

Missionary Evangelism (06)
(Defense of The Gospel)

During the months of July and August, we are studying a new series entitled, Missionary Evangelism. All of our lesson will be taken from the Book of Philippians. We are currently studying a series entitled, Missionary Evangelism. All of our lessons will be taken from the Book of Philippians. It is my prayer that this series of lessons will prepare us as a church **to understand** the grace policy of evangelism and **to train and send** missionaries to the mission field.

Paul shared his heart-felt gratitude for the Philippians partnership in the Defense of the Gospel.

(Phil.1:16) “For it is only right for me to feel (phroneo / p.a.infin) this way about you, because I have you in my heart, since both in **my imprisonment** (tois desmos) and in **the defense** (te apologia) **and confirmation** (bebaiosis) **of the gospel, you are takers of grace with me.**”

The Greek word for defense is (apologia) [Apologetics]. Paul associated apologia with giving a speech in defense of charges brought against the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:1-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; John 10:28).

Paul declared that he was appointed for the Defense of the Gospel.

(Phil.1:16b) “Knowing (oida / perf.a.ptc.nplm) that I am appointed (keimai / p.m.ind.1ps) **for the defense (apologia) of the gospel.**”

(Acts 9:15-16) “But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.” (Paul’s conversion)

This lesson will study four aspects of the DEFENSE OF THE GOSPEL.

We need to understand the cost of personal freedom for proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ in a spiritual declining nation.

- 1. Jesus warned that the spiritually advancing Christian would be persecuted for a grace gospel by a spiritual declining nation (Lk. 21:12-18).**

List 6 things to expect for preaching the gospel of grace salvation in a declining nation (Lk. 21:12-13, 17).

List 4 promises given to Defender of the Gospel (Lk. 21:14-15, 18-19).

List 4 unlikely people that will turn against you before of pressure from a declining nation (Lk. 21:16).

2. Jesus taught His disciples about the cost of personal freedom for preaching the gospel of grace salvation.

He taught them how to spiritually prepare to defend the gospel of Jesus Christ in a court of law of a spiritually declining nation.

(Lk.12:11-12) “And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not become anxious about how or what you should speak in your defense, or what you should say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.” (Lk.12:1, 6)

Paul teaches us how important learning the Word of God is for the DEFENSE OF THE GOSPEL in a court of law in the Book of Acts:

- Jerusalem (Lk.22:1-29; 22:30-23:22)
- Caesarea (Lk.23:32-24:23; 24:24-25:12; 25:13-26:29)
- Rome (Lk.28:14-31)

Read Paul’s final Defense of the Gospel (Lk.28:28-31).

Peter taught eight Beatitudes necessary for the Defense of the Gospel in (1 Pet.3:14-16).

(1 Pet.3:14) “But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, **you are blessed** (makarioi).”

Fill in the missing word.

(1 Pet.3:14-16) “And do not fear _____, and do not be _____ but sanctify _____, always _____ to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for _____, that is you, yet with _____ and _____; and _____ so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.” (NASB)

3. Paul gave six promises to Defenders of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as part of his last Will and Testimony.

(2 Tim.4:16-18) “But the Lord _____ and _____, so that through me the _____ might be _____ and that all _____ hear; and I was _____ out of the lion's mouth”.

“The Lord will _____ from every evil deed, and will _____ to His heavenly kingdom; to Him *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen”.

REVIEW

Declining nation

Evangelism by grace gospel

Faithful unto death

Example for others to follow

Negative verses positive attitudes

Suffering for Christ in world

Expect from the unexpected