

## Come let us Grow Together: Be Ready to Give an Answer

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in things pertaining to God.

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:” (1 Peter 3:15)

It is of the utmost importance that the children of God, who are the ambassadors of Christ, to sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and be ready always to give an answer to every man who asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. “Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.” (2 Tim 2:14-16) “But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.” (2 Tim 2:23-26)

Do you know how to answer every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear? If you are a babe in the Lord this is understandable as you are just beginning to grow. “Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:” (Isa 28:9-10) This is the key to understanding who the Lord will teach knowledge and to whom he will make to understand doctrine. If you find that you are not interested in pursuing this you need to repent and ask God to help you to desire his Word through prayer! You must be “weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts”. You must no longer be a babe in the Lord. For you should “be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear”.

The word of God is revealed to us “precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little”. A precept is a general rule regulating thought or behavior. In this case a commandment of the Law. Don't be confused by the reference to the Law. Though we are living under the New Testament of grace and not the Law the Word of God is still set up in this manner. If you are to learn how to answer someone's questions concerning the hope that is within you, you must study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, correctly interpreting the Word of truth. For this to take place you must learn one commandment upon another, one commandment upon another this is the meaning of “precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept”. A doctrinal teaching within the Word of God is not all revealed in just one section of the Bible. You must

learn it “line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little”. This requires prayer and study. This requires time and dedication. This requires desire and discipline. This requires fasting and commitment.

If you are not “ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” then you need Bible studies!