

# Reason for Hope

## *What is Your Reason?*

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:13-17

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### Introduction

- When it comes to you or me, where is the hope that will change our outlook? I can tell you where it is NOT:
    - The Government –
    - The Environment –
    - Education –
    - Gender Identity –
    - Special Interests –
  - So, where is the hope that we can cling to?
    - It is only in the person of Jesus Christ.
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:13-17**
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### 1. Do What is Right and Good:

- a. **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:13-14**
- b. **Matthew 10:28-33**
- c. Greek – **Arneomai** (*Ar-Nay-O-My*) ... English – **Disown** ... “*To refuse to give thought to or express concern for - To disregard ... To pay no attention to ... To say no to.*”
- d. When people speak things that are opposed to the Bible ... And we *refuse to give thought to or express concern for - we disregard ... we pay no attention to ...* What we are doing in a silent way, is disowning Jesus.
- e. What are some basic things we can do “Right and Good” by?
  - i. Study the Word to know Jesus – **John 8:31-32 ... Romans 10:17 ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:18**
  - ii. Take care of your family –
  - iii. Do not fear what the world fears – **Psalm 139:13-16**
    1. Stand Up:
    2. Stand Out:
    3. Stand Firm:

## 2. Jesus is Your Hope:

- a. **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:15**
- b. Confidence comes from two aspects:
  - i. How you were raised:
  - ii. Who you are and to whom you belong:
- c. No matter what you go through while here on earth, God will gently remind you ...  
*“I know this seems bad, but wait until you see what I have in store for you ... I have got you, just do not let go of my Hand.”*
- d. **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:9**
- e. **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:3-6**
- f. **John 8:12**
- g. **Matthew 5:13-16**
- h. **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:5-10**
- i. So, do not fear what the world fears – *Will they like me? ... Will they not agree with what I say? ... Will they think I am a Bible thumper?*
- j. **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:7**

## 3. Keep a Clear Conscience:

- a. **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:16-17**
- b. **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:18-22**
- c. **Psalms 27:1-3**