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LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN JESUS AND
INVITE OTHERS INTO LIFE WITH HIM

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APOLOGETICS: THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

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1 PETER 3:15 ESV

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18 ESV

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

PSALM 66:16 ESV

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

TITUS 3:3-7 ESV

³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,

⁵ He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

⁶ whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

⁷ so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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GALATIANS 5:19-24 ESV

- ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,
²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,
²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you
before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions
and desires.

ACTS 26:22-23 ESV

- ²² To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here
testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and
Moses said would come to pass:
²³ that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead,
He would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How prepared are you to share your faith? How would you describe the reason for your hope?
2. What was your life like before Christ? How has God changed you, and how might that be an encouragement to others?
3. For whom are you praying that they would come to know Christ? Why do you think it is important to share our beliefs with gentleness and respect?