CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS





SHORTER RESPONSES TO LIFE'S DIFFICULT QUESTIONS. (IDEAL TO BE USED WHEN WITNESSING TO PEOPLE)

i. I am a Catholic already

RESPONSE:

I used to be an Anglican but I never knew God personally. The moment I invited Jesus Christ to come into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour I experienced a great inner peace for the first time in my life. For the first time in my life, I had a real and personal relationship with God. The empty void that I had in my heart for 29 years was finally filled the moment I began my relationship with Jesus Christ

ii. I am already a very religious person



RESPONSE:

I used to be very religious myself, but I never had a peace in my heart and as I struggled through life, I never knew that there was a God who actually cared about me so much that He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for my sins so that I could have a personal relationship with my Creator. When I invited Jesus Christ into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour I entered into a very real and personal relationship with God and for the first time I experienced true inner peace.

iii. I was christened as a baby, so I am already a Christian



RESPONSE:

I was also baptized as a baby, however as I grew up, I never got to know Jesus Christ personally, even though I went to a Church service every week for several years. The bible even says how many people will come up to Jesus at the end of their life and say how they ate and drank in His presence, and how He taught in their streets, but Jesus will say to them, depart from Me, I never knew you.

All of us have to get to know Jesus Christ personally before we die, and receive Him into our hearts and lives to be our Lord and Saviour. If I asked you the following question today, could you answer "yes." Do you really know Jesus Christ personally as your Lord and Saviour?



iv. All the wars are over Religion



RESPONSE:

Many wars are over religion, but if everyone had the love of Jesus Christ in their hearts, there would be no wars at all in this world. In fact, it was the religious people who sought to have Jesus Christ nailed to the cross after He had lived 33 years on this earth healing the sick and setting the oppressed free and demonstrating the love and compassion of God. The simple fact is that only Jesus Christ can replace a heart of stone with a heart of flesh.

What about all the Hindus and Buddhists. Surely, they go to Heaven as well

RESPONSE:

Jesus Christ came to this earth for one major reason, to die for the sins of mankind so that all of us can have the choice to enter into a relationship with God and to have a place in heaven. Three days later He rose from the dead with the keys to death and hell. Buddha is now dead, so is Krishna but Jesus is alive and the only way to heaven. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

Jesus stands at the door of heaven and lets all those in who have made Him their Lord and Saviour. If you were the Son of God, would you die on the cross if there was another way for mankind to get to heaven? In the same way, if I asked you to open up a security gate so that you could get in, which had a unique code 777, would it help you if I gave you every other combination except this one. Jesus is the only name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved

vi. All that churches do is take peoples' money

RESPONSE:

The bible says that when you give ten percent of your income to God you will be blessed and that you will be unable to contain the blessings. When I give my money to a church I am always giving to God rather than to a church institution. When I have been obedient in my giving to God, I have always seen God's incredible blessing on my own life. I can only but encourage every person that if they give to God what is His, in the long run they will experience His blessing and favour upon their lives as His promises in His word never change.

vii. I am not a bad person. I don't believe that people are really bad and that everyone goes to Heaven when they die

RESPONSE:

Most people do not think that they are bad people, nor did I think that I was a bad person before I became a Christian, but the moment I invited Jesus Christ to come into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour I realized just how sinful many of my attitudes were.

I can now clearly see why the Bible says that we have all sinned and that we all fall short of the glory of God and that there is none righteous, no, not one. I am just so glad that Jesus died for all of My sins and that I invited Him into my heart to be My Lord and Saviour several years ago.

Jesus Himself said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

It was only when I gave my life to Jesus that I found what true happiness was and I found the ability to truly love others in an unconditional way.

viii. I don't believe that there is any evil in the world

RESPONSE:

Most people when they see the news each night can now only describe many of the atrocities that they see happening all around the world as evil. The brutal execution of 35 innocent civilians in Nigeria recently can only be described as evil. With so many wars now taking place across the globe and murders and violence becoming more and more prevalent, it is almost impossible now to believe that evil does not exist in this world.

ix. I don't believe people are evil. People are just a product of their upbringing

RESPONSE: A person who has just killed innocent people can only be described as being evil. It is true however, that our upbringing has a significant effect on our lives and can be an underlying factor behind a person carrying out acts of evil. People who have been physically and emotionally abused as kids can allow hatred and evil to enter their hearts.

