

# Defending Faith

## 1 Peter 3:13-17

### Discern—The Need

- **In Court Handout**
- **The Church Struggles**

### Embrace—The Word

- **The Cost** (vv.13-14a)— There is a cost when you defend your faith
  - *Deeply committed*
  - *Who will harm you*
  - *But even if*
  - *You are blessed*
- **The Christ** (vv.14b-15)—Jesus Christ must be the center of your defense of faith
  - *Do not fear what they fear*
  - *Honor*
  - *Always ready to give a defense*
- **The Conscience** (vv.16-17)—Maintaining a clear conscience is essential in defending your faith
  - *However*
  - *Gentleness*
  - *Respect*
  - *Keeping your conscience clear*
  - *So that when you are accused*
  - *Better to suffer*

### Engage—The Truth

- **Challenge**
- **How to Learn**