

Week 13 Harmony of Testimony and Apologetics

1. Objectives

- 1) Understand the concepts of testimony and apologetics
 - 2) Identify differences and similarities
 - 3) Learn how to integrate both in evangelism
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2. Key Topics

1) What is Testimony?

- (1) Personal account of God's work and grace
 - (2) Subjective but powerful
 - (3) Example: Conversion of Apostle Paul(Acts 22)
 - (4) Characteristics
 - ① Authenticity
 - ② Life transformation
 - ③ Emotional connection
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2) What is Apologetics?

- (1) Rational defense of the Christian faith
 - (2) Based on logic and evidence
 - (3) Biblical basis:
 - ① 1 Peter 3:15
 - ② Teaching of Peter
 - (4) Characteristics
 - ① Logical
 - ③ Objective
 - ④ Answer-oriented
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3) Differences

Category	Testimony	Apologetics
Focus	Experience	Reason
Method	Story	Explanation
Appeal	Emotion	Intellect
Goal	Connection	Persuasion

4) Similarities

- (1) Both proclaim the Gospel
- (2) Both point to Jesus Christ
- (3) Both depend on the Holy Spirit

5) Need for Harmony

- (1) Only testimony → lacks intellectual persuasion
- (2) Only apologetics → lacks emotional impact
- (3) Balanced Gospel presentation is essential

6) Biblical Examples

(1) Apostle Paul

Combined testimony + reasoning (Acts 17)

(2) Jesus Christ

Parables + truth proclamation

3. Practical Application

1) Preparing Testimony

- (1) Before/After life structure
- (2) Focus on key message
- (3) Create a 3-minute testimony

2) Preparing Apologetics

- (1) List common questions
- (2) Prepare biblical and logical answers
- (3) Practice structured arguments

3) Integration Strategy

- (1) Start with testimony → explain with apologetics → conclude with testimony
- (2) Adjust depending on audience

4. Discussion

- 1) What is your testimony?
- 2) What questions do people often ask?
- 3) How can you combine both effectively?

5. Assignment

- 1) Write a 3-minute testimony
- 2) Prepare answers to 2 apologetics questions
- 3) Present a combined testimony + apologetics message