

# BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS -

Introduction

# FOR ALL THINGS

**One of the most  
IMPORTANT  
courses you  
will take!!!!!!**

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THE  
**PERSECUTED  
CHURCH**



A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a red top and a necklace with a cross, is speaking to a man whose back is to the camera. He is wearing a dark suit. The background is a colorful, abstract wall.

# Hostility Towards Christians

# AMERICA IN 1850

“There is no country in the whole world, in which the Christian religion retains a greater influence over the souls of men than in America; and there can be no greater proof of its utility, and of its conformity to human nature, than that its influence is most powerfully felt over the most enlightened and free nation of the earth.”

Alexis de Tocqueville

# AMERICA TODAY

**“The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public’s money.”**

**Alexis de Tocqueville**



# ATTACKS ON TRUTH

- **Secular Humanism - worldview of today**
- **Marxism - politics of world**
- **New age - religion of world**
- **Postmodernism - new philosophy**
- **Islam - fastest growing**
- **Apostasy of Church - small remnant**

The image shows the exterior of the United States Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C. The building is a grand neoclassical structure with a prominent portico supported by tall, white columns. The pediment above the columns is decorated with a relief sculpture. The sky is a clear, bright blue. In the foreground, the wide, white marble steps of the building are visible, with a few people walking up and down. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

# SUPREME COURT

- 1962 - Engel vs. Vatali
- 1973 - Roe vs. Wade
- 2003 - Lawrence & Gardner vs. Texas

**Ps 11:3 If the  
foundations  
are destroyed,  
What can the  
righteous  
do?”**



# **GOAL**

**Radical  
Transformation  
of Thinking or  
Renewing of  
Minds**



**“Christianity is not a series of truths in the plural, but rather truth spelled with a capital ‘T.’ Truth about total reality, not just about religious things. Biblical Christianity is Truth concerning total reality--& the intellectual holding of that total Truth & then living in the light of that Truth.”**

**Francis Schaeffer**



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# APPROACH

- World History - Inspired version
- Bible Exposition - In-depth
- Theology - Implications
- Apologetics - In contrast



West Wall

# TERMS

**απολογία** - a defense or a reason  
for doing or believing something

**Usage -**

- 1. Legal Defense before Authorities**
- 2. Defense of Character**
- 3. Defense of Christianity**

**1Pe 3:15 but sanctify Christ as  
Lord in your hearts, always  
being ready to make a  
defense to everyone who asks  
you to give an account for the  
hope that is in you, yet with  
gentleness and reverence;**

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**From Kursi**