In the book of Jeremiah we read, "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)

The bible even says that "from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murder ..." (Mark 7:21) Murder invariably begins with an angry thought that enters the heart. People can feed their eyes and minds with so much violent, pornographic and demonic films, that they begin to have their own hearts and minds changed as they begin to become more and more evil.

Some people have allowed evil to come into their hearts as a result of what they have watched, experienced, or heard from others. The simple fact is that some people in our world could only be described as being evil.

Yet Jesus can change their hearts and lives if they are prepared to repent of their sins and receive Him into their hearts and lives to be their Lord and Saviour.



x. I don't believe that there is any such thing as a devil



RESPONSE:

A lot of people don't believe that there is any such thing as the devil and this is just what the devil wants people to think. The bible says how the devil is a master of lies and deception and that he roams around seeking to kill and destroy as many people as he can. Many people have heard the lies of the devil telling them that they had no future and ended up taking their own life in response to these lies. Many people have also experienced broken marriages because the devil has told them that the pasture was greener on the other side, only to find that it wasn't.



We are now seeing in the world high divorce rates, an increase in suicides and the ever-increasing use of drugs as people believe the lies of the Devil that they have no future. The increase in wars, drug overdoses, single parent families and depression, clearly illustrates that the devil is certainly succeeding in his efforts to see the death and destruction of as many lives as possible. The bible however reveals the wonderful hope that we can have if we put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

Because of Jesus Christ's willingness to die on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins we can now experience the life and life more abundantly that Jesus spoke of. God has a unique plan for every believer's life that is full of great purpose and meaning.

The wonderful eternal hope however, is that all those who call upon the name of the Lord will receive the gift of eternal life.

xi. If God is loving, why does He allow wars and evil to take place in the world?

RESPONSE:

God is never the one who is responsible for wars; in fact, it is actually quite the opposite. Wars start because the people responsible for starting them do not have the love of God in their hearts. If everyone had the love of Jesus Christ in their hearts, there would be no wars. America is a perfect example of how violence, homicides and immorality have increased, since God's ten commandments were banned from schools.

It is now not even safe to walk down the streets at night in many of America's larger cities. The bible makes it clear that the human heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked and that only Jesus Christ can change the heart of a person. Only the love of God in the hearts of people will prevent wars, however so many people reject Him, and choose to live for themselves.



It is when people live for themselves and are influenced by the spirit of this world, which emphasizes selfgratification and self-seeking, that wars and evil actions originate. God will however eventually judge the world, and all those who do not make Jesus Christ their Lord and Saviour, will ultimately spend eternity in Hell.



xii. If God is so loving, why would He allow people to go to Hell?

RESPONSE:

God so loved the world that He sent His one and only Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins, so that all those who humble themselves and put their trust in Him, can have a place in Heaven for eternity. Many people however, reject Jesus Christ and choose to go down the broad path that leads to death and Hell, as they choose to live for themselves and in their own strength. It is God's desire however, that no one perishes and goes to Hell.

xiii. Everyone should be entitled to his or her own beliefs

RESPONSE:

To me if I really love someone, I want the best for him or her, and part of this is being honest with them. If I didn't tell you that Jesus Christ is the only way to get to heaven, and that when you invite Him into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour, you will find inner peace and God's perfect plan for your life, I would not really be wanting the best for your life. I care for you and value your friendship very much, and I would be devastated if I did not have your friendship for eternity. I could not also stand the thought of you being in Hell one day, when today you can get into a right relationship with God, by accepting Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.



xiv. Why do I need to become a Christian to get to Heaven?

RESPONSE:

There is only one way that we can have a relationship with God and spend eternity in Heaven when we die. All of us have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God and it is our sins that prevent unbelievers from being in relationship with God. However, because of God's great love for us and His desire to have a relationship with us, He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross to pay the penalty for all of our sins.

