

## **Evidence For Jesus' Resurrection**

Dr. Phil Fernandes is speaking at AFSC meeting at Atonement Free Lutheran Church 6905 172<sup>nd</sup> St. NE, Arlington, WA 98223 Friday, April 25 at 7:00 PM



In this lecture, Dr. Fernandes will make a strong historical case for Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead. He will argue from core historical data, accepted by virtually all New Testament scholars today, to the reality of Christ's bodily resurrection. Fernandes will argue that if Jesus did not bodily rise from the dead, there would be no hope for mankind—death would be victorious over man. Mankind's only hope for deliverance rests on the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. While Fernandes uses a minimal facts case for the resurrection, he will warn his audience from falling into a minimal facts Christianity. Fernandes believes that even though we may feel led to defend mere Christianity (i.e., just the essentials of the Christian Faith), we should believe much more than mere Christianity. We should not allow human reason or historical methods to deny clear miraculous events recorded in the Scriptures.

Dr. Phil Fernandes is the senior pastor of Trinity Bible Fellowship and the president of the <u>Institute of Biblical</u> <u>Defense</u>. Fernandes founded the Institute of Biblical Defense in 1990 to help train Christians in their defense of the faith. He also teaches Bible, philosophy, and world religions at Crosspoint Academy and the Gateway School of Ministry in Bremerton, WA. He has completed doctoral work in both philosophy of religion (Greenwich University) and theological studies (Columbia Evangelical Seminary). He has authored several books dealing with the defense of the Christian faith. Many lectures/debates/sermons are available on his website.

## The Apologetics Forum of Snohomish County (AFSC)

The <u>Apologetics Forum of Snohomish County (AFSC)</u> was founded to help equip Christians in the defense of The Faith in the postmodern world in three related areas: 1) <u>Creation vs. Evolution</u>, 2) <u>Christian Apologetics</u> and 3) <u>Biblical</u> <u>Worldview</u>. <u>AFSC</u> provides a local Forum in the North Snohomish County area for lectures and DVD programs by knowledgeable presenters on these topics. All presentations are given with the presupposition that the Bible is God's inspired Word and is accurate and inerrant in its original autographs. The Bible is a total worldview that speaks to all disciplines and areas of our life.

Studies done by <u>Answers In Genesis (AIG</u>), documented in the books <u>Already Gone</u> and <u>Already Compromised</u>, show that more than 60% of youth raised in the church leave the church once they leave home. The main reasons are 1) they are looking for more answers to their hard questions, and 2) they are being indoctrinated in secularism and evolutionism. See also this <u>Koinonia House article</u>.

Monthly <u>AFSC</u> meetings are held at a church in the North Snohomish County area. Each meeting includes a lecture or the showing of a DVD on a topic within the scope of the Forum's mission. There is time for discussion on the topic presented, followed by refreshments. Books and DVDs are available at exhibits.

<u>AFSC</u> creates a Forum where Christians can learn from each other, ask the hard questions about The Faith, Creation and Worldview, and receive the support of a community of Christian thinkers. The Forum equips Christians with well-researched information on issues that seek to challenge the truth of Christianity as revealed in the Bible.

<u>AFSC</u> is run by a Board of Directors and advised by an Advisory Board whose members have knowledge in the topics discussed at <u>AFSC</u> meetings and have a strong interest in providing and supporting an environment for participants to gain well-researched information in the defense of their Christian faith. More at <u>http://apologeticsforum.org</u>.