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apologetics is ...

Hey! How ya doin'? My name is... uhhh... Francis. But my friends call me Apologetics Guy! Why? Because 1) I love to apologize, 2) I'm a guy, and 3) I... don't like "Francis." :\
So, you may be asking, "what exactly is **apologetics**, Mr **Apologetics Guy**?" Fair question! What it sure isn't is saying you are sorry about what you believe! That joke isn't even funny anymore. Apologetics comes from the Greek word **απολογία**... err, that would be pronounced "apologia" (go hard on that "g"!). Apologia means "*a defense*."

APOLOGETICS is...

- ◆ **DEFENDING YOUR BELIEFS** when (not if!) the opportunity arises.
- ◆ **GIVING REASONABLE ANSWERS** to honest questions people have about this beautiful - but too often misunderstood - faith of ours. God Himself told us all to give an answer whenever anyone asks. And that answer has to be wrapped up in **respect & love**.
- ◆ **STRENGTHENING YOUR FAITH** as you learn that there really are good reasons to believe what we believe.

It's actually pretty cool and may be the most challenging part of your LIFE! OK, maybe not THE most challenging - trying to stand up while water skiing is mine - but *one* of the most, anyway.

See this booklet as a book of matches - small, cheap, and seemingly insignificant, but a first step in lighting **GREAT FIRES**. Safe fires! Not bad fires where people are hurt, but good fires, like ones that burn away crud or purify gold or clear away years of dangerous undergrowth, or... oh, you know what I mean! Before we get these fires started, there's one more thing: Those little numbers in the title matches are references to books on the last page, books which cover each subject a whole lot better and more deeply than we can here. OK? OK! I think we're ready now!

