Peter's Principles #4 "Defend Your Faith"

I Peter 3:13-18a ... I'm not just shadowboxing. ~ I Cor. 9: 26b

INTRODUCTION: A quick history of Religious Freedom in America.

An American Fact: The Culture of the United States is on an unrelenting march to <u>SECULARITY</u>, and beyond that, even an <u>ANTI</u>-religious social condition. Do you Agree? then <u>VOTE</u>!

A Timely Question: The Bible calls the last segment of earthly <u>TIME</u> prior to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ the <u>LAST</u> DAYS; are we actually in the Last Days? ~ Read II Timothy 3:1-5

DOING YOUR PART:

- I. Be an Activist for what is GOOD.
- ► Under normal conditions: Doing Good is a safe goal.
- **▶** But in the Last Days doing Good, could be dangerous.
- ► Do good <u>ANYWAY</u>!
- II. Be a <u>DEFENDER</u> of your faith.
- **►** Do it <u>GENTLY</u> with respect
- **►** Do it <u>HONESTLY</u>.
- → Do it as the PROPERTY of Jesus.
- III. REMEMBER...What?
- ► If you have to suffer; suffer for the right reasons!
- ► It is ALWAYS tough to follow Jesus.

Do it ANYWAY!