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READY TO RESPOND

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“Salt & Light: Ready to Respond”

1 Peter 3:15

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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.

Being Prepared: & our faith clearly

Rom. 10:14-17 *How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*

Who am I?

Why clearly?

Importance of Apologetics: Defending our beliefs with and

Col. 4:5-6 *Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

Matt. 10:19-20 *When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour.*

2 Tim. 4:2-5 *Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

Apologetics serves 2 purposes:

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Seeking Opportunities: Recognizing _____ to share our faith

Mark 16:15 *And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.*

Rom. 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

Matt. 5:16 *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

3 Reasons people don't share their faith...

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"We have here some practical guidance concerning Christian witness. It is wrong to be always preaching at people. The Christian wife has been encouraged by Peter to seek to win her unbelieving husband without speaking to him on the subject. But the whole situation is changed if the other person asks for an explanation. Also, if Christians are on the alert, they may often rightly discern an implied question in some passing comment. Then is the time to speak; but one can do so only if one is seeking to be ready." **A.M. Stibbs, A.F. Walls**, *"Tyndale New Testament Commentaries: 1 Peter"* Pg. 136

Practical _____ : How to equip ourselves for spiritual conversations

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