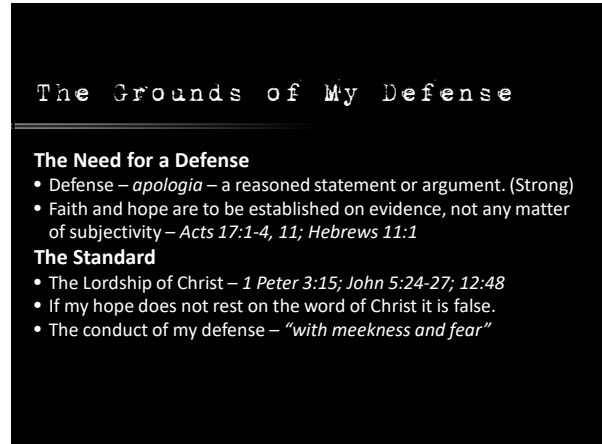
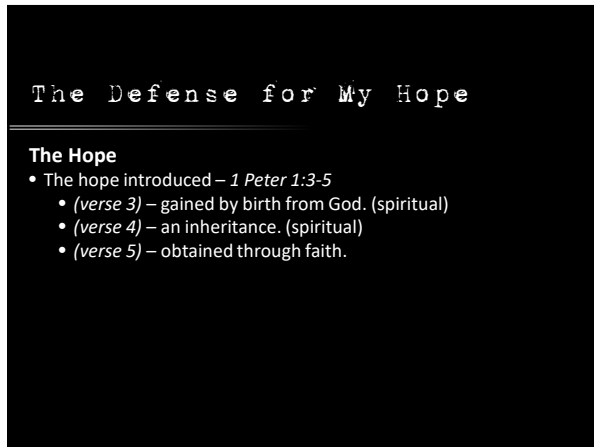


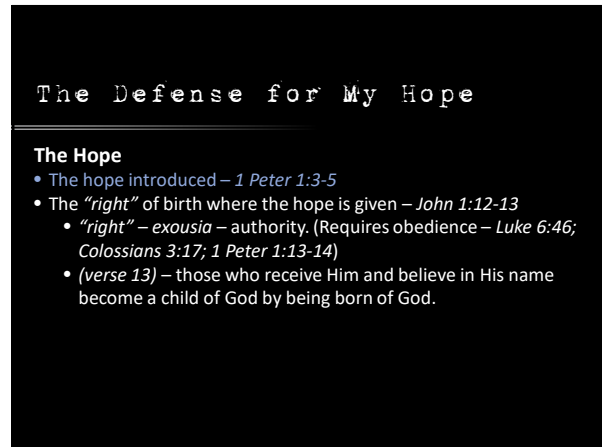
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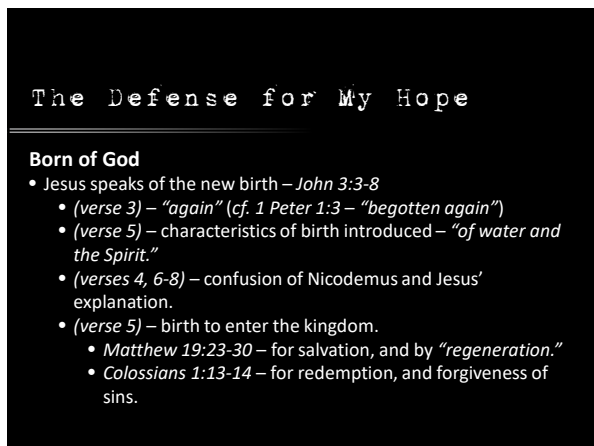
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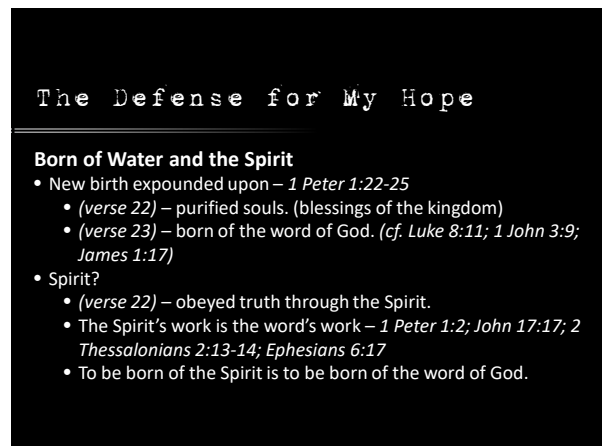
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The Defense for My Hope

Born of Water and the Spirit

- Born of the Spirit = born of the word.
- Water?
 - Word of God = gospel – *1 Peter 1:25*
 - Gospel's command – *Mark 16:15-16* – believe and be baptized.
 - Baptism in water in the name of the Lord – *Acts 2:38; 10:47-48*
- Born of water and the Spirit = baptism in water in the name of the Lord

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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 conscience.
 - *1 Peter 3:21* – conscience cleansed in baptism.

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The Defense for My Hope

Validity of My Hope Defended and Established

- I have been born again and am God's child.
- This happened when I was born of water and the Spirit.
- This happened when I was baptized in water in the name of the Lord where I received a clear conscience through the removal of my sins.
- Having been born again, I have been given a living hope, i.e. an inheritance, for which I am kept by faith for salvation in the end. (cf. *1 Peter 1:3-5*)

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The Defense for My Hope

A Final Defense for My Hope – Galatians 3:26-29

I **AM** a son of God through faith → Because I **HAVE** been baptized into Christ → Thus I **HAVE** put on Christ

And I **AM** Abraham's seed and an heir according to the promise.

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The Defense for My Hope

A Final Defense for My Hope – Galatians 3:26-29

I **AM NOT** a son of God through faith → Because I **HAVE NOT** been baptized into Christ → Thus I **HAVE NOT** put on Christ

And I **AM NOT** Abraham's seed and an heir according to the promise.

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The Defense for My Hope

1 Peter 3:15

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