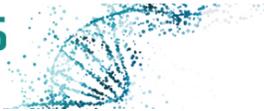


REASONS TO BELIEVE



THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

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But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect. 1 PETER 3:15 ESV

“Defense” = *apologia* (Greek), to make an apology

_____ is the branch of theology that deals with the defense of the Christian faith.

The Ready Position

1. Make Jesus the _____ of your life.

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. 1 PETER 3:15 NASB

2. Fear _____ not _____.

But the Lord of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. ¹⁴And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ISAIAH 8:13-14 ESV

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled. 1 PETER 3:13-14

3. Do not become _____.

... yet do it with gentleness and respect. 1 PETER 3:15 ESV

3. Maintain a good _____.

Having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. 1 PETER 3:16-17 ESV

The Reason for Our Hope

1. Jesus _____!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 PETER 1:3 ESV

“I know the resurrection [of Jesus Christ] is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me.” CHUCK COLSON