It is the sinless blood of Jesus Christ that He shed on the cross at Calvary which cleanses us from all of our sins when we become a believer. When we turn to God and invite Jesus Christ to come into our hearts and life to be our Lord and Saviour, we exchange our own sinfulness for His righteousness, so all God sees in us is the righteousness of Jesus Christ. It is for this reason that only Christians will get to heaven.

xv. If Christians are so good, how come children are molested by priests?

RESPONSE:

The bible says that we all sin and fall short of the Glory of God and that none of us are perfect. The bible also says how a Christian's life is characterized by the fruit (character) in their life. This changed lifestyle should demonstrate the qualities of love, joy, peace and long suffering. There is a saying that there is always one bad apple in the bunch and this can be the case in every single organization.

The simple fact is that humanity is sinful and only Jesus Christ can change the heart of a person and it is only a person's ongoing relationship with God, which makes it possible for a person to live as a true Christian.

I don't believe that any Christian who has the love of Jesus Christ in their heart could molest a child, however a religious person who does not know Jesus Christ personally, may tragically stumble in this area. It is only when a person has invited Jesus Christ into their heart to be their Lord and Saviour that God sends His Holy Spirit into their life, so that he or she has the ability to live in a Godly and loving way.

xvi. I would need some proof that God exists before I would become a Christian

RESPONSE:

Becoming a Christian is all about faith, just believing that Jesus Christ died on the cross at Calvary to pay the penalty for our sins and that He arose again three days later from the dead and then receiving Him into our heart to be our Lord and Saviour. The walk of faith per Hebrews 11:1 is just simply believing that something will happen, when logic says it should not happen.

When you look at nature, the first impression that most people have is that some higher Being must have been responsible for creating this earth and all that we see in nature. Most kids will instinctively say how God created the sun. The bible says how we must have a childlike faith to accept Jesus into our heart to be our Lord and Saviour. It is amazing how when little kids at church hear about Jesus, invariably nearly all of them will raise their hands to accept Him into their hearts.

The older we get, the more hurts we have experienced in life, and the more we begin to complicate life. Right now, Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart hoping that you will open up your heart by faith to accept Him into your life. If you do, you will experience the peace of God that passes all understanding, and all of a sudden you will realize just how real it is to have a personal relationship with God. Right now, you too can open your heart up by faith and invite Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.



xvii. I believe in reincarnation, and that this life is just a trial run for our next life

RESPONSE:

Most people would say that living once in this world is hard enough, however many people would like to believe that there is another chance to have a better life later. The bible says that it is appointed for man to die once and then to face judgment. However, the bible also says how we can all experience a better life, not only now, but also in the future.

The bible also speaks about a place called Heaven, which is a place where there will be peace and joy and no more tears for eternity. All those who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus shall be saved, and have a place set-aside for them in Heaven for eternity. The good thing however is that when you turn to God and repent of all of your sins, and invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart, you will also experience the peace of God now, as you enter into God's perfect plan for your life.

xviii.l can't take this thing about being spiritual beings. When we die, we just die

RESPONSE:

I am sure that every person who has seen a dead body will realize that what remains is just a body of human flesh, because the real person, the spirit and soul of the person has left the body to go to one of two places that the bible calls Heaven or Hell. Similarly, when someone is in another room, you are also aware of the spiritual presence of that person, as you are when a person is stalking you.

The simple fact is that we are spiritual beings and all of us were made to be in fellowship with God, however because of our own sinful and independent nature, none of us can come into fellowship with God until we invite Jesus Christ to come into heart to be our Lord and Saviour. Until a person does, they will always experience an inner emptiness or void in their own spirit, as their spirit is not in relationship with God.



Today you can experience the inner peace of God by repenting of your sins and inviting Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour, so that you can enter into God's perfect plan for your life.



xix. I believe in God already. I pray to Him from time to time when in trouble

RESPONSE:

A lot of people believe that there is a God, but never actually have the joy of getting to know Him personally. I have seen many people on TV when I was younger who I have known of, but who I do not actually know PERSONALLY. I have more recently seen Anthony Albanese and Donald Trump for example many times on my smart phone but I do not know them personally.

