

### October 2025 Newsletter

Throughout the New Testament we see that we are sinners saved by grace, "created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Eph. 2:10). Indeed, in Titus 3:14, Paul powerfully writes that,

Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.

Have you learned to engage in good deeds or to meet pressing needs? This is not a trivial question; we are made to bear good fruits that glorify our heavenly Father (Mt. 5:16). In fact, part of what it means to be a disciple is that we bear good fruit (cf. Jn 15:8). Three ways we can "learn to engage in good deeds" include:

- (1) *Engage Scripture Daily*. Scripture teaches and equips us for "every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-7). As we dwell on the things above rather than the world, our minds can be transformed such that we learn what is "good, acceptable, and perfect" (Rom. 12:2; Phil. 4:8; Col. 3:2).
- (2) Engage in Good Works! "Prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves" (Jas. 1:22). In addition to dwelling on the things above, Paul states that we must also "practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you" (Phil. 4:9).
- (3) Be Steadfastly Engaged. We must "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in* vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). Even if it is difficult or challenging work, let us not grow weary in doing good (1 Thess. 3:13)!

It may be helpful to recall that Paul describes the fruit of the Spirit as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23). Peter gives a similar list in 2 Peter 1:5-7 and adds, "For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, *they render you neither useless nor unfruitful* in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Are these qualities yours and increasing? Are you useful and fruitful to the Lord? May we encourage you to start doing so today so "that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col. 1:10).







We are excited to announce that we will be launching a refreshed CORE Apologetics Logo very soon! Not only will our logo be updated, but we will also share with you some of the significance surrounding the new design. We have been fortunate enough to work with a team at Liberty University's Open Quote Creative to work on this and other designs. More news to come!

# **Recent and Upcoming Activity!**

September was a wonderfully eventful month. We started **a public webinar series** on NT Reliability and **two private webinar series** on Jesus' resurrection for a total of three webinars!

Each of these has been going very well with great interaction and discussion.

Dr. Davis and Dr. Shaw were able to speak at an "Ask Me" conference at Crosspointe Church in Suffolk, VA! We had a wonderful time and spoke six times in two days! We covered several different topics, including the importance of being confident, prepared, and ready to give reasons for the hope that we have.

Additionally, over 50 copies of *Trustworthy* were given out during the conference. This is something we would like to start doing at each of our upcoming events moving forward. If you would be interested in sponsoring a book order for an event, please contact us!







Lastly, Dr. Shaw spoke at a *Ratio Christi* event at Liberty University, wrote a blog for Pure Encouragement on the importance of Jesus' resurrection, and was on the Being Brave podcast! Very importantly, we wanted to share that Dr. Shaw made significant progress on his trip to Ghana, including getting his visa approved!

We are scheduled to be at many different events in October, including a few with Dr. Habermas:

- Dr. Habermas, Dr. Shaw, and Dr. Davis will be at the National Apologetics Conference in Rock Hill, SC and hosted by Southern Evangelical Seminary (Oct. 10-11).
- These three will also be at Cramerton Church (Cramerton, NC) the Sunday of that same weekend (Oct. 12).
- Dr. Habermas and Dr. Shaw will be hosting a CORE Apologetics event in Roanoke, VA on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. Davis will be at City Lights Church in San Diego, CA for a CORE Event titled "Big Questions: Real Talk about Faith and Doubts."
- Dr. Shaw is scheduled to be on a podcast with 72 Ministries and a virtual lecture for Ratio Christi. He will also be at the CEO Summit at Liberty University.



## Here's How You Can Help!

We sincerely appreciate prayer for this ministry to be effective and fruitful in building disciples and ministering to those with doubts as we work to equip believers. We are immensely thankful for those who support this ministry and continually pray for you.



1. **Financially**: this can be done through our website as a recurring *monthly donor* or as a *one-time* gift. We also have the *CORE Project* for donors who can receive scholarships for our webinars that they can use or give to others.

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2. **Energy**: you can give of your time and energy by *volunteering* to help with various needs that we may have, by *praying* for us, or by *sharing* this ministry with churches, organizations, and individuals.

### **Prayer Requests**

As we continue our efforts, please pray for the following:

- Please pray for **strength, wisdom, and discernment** for Dr. Davis, Dr. Shaw, and our Board of Directors.
- Please pray that the upcoming events, activities, and projects mentioned above would be **fruitful**, **effective**, **and for safe travels**!
- Please pray especially for the logistics regarding the **Ghana event** in the Fall.

Thank you for reading this and if there is anything we can do to help, if you have any questions, or if you want to introduce us to anyone, please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

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