

**MI 201 – Defending and Sharing Our Faith**  
**Tuesdays // Church Auditorium // Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm**  
**October 6<sup>th</sup> - November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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### **Course Description**

**1 Corinthians 1:17** states, *“For Christ sent me not to baptize, **but to preach the gospel**: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.”*

It is not just a mere suggestion but a command for all believers to share their faith. It is the gospel, and the gospel alone that changes lives. It is not religion, church, doing right, or even having knowledge. It is the good news of God’s grace being freely offered to all mankind through the finished and completed work of the cross of His Son - Jesus Christ!

This course is designed to give believers the tools and understanding of how to not only witness and share their faith, but also defend it, through knowing and understanding our Bible. This course offers an overview through selected Scriptures as we study why we should share our faith, how to share our faith, and how to defend what we believe through the Scriptures.

**Ephesians 6:19-20** says, *“And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth **boldly**, to make **known** the mystery of the **gospel**, For which I am an **ambassador** in bonds: that therein I may speak **boldly**, as I **ought** to speak.”*

This is the prayer of my heart, that each and every one of us, as ambassadors of God, will be filled with Christ to speak His gospel boldly in our everyday lives.

### **Course Objectives**

Students will memorize select verses from God's Word which will equip them to be effective in sharing their faith and defending it.

Students will understand several important and shared facts concerning other religions, such as:

- Catholicism\*
- Mormonism\*
- Jehovah Witnesses\*
- Islam\*

**\*This is not an exhaustive study of each, only an overview of what similarities they all share.**

Students will be able to explain what they believe and why they believe it through the Scriptures and how this relates to defending their Bible against cults.

Students will understand the difference between the law of Moses and grace, and why it is necessary, on occasion, to implement both when sharing their faith.

Students will gain an overall grasp of the law, grace, having a personal testimony, being able to cross-reference Scripture, how to start the conversation, and how it all fits together.

Students will have a better ability to be able to detect false teaching when others take the Bible out of context. They will learn more of their Bible instead of only focusing on cults and what they believe.

### **Required Textbook**

- The Bible (King James Version)

### **Course Requirements**

- Taking four tests and one final exam

### **Grading System**

Grades will be calculated on the following basis: Five tests at 20% each

### **Course Outline**

#### **Session 1 (October 6<sup>th</sup>)**

Class expectations

Class introduction

Lesson 1

#### **Session 2 (October 13<sup>th</sup>)**

Test from session 1 notes

Lesson 2

#### **Session 3 (October 20<sup>th</sup>)**

Test from session 2 notes

Lesson 3

#### **Session 4 (October 27<sup>th</sup>)**

Test from session 3 notes

Lesson 4

#### **Session 5 (November 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

Test from session 4 notes

Lesson 5

#### **Session 6 (November 10<sup>th</sup>)**

Lesson 6

Final Exam (*taken from all 4 tests and notes from lesson 6*)

## **Attendance Policy**

Attendance will be taken at every class and will be recorded. Students taking the course for credit are only allowed one absence since this course only has six classes. Tests can be made up by coordinating with the secretary of the teacher (Stephanie Thompson).