When you get to know God personally, you have so much joy just being in His presence, that you want to spend time with Him everyday, and not just when your life is falling apart. I have found that allowing God to guide my life is the most exciting and fulfilling way to live my life, as He opens up each new door in my life. Today you too can enter into a real and personal relationship with God by simply humbling yourself before Him, acknowledging your own sinfulness and inviting Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour.

xx. Why did God allow my mum to die from cancer?

RESPONSE:

The bible says that there is a good man who perishes in his righteousness, yet there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his wickedness. The bible also says that it is appointed for man to die once and then to face judgment and how death for a righteous person is really only the beginning of a new and better life in Heaven.

We also live in a very fallen world because of Adam and Eve's decision right at the outset of creation to disobey God when tempted by the Devil in the garden of Eden. As a result of this disobedience man's dominion over the earth was forfeited to Satan who now still has great influence in the affairs of this world. This explains why the world is full of violence and wars and great injustices as the Devil influences people to mistreat others.

As a result of man's disobedience sickness and death entered into humanity which can now be clearly evidenced in all the problems and sicknesses that we now see in our world today.

People can also die early for many reasons. Some of these reasons include because of taking unnecessary risks on the road, high stress levels, wrong eating patterns and from the pressure of people continually trying to control their own life. People will usually suicide when they believe that they have nothing to live for, yet God has a unique plan and purpose for every single person's life. God will in His mercy at times supernaturally intervene to prevent someone from dying, to give them a chance to get their life right with Him before they eventually pass away.

We see God's great love and concern for all people when we look at His Son Jesus Christ dying on the cross at Calvary to pay the penalty for our sins. Jesus Himself said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) It is truly God's desire that no one would perish, but some people unfortunately will never ever turn to God to receive the gift of eternal life through putting their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

Although death is inevitable for all of us God has on many occasions supernaturally prolonged the life of a person as He knew that they would ultimately receive the gift of eternal life through putting their faith and trust in Jesus Christ. For those who have turned to God and have asked Jesus Christ to come into their heart and life to be their Lord and Saviour, death in the body is just the beginning of and far better life in Heaven. THIS IS THE WONDERFUL ETERNAL HOPE THAT WE HAVE IN CHRIST



xxi. God is in all of us anyway



RESPONSE:

A lot of people believe that God is in them, but this statement is only true if someone has personally invited Jesus Christ into their heart to be their Lord and Saviour. All of us have a God shaped vacuum that only He can fill and all of us will have an inner loneliness until God's Spirit fills that void and connects with our spirit.

Today you can find that inner peace by acknowledging your sinful state and asking God to forgive you of all of your sins. When you ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Savior, you enter into a personal relationship with God and the Holy Spirit fills that God shaped vacuum as your spirit is born again from above.



xxii. My life is fine at the moment. I don't really need Jesus.

RESPONSE:

A lot of people go through life living a second-best life. When a runner is used to always running in a cheap pair of runners, he wouldn't even consider that there is a better way, as he pulls up each day slightly sore in the knees. If someone all of a sudden gave him a gift of a new pair of runners, and he put them on the next time he ran, he would feel like he is running on air.

So many people choose to live life apart from God for many years of their life, until often, life's struggles literally bring them to their knees. The bible says that there is a way, which seems right to man, but in the end, it leads to death. The bible also says that there is a path, which leads to life.

It is only when you invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour, that you will find true peace and purpose as you enter into God's perfect plan for your life, with an assurance that when you die, you will immediately have a place in Heaven for eternity.

Without this personal relationship with Jesus Christ, a person can never get to Heaven and when they die, their spirit and soul will reside for eternity in a place the bible calls hell. Today you can enter into eternal life however by simply humbling yourself and repenting of all of your sins and inviting Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.



xxiii.l don't believe that there is any such thing as Hell



RESPONSE:

Most people would like to think that there is no such place as Hell, whilst many people's lives are in so much turmoil that the word hell is almost an appropriate word to describe their lives. The bible says how there are two paths that we can take in life, the broad path, which leads to death and destruction, or the narrow path, which leads to life. Hell was only ever meant for a group of fallen angels that were led by a chief angel called Lucifer, who is also known as the devil. The bible tells how these angels wanted to take over from God and as a result they were cast out of Heaven down to earth, where they have deceived man into wanting to be like God and to live their lives independent of God.

