

Phoenix Christian High School BIB0300 Christian Apologetics Course Scope & Sequence (2010)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Apologetics deals with the place of reason and evidence in the Christian Faith. The aim of this course is to help the students begin to understand the connection between faith and reason so that learning will result in spiritual life and/or growth.

REQUIRED TEXTS

The Holy Bible

Faith and Learning Workbook, Phoenix Christian Jr/Sr High School

Exploring Apologetics: Selected Readings, Christian Schools International

Semester 1

Basic Christian Teaching 6 Weeks

Key Concepts: God – Self-Existent Being, Creator, and Triune. Man - Dependent Being, Creature, and Image of God. Revelation – General and Special. Sin – Original, Personal, and Consequences. Salvation – Works, Grace, and Penal Substitutionary Atonement. Death and the Afterlife.

Assessment: Workbook Unit V, Memory Verse Quiz (Rom 1:21-23, Acts 4:10-11), Short Position Papers, and Multiple Choice Test.

Apologetic Background Material 5 Weeks

Key Concepts:, Truth, Nature of Christian Apologetics, Psychological Persuasion, Logical Justification. Arguments- Kinds and Evaluation, Apologetic Method – Natural Theology and Presuppositional.

Assessments: Memory Verse Quizzes (I Peter 3:15-16), Quizzes, Short Position Papers. Multiple Choice Test.

Evidence for the Existence of God 5 Weeks

Key Concepts: Atheism, Fideism, Evidential Proofs for the Existence of God- Ontological Argument (Ps 14:1), Cosmological Argument (Rom 1:20), Teleological Argument (Ps 104), Transcendental Argument (Matt 7:24-29).

Evaluation of Arguments. Presuppositional Arguments and Evaluation.

Assessment: Workbook- Unit III Activities, Memory Verse Quizzes (Hebrews 1:1-3, Proverbs 26:4,5) , Short Position Papers and Multiple Choice Test.

Final Exam Review 1 Weeks

Practice Test.

Semester 2

How the Bible was Written and Collected into a Canon 4 Weeks

Key Concepts: Original Manuscripts, Extant Manuscripts, Formation of the Canon, Recognition of the Canon, Criteria of Canonicity, Apocrypha, Authenticity of Present Day Bible.

Assessments: Workbook Unit II Activities. Memory Verse Quizzes (2 Pet 1:19-21, 2 Tim 3:14-16), One Multiple Choice Exam.

The Reliability of the Bible – Part I 3 Weeks

Key Concepts: General Revelation (Psalm 19:1-5, Romans 1:18-20, 2:15) Special Revelation (2 Timothy 3:14-17, 2 Peter 1:19-21). Attributes of the Bible – Necessity, Authority, Clarity, and Sufficiency. Inspiration – verbal, plenary, dictation, concept, degrees. Illumination. Requirements of and Objections to Biblical Reliability.

Assessments: Workbook – Unit IV Activities. Memory Verse Quizzes (Jn 10:25-27). Two Quizzes

The Reliability of the Bible – Part II 3 Weeks

Key Concepts: Defense of Biblical Reliability- Internal evidences, external evidences, and defense of biblical world view. Biblical Miracles – Godly and Ungodly, Objections to Biblical Miracles. Defense of Biblical Miracles. Science and the Bible.

Assessments: Workbook – Unit III Activities. Memory Verse Quiz (Is 40:7,8, Rev 22:18-20), Position Papers. One Multiple Choice Exam for Parts I&II.

The Logical Problem of Evil 4 Weeks

Key Concepts: The Logical Problem of Evil / Suffering. Solutions to the Logical Problem of Evil / Suffering. Person and Work of Satan. Divine Punishment – Temporal and Eternal.

Assessments: Workbook – Unit I Activities. Memory Verse Quizzes (Job 1:20-22 & 1 Pet 4:12-14) Hebrews 5:7-10, Job 1:20-22), Short Position Papers, Quizzes,

The Personal Problem of Evil 2 Weeks

Key Concepts: The Personal Problem of Evil / Suffering (Job 1&2) – Persecution of the Righteous, Injustice, Natural Disasters, Death and Dying. Proper and Improper Responses to the Personal Problem of Evil//Suffering (Jn. 16:33, Heb. 5:9, Rom. 8:28, Matt. 5:10-11, 1 Cor. 10:13, Lk. 9:23, and Heb. 12:5-11). *Assessment:* Memory Verse Quizzes (Heb 5:8-10), Unit 1 Workbook Assignments, Short Position Papers, and Multiple Choice Test for both Logical and Personal Problem of Evil.

Final Exam Review 1 Week

Practice Test.