KNOW WHY/WHAT YOU BELIEVE

- Know Why You Believe?
- Begs the question "What do you believe"
- The "what' can be redefined as a Worldview:

Your most **fundamental beliefs** and **assumptions** about the universe you inhabit

- 1. Is there Is there a God?
- 2. If there isn't a God, does it matter?
- 3. What is truth and can anyone really know the truth anyway? (is truth subjective or objective)

Worldviews ultimately have to answer at least four BIG questions

1. Where did the universe come from and where is it going— if anywhere? (Origin)

2. What's the meaning of life? Does my life have a purpose and, if so, what is it? What am I supposed to do with my life. What does it mean to live a good life? Does it really matter in the end whether or not I live a good life? ? (Meaning)

3. Is there life after death, what happens after we die? Are humans basically just smart apes with superior hygiene and fashion sense— or is there more to us than that? (Destiny)

4. Is anything really good or bad? How is that determined? (Morality)

BEFORE WE DIVE INTO THESE INTELLECTUAL QUESTIONS LET'S EXAMINE A BIG PIECE THAT CAN'T BE IGNORED

- Revelation (not the Book of..) "is an act of <u>revealing</u> or communicating divine truth b: something that is <u>revealed</u> by God to humans" webster Dictionary
- "Is revelation enough or must there be illumination? Now revelation, I repeat, can't save. Revelation is the ground upon which we stand. Revelation tells us what to believe. It is the Book of God and I stand for it with all my heart; but there must be, before I can be saved, illumination, penitence, renewal, inward deliverance." AW Tozer, A. W. (2014-09-14). God Still Speaks: Are We Listening? (Kindle Locations 115-116). CrossReach Publishing. Kindle Edition.
- <u>(1 Corinthians 2: 4-5): "My speech and my preaching was not with</u> <u>enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and</u> <u>of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in</u> <u>the power of God."</u>

GOAL OF THIS CLASS

The class intention (goal) is to provide believers with a framework for addressing non-believers with a rational answer when we encounter someone who doesn't share our worldview. Our core scripture verse is I Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, (NIV)" "Behind every question is a questioner" "The task of the <u>apologist</u> is to find that bridge from the head to the heart" Ravi Zacharias

PLAY YOU TUBE

SESSION 2 – IS THERE ABSOLUTE TRUTH

 Review – Last week we reviewed some big ideas regarding world views and why we need to defend our Christian Worldview. Tonight lets look at one idea. Can all worldviews be true or is there absolute truth.?