All of us when we are born instinctively live for ourselves, wanting what is best for us, trying to be something in our own strength and never wanting to involve God in our lives. It is God's desire that no one go to hell, however many people chose that path and reject God all of their life.

God has however made the way where we can come into a real and personal relationship with Him. All we have to do is acknowledge our own sinfulness and rebellion and repent of our sins and invite Jesus Christ to come into our heart and life to be our Lord and Saviour.

xxiv.l don't need Jesus. I have done enough good things to go to Heaven!

RESPONSE:

The bible says how we have all sinned and fall short of the Glory of God, and that there is none righteous, no not one. The simple fact is that Jesus has made it possible for the worst sinner, the murderer, the armed robber, the selfish businessman, the billionaire and the peasant to have a place in Heaven when they die IF they come to Christ. Jesus Himself said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

Only Jesus can save us from our sins. "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among man by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12) Neither our money, our status in the community, our pale shade of goodness, or anything else will be able to get us into Heaven when we die. In fact, the bible even says how, when compared to God's goodness, all of our own righteous acts are like filthy rags. We all need Jesus to get to heaven, however many people fail to humble themselves before God and acknowledge their own sinfulness and as a result, never end up going to Heaven when they die.

God resists the proud, but He gives saving grace to the humble. Today, you too can be assured of a place in Heaven by humbling yourself before God and repenting of your sins, and inviting Jesus Christ to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour.



xxv. I believe already that there is a God or some higher spiritual being out there

RESPONSE:

Most people when they look at creation are made aware of the existence of a God, however so many people do not have a real and personal relationship with Him. Praying to a God who is not real in your own life is like talking to a statute. God longs to be in a real and personal relationship with all of us, however it is the sinfulness of people that prevents unbelievers from experiencing God's presence. It is because of His great love for us, that God sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for all of our sins, so that all of us <u>can choose</u> to have a real and personal relationship with God. Today you too can have a real and personal relationship with God by humbling yourself and repenting of all of your sins and asking Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.



xxvi.How can Christians say that we are all sinners? Surely babies are not sinful

RESPONSE:

I have seen enough babies yelling and screaming at their parents in a supermarket, to realize that babies too are sinful. Likewise, I have seen enough fights between my young grandchildren to know that all of us, no matter what age we are, have a natural tendency to want our own way, and to do things that we want to do.

Sin is categorized by selfishness and independence, and the bible even says that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and that there is none righteous, no, not one. Even as a Christian, we can still at times have attitudes which are sinful and selfish. For this reason I know that the only reason that I will be going to Heaven when I die, is because I humbled myself before God, repented of all of my sins and invited Jesus Christ to come into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour.

Jesus Himself said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6) Jesus is now standing at the door of your heart knocking, wanting to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. Jesus Christ loves us so much that He was prepared to hang on a cross to die for our sins. All we need to do to be saved is to open up our heart to Him and make Him our Lord and Saviour. When we do, we enter into a real and personal relationship with God forever and we have the assurance that when we die, we will go straight to Heaven.

xxvii.What happens to people who do not hear about Jesus? Will they go to Hell?

RESPONSE:

It is God's desire that no one would perish and that all of us would have an eternal relationship with Him, beginning here and then continuing on in Heaven. God can and has revealed Jesus in many ways to people, including directly in an audible voice, through a bible, through graffiti on a wall and even in a dust storm in Somalia, where the image of Jesus was seen and three thousand people gave their hearts to Jesus Christ.

God will never ever give up on anyone, however each one of us must choose to follow Jesus before we die. Only God knows how He has revealed Himself to people and right now He is giving you the opportunity to give your heart to Jesus Christ, so that you can have a relationship with Him for eternity. All you have to do is turn to Him and repent of your sins and invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on.



xxviii.l have done too much wrong for God to want me. Jesus could not forgive me

RESPONSE:

Jesus actually came down to earth to save sinners and not for the righteous. In fact, the bible says where sin abounds, grace abounds even more and Jesus actually explained this principle in the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. In this Parable a religious man stood and prayed within himself the prayer, thank God I am not like other men who are sinners. On the other hand, a much-despised tax collector who was barely able to look to Heaven, cried out to God, be merciful on this sinner. Jesus said it was the tax collector rather than the religious man who went home in a right relationship with God that night.



