

# FIRST PETER

## Part 92

### “Ready or Not”

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The real test of the Christian life is found in the arena of “lordship.” Our salvation is not at stake; but as believers, we continually must be willing to submit to His will. When He is allowed to be the Master of our lives, *His* will is very attractive to us. When we are in rebellion, *our* will seems more attractive.

In order to please the Living God, we must let Christ be the Lord of all of our life. In other words, we carefully “set apart” or make room for Him in our mind, emotions, and desirous will.

As a result of allowing Jesus Christ to be Lord of our lives, we will be prepared to face the crucial tests of our Christian life.

# BEING READY

I Peter 3:15

- This term, "to be ready," has the idea of one who is prepared for what is **coming**.
- It also pictures one who has money "in **hand**."
- It implies that one is **carefully** prepared for anything yet to come.
- It also implies submission to a **strategy**.

# READINESS IN ACTION

I Peter 3:15

- A believer should be prepared to present the "**Good News**" about peace with God. (*Ephesians 6:15*)
  - We must be sure we know the **only** Gospel.
  - We must never be ashamed of the **content** of this Good News. (*Romans 1:16*)
  - We must be convinced that this Good News is the **only hope** for an unsaved person.

- As a believer, we must also be prepared to do "good works."  
(*Titus 3:1*)
  - By believing the good works that please God are already set in place by Him. (*Ephesians 2:10*)
  - By continually measuring what we do by God's standards of goodness.
- As a believer, we must be prepared for the coming of Jesus Christ. (*Matthew 24:44*)
  - Our attitude is one of great anticipation when we think of seeing Jesus Christ. (*Titus 2:13*)
  - We "filter" what we do through the hope of seeing Christ face to face. (*1 John 3:2-3*)

## FINAL THOUGHTS

- How different would your life be if you were continually prepared to please Jesus Christ?
- A prepared believer is able to meet the situations of life and not sin.

# PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. In what area of life are you most "prepared"?
2. Is that area crucial to a victorious Christian life?
3. Would others say you are ready and prepared to please God?
4. Why are you not prepared to please God in each area of your life?