

## Biblical Texts to Declare & Defend the Faith

### Declaring the Gospel

**God's Holiness:** Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8

**The Power of the Gospel to Save:** Romans 1:16

**Man's Sin Problem:** Romans 3:10, 23

**God's Provision of Christ & Offer of Eternal Life:** John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 6:23; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

**Man's Response with Repentance/Confession:** Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:9

**Man's Response with Faith:** Romans 10:9-10, 13, 17; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:8-9

**Assurance of Salvation:** Romans 8:1 (see more below)

### Defending Certain Key Doctrines of the Faith

#### The Bible

**The Canon (Standard) of Scripture:** Matthew 23:35; 1 Timothy 5:17-18; 2 Peter 3:2, 16; Hebrews 1:1-2; Revelation 20:18-19

**Authority/Trustworthiness of the Bible:** Matthew 5:17-18; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21

#### God

**God's Existence:** Genesis 1:1; Psalms 14:1; 19:1-2; Romans 1:19-21

**God as Trinity:** Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 Peter 1:2

#### Jesus Christ

**Deity of Christ:** Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; John 1:1-5, 14; 8:58; 20:28; Romans 9:5; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-20; 2:9; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:1-4

**The Sufficiency of Christ's Sacrifice (Nothing More Is Needed):** John 19:30; Hebrews 7:27; 9:12, 26

**Exclusivity of Christ (Only Way/Mediator of Salvation):** John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:25

**Return of Jesus Christ:** Matthew 24:30-31; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Hebrews 9:28; Revelation 19:11-16; 22:7, 12, 20

#### Jesus Fulfilling Messianic Prophecies

**Teacher Greater Than Moses:** Deuteronomy 18:15-18; Matthew 5-7

**Of Crucifixion:** Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Matthew 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:18-19; 27:34-46

**Of Resurrection:** Psalm 16:8-11; Jonah; Matthew 12:38-41; 1 Corinthians 15:3-11

#### The Holy Spirit

**Holy Spirit as God:** Psalm 139:7-8; Matthew 28:19; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11; 12:11, 18

#### Man & Ethical Issues

**Mankind Created by God in His Image:** Genesis 1:26-27; 5:1-2

**Sanctity of Life (even in the womb):** Psalm 139:13-16; Exodus 20:13

**Creation of Male & Female:** Genesis 1:27; 2:24; 5:1-2; Matthew 19:4

**Marriage as Man & Woman:** Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:3-6; 1 Corinthians 7:3-5; Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18-19

#### Sin

**Sinfulness (Lostness) of Mankind:** Genesis 6:5; Psalm 51:1-5; Romans 3:23; 5:12; 6:23; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4; Ephesians 2:1-3

**Homosexuality as Sinful:** Genesis 18-19; Romans 1:24-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 2 Peter 2:6; Jude 7

#### Salvation

**Basic Salvation:** See above on Declaring the Gospel

**Justification (Declared Right with God by Faith):** Romans 3:21-26; 2 Corinthians 5:21

**Repentance as a Necessary Response for Salvation:** Matthew 3:2; 4:17; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 5:31; 8:22; 11:18; 2 Timothy 2:25-26

**Eternal Security of the Believer (Assurance of Salvation):** John 10:28-29; Romans 8:1, 28-39; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 John 5:13

#### Obedience/Sanctification

**Baptism of Believers:** Acts 2:38-41; 8:12, 36-38; 9:17-18; 10:43-48; 16:14-15, 30-33; 18:8; 19:4-5; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; Galatians 3:26-27; Ephesians 4:5

**Baptism as Immersion:** Mark 1:9-10; John 3:23; Acts 8:36-39; Romans 6:3-4

**Baptism Not Required for Salvation:** Luke 23:42-43; John 4:2; 1 Corinthians 1:17

#### Judgment

**Universal Judgment by Works:** Matthew 7:15-20; Romans 2:6-11; Revelation 20:11-15

**Hell as Eternal Punishment:** Matthew 25:41, 46; Mark 9:43, 48; Jude 7; Revelation 14:9-11; 19:3; 20:10, 14-15