



earth (John 3:16). And, even more than that, He lived a sinless life and spent the end of His life preaching about the attitudes God wants us to have and the commands God wants us to obey (Matthew 5-7). And, even still more than that, **“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”**

(Romans 5:8). And, yet **STILL** even more than that, Jesus showed just how much love He had for us by rising from the dead on that wonderful Sunday morning so many years ago, so that we might be able to live again after we pass from this life (Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58). Yes, Jesus loves you and He asks in return that you love Him too by keeping His commandments (John 14:15, 21). And still, His commandments are not burdensome. Rather, they are for our best benefit, showing us even more how much He loves every single one of us (Matthew 11:28-30).

Often times, we are lost for words. Why not let the Bible and the Church and the love of Jesus speak for you, not just in those difficult times, but all the time for the rest of your life? May God bless us all and may we always bless Him in everything that we say.



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## Welcome Visitors

We are so glad that you joined us today.  
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● **Let us know if you have any questions.**

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“Always be  
ready to give a  
defense”  
1 Peter 3:15

## Don't Know What to Say?

by Curtis Carwile

Often times, I wonder what to write for the article I have to turn in for the bulletin. Believe it or not, there are times when I just don't know what to say (hard to believe, I know). It is very



probable that you have run into the same situation from time to time, as well. We've all be in situations where we're sitting around the break table at work or the lunch table at school and then, someone says something or asks us a question that leaves us speechless. In 1 Peter 3:15, Peter gives us a command from God. He says,

**“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*”** (emphasis mine). It is in that light that I would like to suggest three things to say when you just don’t know what to say?



Olsen Park church of Christ

### 1. “What does the Bible say?”

One of the best ways to answer someone is to not even use your own words, but rather to use the words of the Bible. The Bible is the holy word of God. It is **“Given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work”** (2 Timothy 3:16-17). When someone asks a question about the doctrine or teaching of Jesus, the Bible is perfect for answering them. When someone makes a comment that requires correction, the Bible is perfect for correcting them. After all, it was good enough for Jesus when He came face to face with the Devil in the wilderness (Matthew 4).

### 2. “Would you like to come to church with me?”

This is always a great question to ask. It is often difficult to get some people to understand “just words.” I’m like this. I need to see something in action before I can properly understand it. I couldn’t understand how an engine worked until I put one together in my father’s garage. Many people are going to have a hard time understanding what a “New Testament Church” is without seeing it in motion. By inviting someone

to come to church with you, you allow them to see what Jesus really had in mind for HIS church. They can see how Christians are to treat each other (John 13:34-35). They can see how a church is to be organized (Philippians 1:1). They can see who are Biblical “Pastors” (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-16). They can see what Gospel preaching really is (1 Corinthians 1:23; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Romans 1:16). They can see how Christians are to worship God in song (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). They can see how the Lord’s Supper is to be properly observed (Matthew 26:26-29; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34). They can see how a New Testament Church collects funds for doing the work of the Lord (Acts 2:42; Acts 4:32-37; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15). They can even see what the purpose of our assembling together is all about (Hebrews 10:24-25). In addition to all that this simple question can indirectly teach someone. It shows that someone that you care about them and about where they are going for eternity.



### 3. “Jesus loves you!”

There is no truer statement that has been uttered by mortal lips than this very simple, yet powerful sentence. Jesus does love you in the most amazing ways possible. And, He loves everybody just the same, saints and sinners alike. He showed just how much He loves everyone by leaving the glories of Heaven to come to this