

PREPARED

HOPE ON THE ROPES

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Defending your **faith**
without losing your **mind!**



Everybody likes **Jesus!**



“Hey Peter, let’s go fishing.”



*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** their threats;
do not be **frightened**.”*

1 Peter 3: 13-14 NIV



*But in your hearts **revere**
Christ (**Jesus**) as **Lord** (Master).
Always be **prepared** (ready)
to give an **answer** (defense)
to everyone who **asks** you
to give the **reason** (explanation)
for the **hope** that **you** have.*

1 Peter 3: 15a NIV



BE READY

To defend your hope,
not ...

- the faith
- the Bible
- the church
- or miracles



Why you follow Jesus?



HOPE: RESURRECTION

*In his great **mercy** he has given us
new birth into a **living hope**
through the **resurrection**
of Jesus Christ, from the dead,
and into an **inheritance**
that can **never**
perish, spoil of **fade**.*

1 Peter 1: 3b NIV



HOPE: RESURRECTION

*Through **him** (Jesus)
you **believe** in God (Father),
who **raised** him (Jesus) from the **dead**
and glorified him
and so your faith and **hope**
are in God.*

1 Peter 1: 21 NIV



PREPARED: BUT NOT DEFENSIVE

*But 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.*

1 Peter 1: 15b-16 NIV



Selfless, generous,
compassionate living
is **unassailable**.



*For it is better,
if it is God's will,
to suffer for doing good
than for doing evil.
For Christ (Jesus) also
suffered once for sins,
the righteous for the unrighteous
to bring you to God.*

1 Peter 3: 17-18 NIV



Why have you decided
to follow Jesus?



YOUR WHY?: THE RESURRECTION

*And **if** Christ (Jesus) is **not** alive,
you are still **lost** in your **sins**
and your **faith** is a **fantasy**. ...*

*If the only **benefit**
of our **hope** in Christ
is limited to **this life** on earth,
we deserve to be **pitied**
more than all others.*

1 Corinthians 15: 17&19 TPT



THE ANSWER TO YOUR WHY?

I believe that Jesus died for my sin,
was buried and rose from the dead.



THE ANSWER TO YOUR WHY?

I believe that Jesus **died** for my sin,
was buried and rose from the dead.

But I don't **believe** it
because the **Bible** says so,
it's better than that ...

