

The Grounds of My Defense

The Need for a Defense

- Defense apologia a reasoned statement or argument. (Strong)
- Faith and hope are to be established on evidence, not any matter of subjectivity Acts 17:1-4, 11; Hebrews 11:1

The Standard

- The Lordship of Christ 1 Peter 3:15; John 5:24-27; 12:48
- If my hope does not rest on the word of Christ it is false.
- The conduct of my defense "with meekness and fear"

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The Defense for My Hope

The Hope

- The hope introduced 1 Peter 1:3-5
 - (verse 3) gained by birth from God. (spiritual)
 - (verse 4) an inheritance. (spiritual)
 - (verse 5) obtained through faith.

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The Hope

- The hope introduced 1 Peter 1:3-5
- The "right" of birth where the hope is given John 1:12-13
 - "right" exousia authority. (Requires obedience Luke 6:46; Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 1:13-14)
 - (verse 13) those who receive Him and believe in His name become a child of God by being born of God.

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Born of God

- Jesus speaks of the new birth John 3:3-8
 - (verse 3) "again" (cf. 1 Peter 1:3 "begotten again")
 - (verse 5) characteristics of birth introduced "of water and the Spirit."
 - (verses 4, 6-8) confusion of Nicodemus and Jesus' explanation.
 - (verse 5) birth to enter the kingdom.
 - Matthew 19:23-30 for salvation, and by "regeneration."
 - Colossians 1:13-14 for redemption, and forgiveness of sins.

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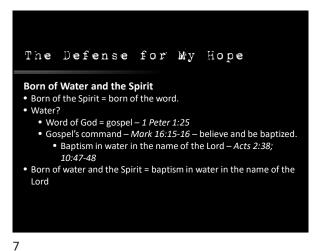
Born of Water and the Spirit

- New birth expounded upon 1 Peter 1:22-25
 - (verse 22) purified souls. (blessings of the kingdom)
 - (verse 23) born of the word of God. (cf. Luke 8:11; 1 John 3:9; James 1:17)
- Spirit?
 - (verse 22) obeyed truth through the Spirit.
 - The Spirit's work is the word's work 1 Peter 1:2; John 17:17; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; Ephesians 6:17
 - To be born of the Spirit is to be born of the word of God.

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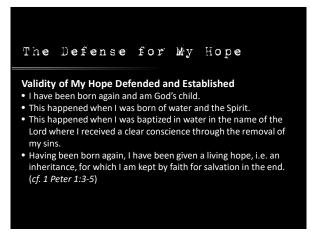
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The Defense for My Hope Born of Water and the Spirit • Born of the Spirit = born of the word. • Born of water and the Spirit = baptism in water in the name of the Lord • Supporting Evidence: • Washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit – Titus 3:5 (Synonymous with John 3:3, 5) • Hebrews 10:22; 9:13-14 – washed with water to cleanse • 1 Peter 3:21 – conscience cleansed in baptism.

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The Defense for My Hope A Final Defense for My Hope – Galatians 3:26-29 Thus I HAVE I AM a son of Because I HAVE God through been baptized into put on Christ faith Christ And I AM Abraham's seed and an heir according to the promise.





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