

1 Peter 3: 15 – 16

Be prepared to give an answer for the hope within you!

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that is in you. Do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.”

If we truly cherish Christ as we live our lives from day to day, people will notice the difference the Lord makes in our attitudes and behaviors. This affords us with excellent opportunities to tell our stories of changed lives, that in Christ, we are NEW creations! Because Jesus shed his blood and died on the cross, we are forgiven and FREE from the bondage of sin. Indeed, it is our PRIVILEGE to share the story of our transformed lives, the hope that is in us, with everyone who will hear it. This is not ours alone, but indeed this is the experience of MILLIONS throughout history and around the world, who have also experienced NEW LIFE in Christ.

In my youth, someone asked me, “How do you know this story of Jesus that you are telling is actually true?” The answer to me was simple: Because the Bible tells me so! The follow-up question was more difficult. “How do you know that the Bible is true?” There is LOGICAL and HISTORICAL evidence that the Bible is TRUE. Consider the book “Evidence that Demands a Verdict” by Josh McDowell. Please see the [Apologetics page](#) on this website!

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