

# Our Defense

**Text: 1 Peter 3:13-17**

## INTRODUCTION:

1. In Columbia is a red “*Poison Dart*” frog.
  - a) *The Choco Indians rub the tips of their arrows across a frog's body to make the arrow head poisonous.*
2. When attacked it emits a deadly poison.
3. Attacker spits him out – too late – already injured and dies.
4. Christians are often too late in putting up our defenses.

### I. Defend what?

- A. The gospel – **Philippians 1:17** “*set for the defense*”
  1. Defending the truth
  2. Defending God’s only way of salvation
  3. Contending for the faith – **Jude 3**
- B. The challenge – would defame, revile – verse **16** of our text
  1. Even though they spite you – **Luke 6:28**
- C. Our hope – verse **15** “*be ready to answer reason for the hope*”
  1. Of eternal life in Jesus Christ
  2. Of the promises of Christ
- D. Ourselves – **Acts 26:2**
- E. Our baptism – **1 Peter 3:21** “*the answer (defense) of a good conscience*”
- F. Against Satan – **Ephesians 6:11, 16** “*put on whole armor of God*”

### II. Defend how?

- A. Ready – always ready – our text
  1. Ready for the battle – it is a spiritual battle and it is raging at this very moment for each and every one of our very souls.
  2. Are you prepared – for the enemy is truly prepared to do battle?
- B. Prepared – **Romans 1:15, 16** “*I am ready to preach in Rome*”
  1. To teach and plant the seed of life
  2. To defend the faith – contending for the faith – **Jude 3**

C. Study – **2 Timothy 2:15** “*to show yourself approved*”

1. Are you daily reading God’s word?

2. Are you daily meditating upon God’s word?

D. Prayer – **Ephesians 6:18** “*pray always being watchful*”

### **III. Defend when?**

A. Always alert, on guard, watch – **Matthew 24:42** “*Watch, no ones know day or hour*”

B. Before temptation comes – **Matthew 26:41** “*not enter into temptation*”

C. Before darkness comes – **1 Thessalonians 5:4-6** “*not sleep, watch and be sober*”

D. Before you are trapped – **Luke 21:36** “*counted worthy to escape*”

### **Conclusion:**

1. The best defense is a good offence.

2. Christians must be on the attack against evil.

3. We must be pro-active not reactive.

4. Sword of Spirit and Prayer are our offensive weapons.