

# Is Thy Heart Right With God?

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## Introduction

1. 1 Peter 3:14-18
2. The context is dealing with suffering for the correct reason Matthew 5:11-12
3. In the midst of this Peter declares the deity of Christ
  - a. The ASV “But sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord: being ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear.”
4. If we are going to sanctify in our hearts Christ as Lord we must understand what this is all about then we can give an answer to those who ask us about our beliefs.
5. Let us study this passage

## II Discussion

1. Sanctify
  - a. Means to “set apart for use by God.”
  - b. Have we set ourselves apart to be used by and for God? 1 Corinthians 6:11
  - c. Thus there is a change in their actions
2. Heart
  - a. This is the thinking part of man Proverbs 23:7
  - b. This really tells who we are Proverbs 4:23
  - c. This is where our actions come from Romans 6:17-18
3. Lord
  - a. Signifies having power or authority when used as an adjective
  - b. As a noun this word is translated Owner, master, Emperor or King, as a title of respect to a father or stranger
  - c. After the resurrection there are only two cases in the NT where it is used of others by believers Acts 25:26; 1 Peter 3:6
  - d. Notice how we are to think of Christ Acts 2:36, 47; 10:36; 16:31; 17:24; John 1:1-3; Romans 7:24-25; 14:9
  - e. If Christ is Lord of our lives then
    - i. He lives in us Galatians 2:20
    - ii. Every thought will be brought into captivity of Christ 2 Corinthians 10:5
    - iii. This will give us the mind of Christ Philippians 2:5
4. If we understand these things it will make it easier to give an answer for what we do and believe.
  - a. This done with the correct spirit or attitude.
5. Who is controlling your heart?
  - a. Is it the Lord? 2 Corinthians 10:5
  - b. Is it Lust 2 Corinthians 11:3; 1 John 2:15-16; 2 Peter 1:4

## III Conclusion

1. God looks upon the heart of man 1 Samuel 16:7
2. We must have our minds set on things above Colossians 3:1-3
3. Where is your heart at this moment? Acts 8:21
4. Let us resolve to have our hearts right with God!

Sources: God’s Definition of a Christian sermon outlines from 1 Peter by Tom Holland; Gospel Advocate commentary on 1 Peter; Denton Lecture 98 1 Peter; Vines’ Dictionary of New Testament Words; The Work of the Holy Spirit Vol. 1 by Marion Fox