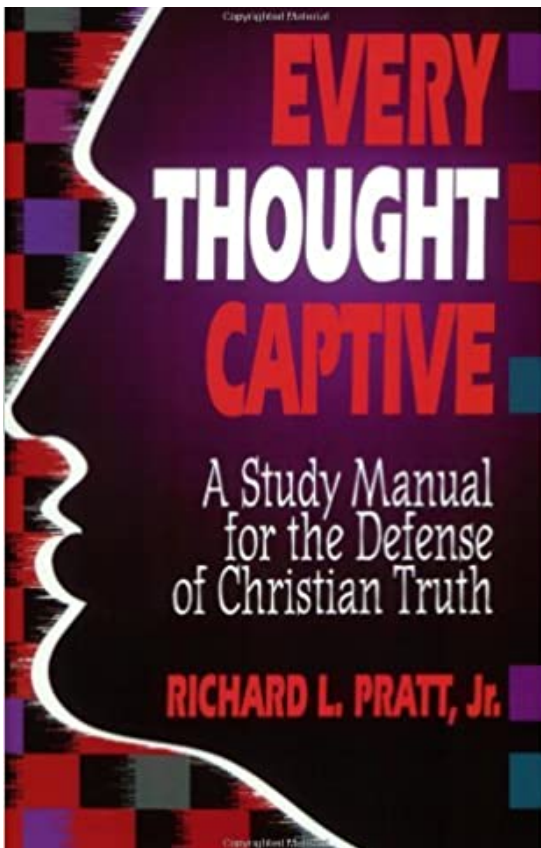


book of the month *Every Thought Captive* – Richard L. Pratt, Jr.

When I was first introduced to apologetics (the practice of defending the Christian faith) as a new convert, I was convinced from what I had read and from what I was seeing on the street by watching other evangelists that apologetics required a tremendous amount of knowledge about philosophy and other religious systems. For a time, I was convinced that I needed to learn logic, study various arguments for God's existence, memorize facts and rebuttals in order to refute atheists, and understand how to justify every difficult passage in the Bible before I could be an effective apologist.

If you tend to think about defending the Christian worldview and God's word in this way, then you will find this book refreshing and helpful. *Every Thought Captive* by Richard L. Pratt helps Christians understand the simplicity of defending the faith. Pratt effectively demonstrates the connection between evangelism and apologetics, while also instilling confidence in the believer who loves and knows God's word by showing from Scripture that the Bible is sufficient for its own defense. This book will better equip you to talk with friends, family, classmates, and coworkers about truth.

— *Omri Miles*, Pastor/Elder Intern and Deacon of the booktable



Suggested One-Month Reading Plan: (less than 5 pages per day)

Week 1: November 2nd – 8th

Forward - 2 pages
Author's Note - 2 pages
A Firm Foundation - 10 pages
Where It All Began - 9 pages
The Character of Man Before Sin - 8 pages

Week 2: November 9th - 15th

The Character of Man in Sin – 10 pages
The Character of Man Redeemed by Christ - 7 pages
The Non-Christian Point of View - 7 pages
The Christian Point of View - 11 pages

Week 3: November 16th - 22nd

Attitudes and Actions - 10 pages
Popular Tactics - 9 pages
Structure of a Biblical Defense - 18 pages

Week 4: November 23rd - 29th

Defending the Faith (1) - 12 pages
Defending the Faith (2) - 12 pages
Defending the Faith (3) - 10 pages
An Apologetic Parable - 9 pages

QUOTES

"Unbelievers try with great persistence to replace the knowledge of God with some other notion. Yet, because Christians are aware of the importance of acknowledging God in all areas of life, they are committed to challenging and destroying those substitutes."

"As followers of Christ, we must remember always to build our defense of the Christian faith on the sure foundation of the Bible... Apologetics must defend the Bible while submitting entirely to the defensive principles and directives revealed there."

"Only one who is familiar with the Bible through regular reading and meditation will have the wealth of knowledge necessary to give biblical answers to the questions of non-Christians."

"When we defend the faith properly we do not merely argue for Christianity in preparation for a later step of challenging the unbeliever to turn to Christ for salvation. Instead, apologetics confronts the entire personality of the unbeliever with the demands of God in Christ. Defending the gospel does not merely precede the offer of the gospel; it entails the declaration of the gospel."