

But in your hearts set apart 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

1 Peter 3:15

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 25

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; 2 in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. 3 No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

*4 Show me your ways, O Lord,
teach me your paths; 5 guide me in
your truth and teach me, for you are
God my Savior, and my hope is in
you all day long. 6 Remember, O
Lord, your great mercy and love, for
they are from of old.*

7 Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord. 8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. 9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

10 All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

11 For the sake of your name, O Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. 12 Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him.

13 He will spend his days in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. 14 The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. 15 My eyes are ever on the Lord, for only he will release my feet from the snare. 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish. 18 Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. 19 See how my enemies have increased and how fiercely they hate me!

*16 Better the little that the righteous
have
than the wealth of many wicked;
17 for the power of the wicked will be
broken,
but the LORD upholds the righteous.
18 The days of the blameless are
known to the LORD,
and their inheritance will endure
forever.*

20 Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. 21 May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you. 22 Redeem Israel, O God, from all their troubles!

Abraham's Faith Is Our Faith Abraham's Hope Is Our Hope

Romans 4:18-25

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Abraham believed God's promise	20
Abraham was strengthened in his faith	20
Abraham gave glory to God	20
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