

Reasons for the Hope

1 Peter 3:15

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I. Is Jesus the King of your _____?

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.”

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!” Psalm 139:23-24

We should all come to a place where the transformation of what God has done in our hearts is so significant we're not afraid or embarrassed to tell anyone about it!

II. Is there evidence of _____ in how you live?

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”

- 1. Hope doesn't downplay or diminish struggle.*
- 2. Hope is anchored in Christ not circumstances.*

- 3. Hope looks beyond earthly disappointments to eternal glory.*
- 4. Hope is fostered in time spent with God.*
- 5. Hope is encouraged in Community.*

III. Is your hope expressed with _____?

“But do so with gentleness and respect.”