



○ Are You Ready For The Lord?

“**Be dressed in readiness** ...” (Luke 12:35; cf. Matthew 24:42-44; 25:10)

- Literally “**let your loins be girded.**” Be ready to go! (cf. Exodus 12:11)

The gospel of Jesus Christ is to make us ready! (Luke 1:17; Revelation 19:7)

How we become ready for the Lord’s coming depends on how ready we are for a number of other things.



○ Are You Ready To Defend Your Hope?

1 Peter 3:15; “*But sanctify 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, yet with gentleness and reverence.*”

- Readiness to defend comes through diligent study and consideration of the evidence.
- “**Defense**” from the Greek word *apologia* which refers to a speech made in defense. “Apologetics” (Philippians 1:7, 16)



○ Are You Ready To Preach The Gospel?

Romans 1:15, “*So, as much as in me is, **I am ready to preach the gospel** to you also that are in Rome.*” (ASV)

Similar to being ready to defend, are we now ready to share the good news of the gospel?

“*Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a scribe **skilled in the law of Moses** ...*” (Ezra 7:6; cf. Acts 18:24)

It takes time to get ready! (2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 5:12)



○ Are You Ready To Serve Others?

Titus 3:1, “*Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, **to be ready for every good deed** ...*”

Jesus anticipated those not ready to serve in Matthew 25:44, “... *when did we see You ...?*”

Our heart is to be prepared with humility, mercy, and compassion. (Colossians 3:12; Philippians 2:3)

Being ready is to be opportunistic (Galatians 6:9-10)



○ Are You Ready To Suffer As A Christian?

Acts 21:13, “*Then Paul answered, ‘What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For **I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die** at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.’*”

- Don’t be surprised! (1 Peter 4:12)

Our opposition will challenge our readiness! (Daniel 3:15)

Will our faith stand? (Luke 22:33)



○ Are You Ready To Obey?

Luke 12:47, “*And that slave who knew his master’s will and **did not get ready or act in accord with his will**, will receive many lashes.*”

Are we ready to act upon the words of our Lord? (Matthew 7:25-27)

Having heard the truth, are we ready to believe, confess, repent, and be baptized?

