

1 PETER 3:15— APOLOGIA RULES!

- ⌘ But in your hearts revere [the] Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, (NIV)
- ⌘ But sanctify [the] Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect; (NASB)
- ⌘ But honor [the] Messiah as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. [Verse 16 begins: “However, do this with gentleness and respect, ...”] (HCSB)

How does one ensure that the Christ is your <i>raison d'être</i> (“your heart”)?	About what should you be ready to provide an explanation?	Why do we have difficulty providing our explanations gently and respectfully?	Which reason “for the hope within you” do you have the most difficulty explaining?