**ARE YOU READY?**

**1 Peter 3:15**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Often, while studying God’s Word, certain phrases are noteworthy of our attention.

2. Also, certain words in many passages causes our minds to entertain certain thoughts.

A. Within the Bible, [we] find the word “ready” used several times in different things.

**BODY:**

**1. PETER WAS READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER (1 Pet 3:15)**

A. Christ is Lord is a basic teaching of the New Testament (Ac 2:34; 2 Cor 4:5).

1. Each of [us] must to be “ready” to do just as Peter says.

A. One must have the right attitude toward Christ and a logical answer of this hope.

B. A Christian must know what one believes and why it is believed.

1. This *answer* must be given in a gentle and respectable fashion (Jas 3:17).

B. Without any doubt, we must study of the word to be able to do this (2 Tim 2:15).

C. To be able to ALWAYS give an answer means to have the right disposition of heart.

1. It is easily realized one might win a discussion, **BUT** lose a soul.

2. [We] give an answer for the hope needed with love of the lost soul, for Jesus.

3. Instead of just winning the discussion at all cost; also, win the soul (Pro 11:30).

D. One does ***NOT*** have to be rude to keep from compromising the truth

1. It must be stated in such a way as to be well-pleasing to God

**2. PETER WAS READY TO GO WHERE HE WAS LED (Lk 22:33)**

A. Wherever he was led, he claimed to be ready to go; BUT, [we] know, he was ***NOT*** ready.

1. He just thought he was; it was ***NOT*** long after this promise Peter denied the Lord.

B. Today, [we] should be ready to go with Jesus wherever He Leads (Mt 16:24).

1. Our following Jesus should be like a soldier under sealed orders.

A. The question of obedience has been settled before the orders opened.

**3. PAUL WAS READY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL ( Rom 1:15)**

A. He was ready to preach the gospel since it is the power of God unto salvation (Rom 1:16)

B. Likewise, he was ***NOT*** ashamed of the gospel and ready to proclaim.

C. This should motivate [us] to be ready to preach the gospel to a lost and dying world.

**4. PAUL WAS READY TO EVERY GOOD WORK (Tit 3:1)**

A.In regards to good works, [we] need to be ready to see they are done.

B. [We] should be ready to do it ourselves and ***NOT*** wish it off on somebody else.

C. WORKS, are the fruits of faith, as [we] show our FAITH by our WORKS (Jas 2:18).

1. Each of [us] must to be ready to show our FAITH via the good works performed.

**5. PAUL WAS READY TO DIE FOR THE NAME OF JESUS (Ac 21:13)**

A. This statement was correct, for he later died for Jesus (Rom 8:35 – 37; Php 1:20, 21).

B. As [we] think of what Jesus must have meant to Paul, does He mean that much to [us]?

1. [We] have ***NOT*** been, as of yet, asked to die for Christ.

2. [We] have only been asked to live for Him. Are [we] ready to do so as He Asks?

**6. JESUS COMMANDS US TO BE READY FOR HIS RETURN (Mt 24:42 – 44)**

A. The tragedy of the foolish virgins unprepared for the bridegroom (Mt. 25:1 – 10).

B. Countless souls will be lost failing to be prepared for the coming of Christ (2 The 1:7–9).

1. [We] must know this preparation does ***NOT*** come accidentally.

2. [We] must make it on purpose.

A. [We] do this by obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ (Heb 5:8, 9; 1 Pet 4:17).