

Peter tells us:

- **1 Pet. 3:15**
- **“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;”**

Can we give an answer to the
question:
Why are you a Member
of the Church of
Christ?

**“...always be ready to give a
defense to everyone who asks
you a reason for the hope
that is in you....” (1 Pet. 3:15)**

The church that Belongs to Jesus is not a Denomination

- It has No denominational:
 - ◆ Name
 - ◆ Organization
 - ◆ Worship
 - ◆ Plan of salvation

The church that Belongs to Jesus was established at:

- Right time
 - ◆ Days of Roman empire (Dan. 2:44)
 - ◆ “Time is fulfilled” (Mk. 1:15)
 - ◆ When they partook of Lord’s Supper (Matt. 26:29 - Acts 2:42)
- Right place (Isa. 2:2-3 – Acts 1:4)
- Right events (Mk. 9:1; Acts 1:8 – Acts 2:1-4)

Wrong Foundations

- Denominational churches don't have a scriptural foundation! They are built upon the teaching of men (Matt. 15:9)
 - ◆ Methodists (John and Charles Wesley)
 - ◆ Lutheran (Martin Luther)
 - ◆ Seventh-Day Adventist (William Miller)
 - ◆ Mormon (Joseph Smith)
 - ◆ Jehovah's Witnesses (Charles Russell)
 - ◆ Baptist (Jon Smythe)

Jesus is the foundation of His church

- “...You are Peter (“Petros” masculine in gender in the Greek) and on this rock (“Petra” feminine in gender in the Greek) I will build my church (Matt. 16:18)
- “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 3:11)

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- OT prophecy
 - ◆ Isaiah 28:16 – Matt. 21:42
 - ◆ Psa. 118:22 – Acts 4:11
- Why so important? (Matt. 7:24-27)