

How Am I To Be Ready To Give An
Answer For The **Hope** Within Me

1 Peter 3:15

“Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,” (1Peter 3:8-15)

Confident Expectation

- Hope is a firm assurance regarding things that are unclear and unknown **Romans 8:24-25; Hebrews 11:1**
- The New Testament idea of hope is the recognition that in Christ is found the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises **Matthew 12:15-21**
- Christian hope is rooted in faith in the divine salvation in Christ **Galatians 5:5; 1Peter 1-3**
- It is the future hope of the resurrection of the dead **Acts 23:6**

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- The promises given to Israel *Acts 26:6-7*
- The redemption of the body and of the whole creation *Romans 8:22-25*
- Eternal glory *Colossians 1:27*
- The return of Christ *Titus 2:11-14*

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- Transformation into the likeness of Christ **1John 3:2-3**
- The salvation of God **1 Timothy 4:10**
- Christ Himself **1 Timothy 1:1**
- Hope of Christians is brought into being through the presence of the promised Holy Spirit **Titus 3:4-7**

"When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say." (Luke 12:11-12)

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last for ever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.”

(1Corinthians 9:24-27)

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