

PREPARED

(1) *Hope On The Ropes*

DEFENDING your **FAITH** without **LOSING** your **MIND!**

WHAT TO SAY when there's **LITTLE TIME** and **LITTLE INTEREST!**

1 Peter 3:13-14...

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to **DO GOOD**? 14 But even if you should **SUFFER** for what is **RIGHT**, you are blessed. "Do not **FEAR** their **THREATS**; do not be **FRIGHTENED**."

1 Peter 3:15a...

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 **YOU** have.

What Peter is **NOT SAYING...**

**-BE READY TO EXPLAIN YOUR
CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW IN A CONVINCING WAY!**

-BE READY TO DEFEND THE BIBLE!

-BE READY TO GIVE A DEFENSE FOR YOUR CHURCH!

**-BE READY TO GIVE A DEFENSE TO
CHRISTIANS WHO DON'T BEHAVE PROPERLY!**

**-BE READY TO GIVE A DEFENSE TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION
WHERE GOD BURNS EVERYTHING UP WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE!**

Here's what Peter **IS SAYING...**

"You need to **BE PREPARED** to always give an **ANSWER** or **DEFENSE...**
to everyone who asks you for the **REASON** for the **HOPE** that **YOU** have!"

"WHY... HAVE... YOU... CHOSEN... TO... FOLLOW... JESUS...?"

HOPE = RESURRECTION

1 Peter 1:3b...

*In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living **HOPE** through the **RESURRECTION** of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

1 Peter 1:21...

*Through Him you believe in God, who **RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** and glorified Him, and so your faith and **HOPE** are in God.*

*Peter didn't eventually give his life for what he **BELIEVED**...
He gave his life for what he **EXPERIENCED!***

1 Peter 3:15b-16...

*But do this with **GENTLENESS** and **RESPECT**, 16 keeping a clear **CONSCIENCE**, so that those who speak maliciously against your good **BEHAVIOR** in Christ may be **ASHAMED** of their **SLANDER**.*

SELFLESS... GENEROUS... COMPASSIONATE LIVING... IS UNASSAILABLE!

*The way you **ACT**... is **AS** important if not **MORE** important... than what you **SAY!***

1 Peter 3:17...

*For it is better, if it is God's will, to **SUFFER** for **DOING GOOD** than for **DOING EVIL**.*

1 Peter 3:18a...

*For Christ also **SUFFERED** once for sins, the **RIGHTEOUS** for the **UNRIGHTEOUS**, to bring **YOU** to God.*

WHY HAVE *YOU* CHOSEN TO FOLLOW JESUS?

1 Corinthians 15:14...

*And if **Christ** has **not** been **raised**, our **preaching** is **useless** and so is your **faith**.*

I believe that Jesus died for my sin and rose from the dead!

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*I believe that Jesus died for **MY** sin and rose from the dead!*

*It's **PERSONAL**... it's **MY STORY**... it's **MY HOPE**... it's **MY DEFENSE**!*

*But I don't believe that because the **BIBLE** says so...
IT'S BETTER THAN THAT...*
