

"DOES IT REALLY MATTER WHAT A PERSON BELIEVES?"
(Defending the Faith - I Timothy 4:1)

Introduction: Believers are to **{continue}** in the Apostle's doctrine! (*Acts 2:41-42*) Church leaders are instructed to **{contend}** for the faith! (*Jude 3*) Why? What? How?

I. {SOURCES} OF AUTHORITY

**II Timothy 3:16* **Proverbs 30:5-6* **Matthew 4:4*
**Deuteronomy 29:29* **Revelation 22:18-19* **II Timothy 2:15*
**I Timothy 4:1*

Note: Before supporting any ministry, read their **{doctrinal statement}**.

II. PLAN OF {SALVATION}

**Revelation 14:6* **Acts 16:30-31* **Ephesians 2:8-9*
**Galatians 2:16* **Galatians 2:21* **Romans 11:6*
**Acts 4:12* **I John 5:11-12* **Matthew 7:21-23*

Note: There will be **{multitudes}** surprised on the day of judgment.

III. BELIEFS ABOUT THE {SON OF GOD}

**Matthew 16:13-17* **John 8:24* **II John 9-11*
**Matthew 24:11* **I John 4:1-3* **John 5:39*
**John 20:30-31*

Note: Was Jesus a **{myth; man; martyr; or Messiah}**?

Conclusion: All believers are **{commanded}** to be able to defend the basis of their faith! (*I Peter 3:15 / Titus 1:9-11*)