Jesus died for all of our sins, and everyone from the criminal to the billionaire has the same opportunity to enter into Heaven when they die. Everyone's good deeds are all like filthy rags before a Holy and loving God. It is only those who humble themselves before God and call upon the name of Lord who will be saved.



I don't care what you have done in the past, today you too, can be forgiven of all of your sins and find the peace of God which comes from humbling yourself before God. All you need to do is confess your sins and invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour.



xxix.Religion is just a crutch for people who cannot cope with life

RESPONSE:

When I walk down the street, I see many people who are struggling to cope with life. The bible says that without a vision people perish and in today's ever-changing environment, genuine friendships are becoming harder to make in a world that is becoming more and more impersonal.

Many people are now resorting to drugs, alcohol, gambling and pornography to help them cope with living from one day to the next without a genuine hope and purpose for their lives. Others throw themselves into a career, or the accumulation of material assets, or the building of a business to help them cope with the inner emptiness within.

Without realizing it, everyone has some form of method, or crutch, to help them get through life and to cope with their inner loneliness. Religion, without a real and personal relationship with God is also not the answer. Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the only way that anyone will ever have the inner peace of God that so many people are now searching for in so many ways.

Whilst being the most rewarding life ever, being a Christian is also full of trials and tribulations as we reject the world's values of materialism, status, body image and immorality.

In fact, because people need to repent of their sins to become a Christian, many choose to stay on the broad path of life that leads to death and destruction. Today however, you can be one of those who enter into God's perfect plan for your life and be one of those who can share the good news of the gospel with others in a world which is fast falling apart at the seams.

All that you have to do is turn to God today and repent of all of your sins and invite Jesus Christ to come into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour. When you do, you will not only experience the peace of God, but you will begin to embrace God's unique plan for your life, with the assurance that the moment you die, you will be in Heaven for eternity,

AND



xxx. I can see how your faith helps you and that's fine, but I don't need it myself

RESPONSE:

Very few people, no matter how bad things are going, like to admit that they are struggling in life. Others can be very well off materialistically but never give much consideration as to how they could help others in society. All of us though, no matter whether we are well off materialistically, or struggling to get by, have an inner emptiness that only Jesus Christ can fill.

Whilst one person may drink to cover up the pain in his life, someone else may eat out at restaurants frequently and seek constant entertainment to fill the void within. Every one of us will one day give an account of our lives to God. The bible makes it clear that there is none righteous, no not one and that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

All of us will die one day (except those who will be raptured) and our eternal spirit and soul will leave our body to go to one of two places; either heaven, or ultimately hell. At present the spirit and soul of unbelievers when they die goes to Hades. It does not matter whether we have had a great life materialistically, or a struggling life here on earth, we will all stand before God to give an account of our life here on earth. Jesus Christ came to this earth to pay the penalty for all of our sins, by dying on the cross and shedding His sinless blood for us, so that we can have our sins washed away if we receive Him into our lives to be our Lord and Saviour.

All of us, whether poor or rich, have to humble ourselves before God and ask for Him to forgive us of all of our sins before we die and invite Jesus Christ into our hearts to be our Lord and Saviour. The bible says that it is harder for a rich man to get to heaven, than it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.

Many people who have rejected God all of their lives will experience the reality of spending an eternity in hell, after hearing the words from Jesus, depart from Me, I never knew you.

Today is the only day that you can be assured of getting your life right with God, for tomorrow may never come. Today you too can get to know Jesus Christ personally by inviting Him into your heart and life to be your Lord and Saviour from this day on. In doing this you will not only have a hope in this life, but a glorious hope beyond the grave.

I will conclude this teaching on Christian Apologetics by sharing the sinner's prayer that people can pray to receive the gift of eternal life.

Dear Father God today I turn from my sins to live for You. I believe that Jesus Christ died for all my sins and arose from the dead three days later. Today I invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life to be my Lord and Saviour and best friend from this day on. Today I ask that Jesus would please baptise me with the Holy Spirit and fire NOW I pray, Amen