

Ready to Answer

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1 Peter 3:15

- ▶ Sanctify Christ
 - ▶ Set Christ apart
1 Peter 3:14; Galatians 2:20
 - ▶ In your heart
Mark 12:30; Matthew 15:8
 - ▶ True conviction
Acts 4:18-20

Set Christ Apart – “It means regard Him as the holiest being in the universe. Regard Him as unique, one of a kind, without peer or rival in purity and rectitude and goodness.” – John Piper *Christ is Hallowed in Us When We Hope in Him*

This stands as the alternate God provides to fearing man (vs.14) which is often the reason we keep silent about our faith.

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▶ **Being Ready**

▶ **Ready**

Ezra 7:10; Ephesians 6:14-17

▶ **To make a defense**

Acts 17:3, 22-32

▶ **For your hope**

Acts 22:1-16

Ready – When used in reference to things “to be close at hand,” of persons “one who is prepared.”

Defense – *Apologia*, word where we get apology/ apologetics. Simply means to put forth a defense.

[Christianity That Is Appealing to Atheist quote]

Hope – Why do **you** believe what you believe? What convicted you? Start there!

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- ▶ **With Gentleness and Reverence**

- ▶ **Ambassadors for Christ**

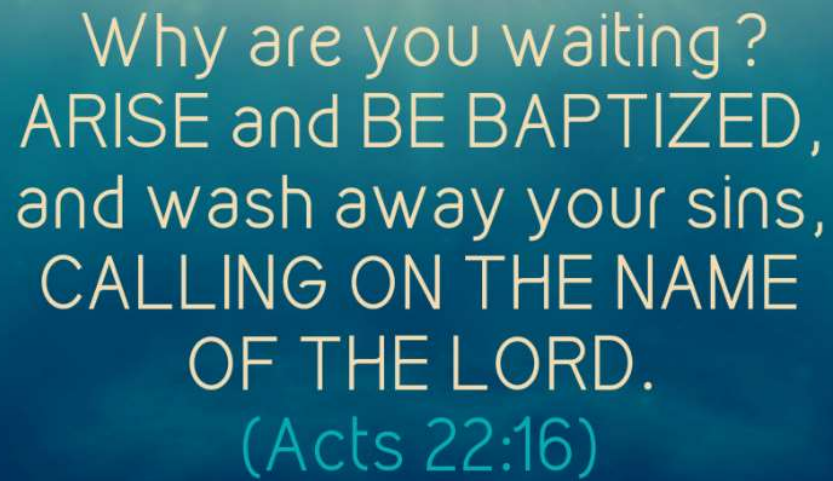
- 2 Corinthians 5:20**

- ▶ **Paul's example**

- 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

- ▶ **Our motivations**

- Ephesians 4:15**



Why are you waiting?
ARISE and BE BAPTIZED,
and wash away your sins,
CALLING ON THE NAME
OF THE LORD.
(Acts 22:16)