

3:16 - Defenders of the Faith

Psalm 34:15-18 ❖ 1 Peter 3:16

“Make sure that those who speak evil of you are in error.”
 (“1 Peter,” J. Vernon McGee, p. 77)

The Times They Are A Changin’

There was a time in the not-so-distant past when the vast majority of people in the _____ world shared a Judeo-Christian _____, but that time is no more.

A growing number of politicians, academics and entertainers openly express their _____ toward the _____ faith.

Most Christians recognize they need to _____ and to _____ up for their faith, but many Christians don’t know _____ and don’t want to be _____.

1 Peter 3:16

“... keeping a _____ conscience, so that those who speak _____ against your good behavior in _____ may be ashamed of their _____” (1 Peter 3:16).

The _____ Peter gave this instruction to Christians who were being _____ in what-is-now modern-day _____.

Peter’s words were _____ from October 2016 to October 2018 when EPC missionary pastor Andrew Brunson was _____ in Turkey and _____ accused of being a _____ and a _____.

For two long years, Rev. Brunson held on to God’s _____ in Psalm 34:17: “The righteous _____ out, and the LORD _____ them; He delivers them from all their _____.”

“Those who spoke _____ of (Andrew Brunson) were in _____.”

Is your “conscience clear, so that those who will speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ will be ashamed of their slander”?

Verse 16 is the end of a longer _____ Peter began in verse 14: “Even if you should _____ for what is _____, you are blessed. Do not fear what _____ fear; do not be frightened.”

In these instructions, Peter is addressing _____ Christians, not just _____ like himself or Andrew Brunson.

Have you experienced persecution because of your faith in Jesus?

Then in verse 15 Peter issues a three-part and heart-felt _____:

- 1) “But in your _____ set apart Christ as _____.”
- 2) “ Always be _____ to give an _____ to _____ who _____ you to give the _____ for the hope that you have.”
- 3) “But do this with _____ and _____ ...”

Have you given an answer to someone?

How can you “be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have”?

A Simple Way to Share Your Faith

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A Good Investment

When The Queen passed away on September 8, a _____ began to circulate that King Charles III would attempt to change a particular part of the British monarch’s title - “Defender of _____ Faith.” He put that rumor to _____ in his first speech when he pledged to uphold the _____ faith, which he said was _____ faith.

All Christians have a God-given responsibility to be _____ of _____ Faith!

We must _____ generously to the Church, because it is in the Church that the _____ is taught and preached. It is in the Church that the _____ to the questions of life are learned.

