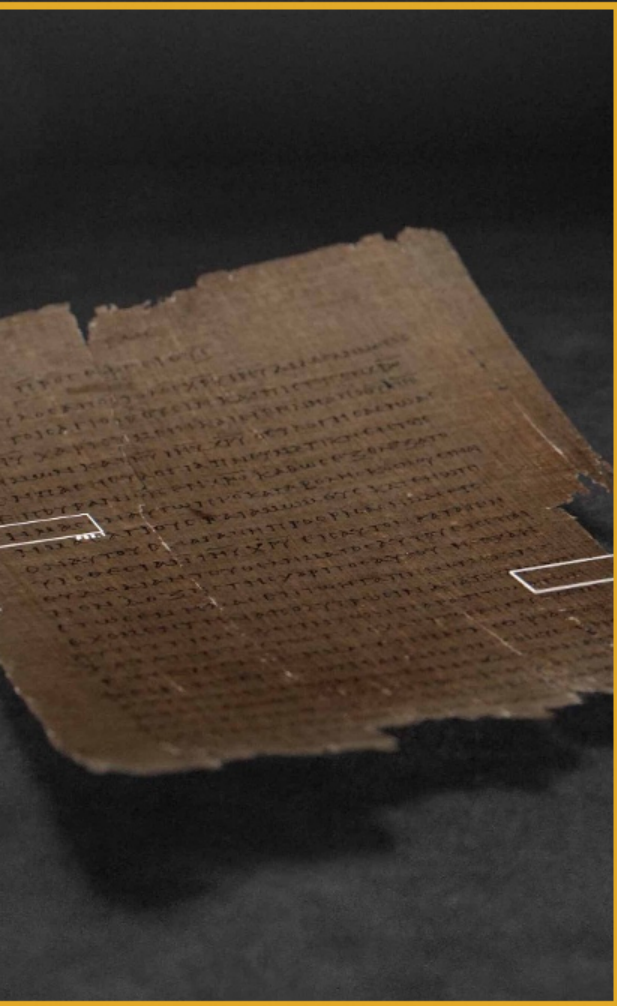
Have you ever seen a Christian do this without gentleness and respect?
What happened?





How do you typically feel when someone challenges or makes fun of your Christian beliefs?





IS APOLOGETICS BIBLICAL?



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WHY DOES **APOLOGETICS** MATTER?

