

“Reason of the HOPE”

Peter’s two Epistles were likely
written in partial **RESPONSE**
to two earlier
exchanges with Christ:

Luke 22:31-32

and

John 21: 15-17

Peter's First Epistle
.....written to primarily
ENCOURAGE *believers*
going through
TRIALS!

Chapter 1:5-8

*Peter's Second Epistle
.....written to primarily
ENCOURAGE believers
going through a
period of Apostacy!*

Chapter 1:5-8

“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.”

1 Peter 3:15

*“Sanctify” . . . from
“hagiázō” . . . literally
means to “make HOLY”*

*It can NOT mean here to
“make Christ holy.....”*

*Here it means to REVER or to
HALLOW.....to SET APART!*

*An appropriate question
might be:*

*WHO or What is “on the
Throne of YOUR heart?”*

So, to “set apart Christ” in your heart could be voiced as:

“Put CHRIST on the Throne of YOUR heart.”

*Let Christ Alone Sit on
That Throne.....*

*“CHRIST Alone has the
Right to Rule on the
Throne of YOUR heart.”*

*Then Peter says to
“BE READY to GIVE an
ANSWER....”*

apologia – “to defend”

*SO.....what might
that ANSWER be?*

- ❖ *Evangelism Explosion*
- ❖ *Romans Road*
- ❖ *Gospel Tracts*
- ❖ *Netcasters*
- ❖ *Exchange*
- ❖ *Personal Testimony*

*BUT.....
what our answer is
...is NOT
the Question!*

The real question is:

Am I living in such a way that my 'life in Christ' is Visible?

Or better said:

*Is Christ Visible
in my Life?*

*Do I have a **PEACE**
that is not shaken by
all that is happening
around me?*

*Do I have a
CONFIDENCE that
comes from a heart
filled with Truth...
...Truth that doesn't
change?*

*Do I have a
CONSISTENT JOY
that depends NOT on
my circumstances?*

*Do I have a
COMPASSION that
genuinely cares for
others?*

*Do I have a **WORK**
ETHIC that seeks to
please my boss...while
honoring my Lord and
Saviour?*

*Do I have a **SMILE** that
communicates a truly
CONTENT heart?*

*Do I have a **LIFT** in my
step which catches
others' attention?*

*Has someone come up to
me this past week, to ask
me about the “HOPE”
(JOY.....PEACE....CALM.....ETC.)
that they SEE in
me....which is lacking in
their own life?*

*This admonition (3:15)
from the pen of Peter
ASSUMES
that they will....*

*If something needs to
CHANGE for these
“differences” to become
VISIBLE (??)*

*Work on those changes...
and BE READY!!*

*May 2022 be a year
when others come to ask
about what I have...that
they are missing....*

Because they see

CHRIST

RULING in my life!