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2 Peter 3:1-6 // November 23, 2014

1 Peter 3:15–16 (ESV) — **15** but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, **16** having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

NEXT WEEK: 2 Peter 3:7-10

Questions for the Community

1. How have you been teased as a Christian? Did you (like Paul) start off as a mocker of Christians?
2. Peter reminds his readers of 2 things...what were they? Which is the one that needs work in your life?
3. How disciplined are you in your thinking? What steps do you take to avoid error and ensure you are thinking correctly? (Phil. 4:8)
4. Read 1 Peter 3:15-17 and 2 Peter 3:4-6. What is the instruction for Christians? What is the way of mockers? Describe your personal experience with both of these.
5. Asked if evolution has been observed, Richard Dawkins said, "Evolution has been observed. It's just that it hasn't been observed while it's happening." What is your response to this? Role play as to how you might respond when someone aggressively attacks you for your beliefs. Different situations call for differing responses. Name a few. (IE televised debate vs. catching up with an old friend).
6. 2 Peter 3:7 & 9 reveal God's coming judgement and grace. Strategize ways to ensure that the combat you engage in with scoffers is to win them to Christ. Ask God for a heart for the people who mock.