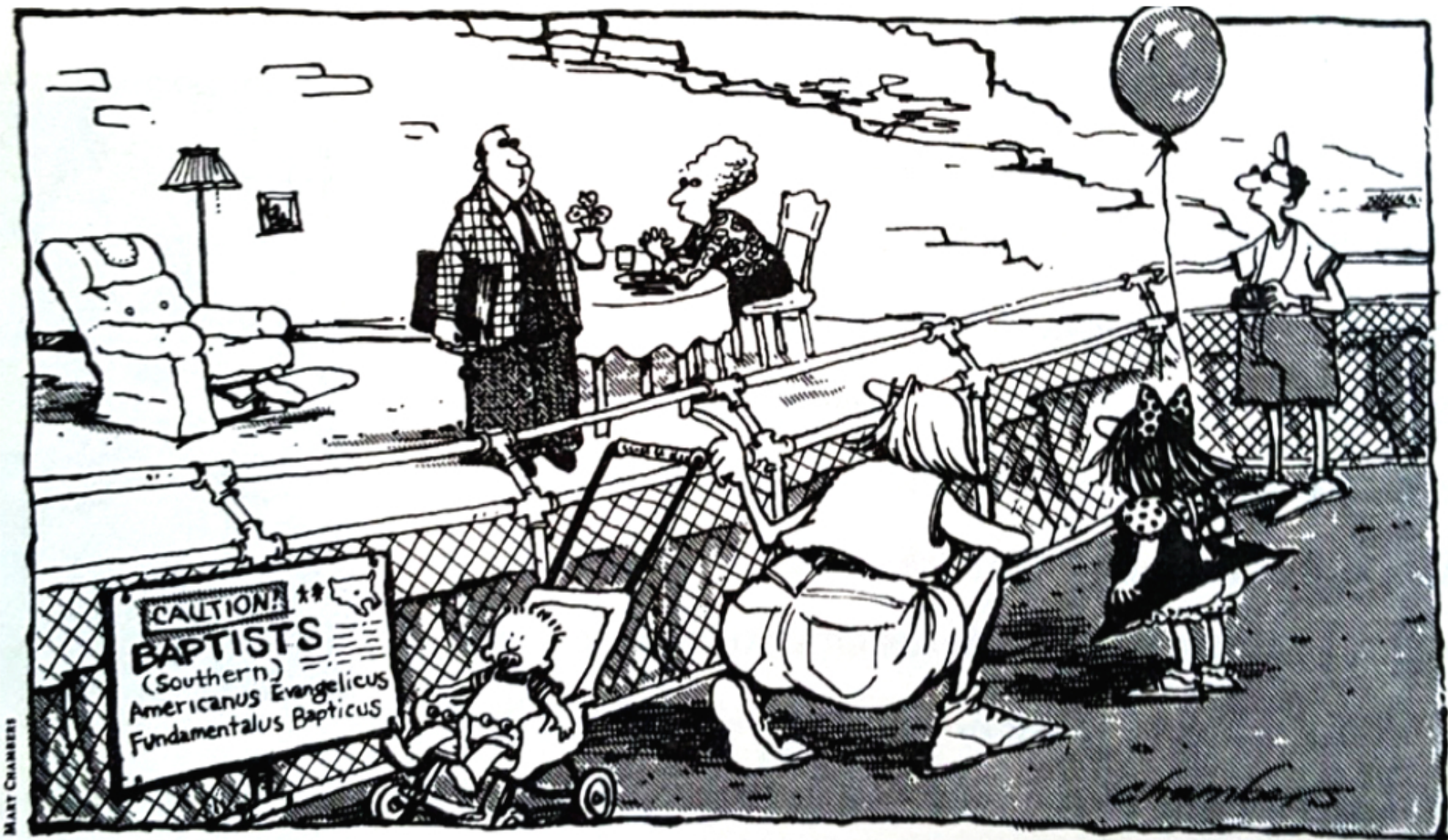


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SHAPING CULTURE

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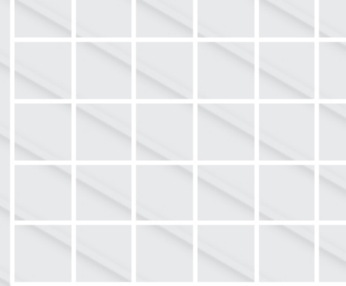


SECULARISM

a worldview which allows
no room for the
supernatural

(no miracles, no divine
revelation, no God)





Have you ever encountered someone who dismissed Christianity as mere superstition?

If so, when? How did you respond?





RELATIVISM

the view that
something is relative
rather than absolute

“That's true for you,
but not for me”





02

STRENGTHENING BELIEVERS



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Why do you think so many students abandon their faith during or just after high school? Who or what is to blame for this?

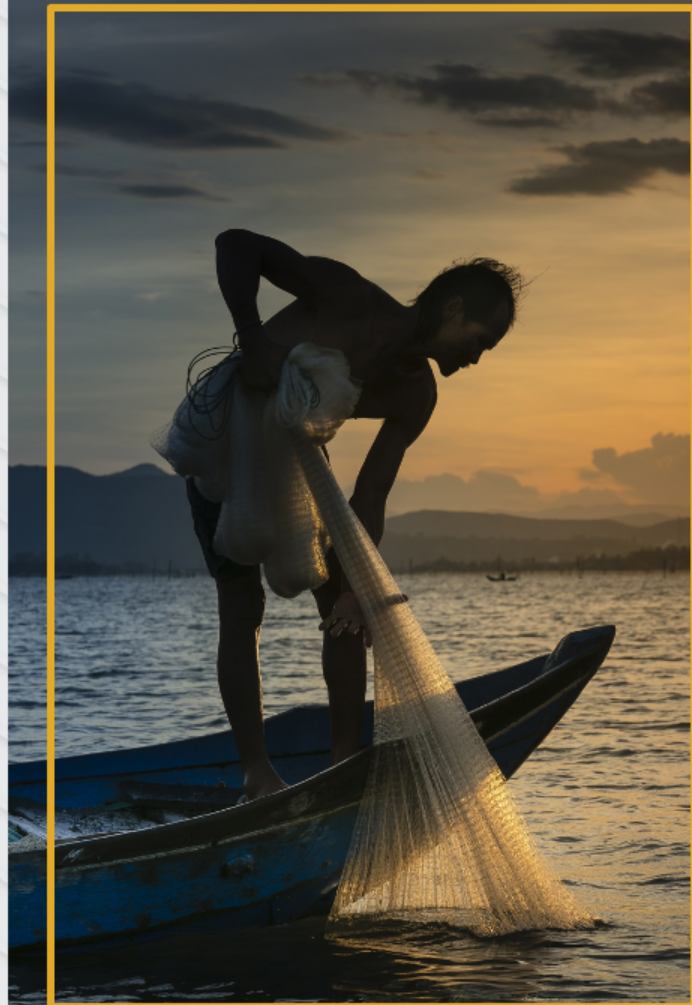




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WINNING **UNBELIEVERS**

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SHARING THE GOSPEL



1

God loves you and created you to know him personally.

2

Man is sinful and separated from God.

3

God's solution is Jesus Christ.

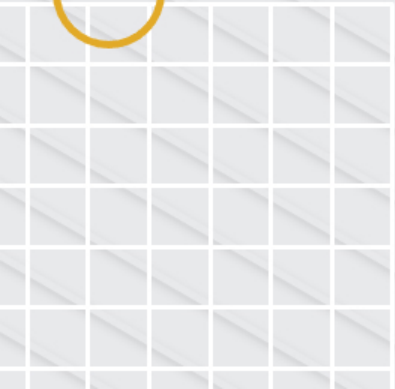
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We must personally receive Christ as our Savior and Lord.





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