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## The Reason for the Hope

[1 Peter 3:15](#)

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But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Isa 8:13

Introduction:

a. [Isaiah 8:13](#)

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Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. [1 Peter 3:15](#)

Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

b. what are the particulars that Peter discusses in this wonderful verse?

I. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:

A. But sanctify the Lord God - linguistically it is closely akin to "hallowing" the name of the Father in heaven, as in the model prayer

[Matthew 6:9](#)

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After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

B. in your hearts – Christianity is a matter of the heart

[Romans 6:17](#)

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But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

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Mathew 6:19-21

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Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

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But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

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For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

II. and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you:

a. and be ready ALWAYS – (there are many things for which the the Christian needs to be ready) – examples: marriage; children; death; the judgment.

b. to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you

Romans 8:24

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For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

Acts 16:30-33

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And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

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And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

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And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

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And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

[II Timothy 1:12](#)

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For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

[I Peter 1:9](#)

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Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

II. with meekness and fear:

A. with meekness

[Matthew 5:5](#)

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Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

[Galatians 6:1](#)

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Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

B. and fear – reverence for God as we teach of give bible answers in response to the questions of others

[Psalm 111:9](#)

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He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

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Colossians 4:6

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Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Conclusion:

A. do you need additional

information concerning

God's word?

B. what will your answer be to the lord's invitation?