

## PREPARED TO GIVE AN ANSWER – PART 1

Introduction – We live in an age where everyone is encouraged to question all possible authority. This authority includes parents, church, the Bible, and all religious traditions. This is potentially a good thing, but it requires believers to dig deeper to defend the truth.

- A. Spiritual leaders are to equip everyone to answer the questions and challenges of their day.

Ephesians 4:11-13

- B. Knowing how to answer everyone's basic questions about Christianity

Colossians 4:2-6

1. Most people assume that God exists and would not know how to respond to people who question the very existence of God.
2. Most people assume that the Bible is the Word of God and would not know how to show it is reliable Word from God.
3. Most people assume that Jesus is divine and that God raised Him from the dead. They could not reason for the historical validity of these facts.
4. Most people assume that the reality of evil in the world does not contradict the goodness and power of God. How would you answer those who question this issue?
5. These are the issues we will address in a special series entitled, "Questions about Christianity That Deserve Rational Answers" which begins on Sunday, September 13.

Conclusion – This series will be a great opportunity to become better equipped to answer these foundational questions. You can invite other religious people and skeptics, so they can hear a reasoned response and ask questions.