1 Pt. 3:15, "But in your hearts <u>revere</u> Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect"

What does it mean to revere Christ as Lord? The Greek term for *revere* is **agiasate** which means to treat as holy, set apart, exalt and sanctify. In your hearts literally means in your soul. In other words, we should be treating Christ as Lord because He is holy, set apart and exalted.

When Jesus walked the streets of Jerusalem, people saw Him as a teacher or rabbi. Many saw Him as a prophet. Some even thought that He could be the Messiah. Well, I can tell you one thing according to the word of God; Jesus is Lord! Listen to what Phil. 2:9-11 says about Him: "Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Really, everyone has the opportunity to revere Christ as Lord right now. You have the opportunity to know Him and serve Him as your Savior and Lord. God has given everyone this choice. But know this, there will come a day when every person who has ever lived will bow before Jesus and they will revere Him as Christ the Lord. You can choose to do it now and enjoy His presence in your life or you can reject Him and find out that you have missed the chance to be with Him forever.

Dear LORD, we revere You and exalt Your holy name. You are LORD! You are holy, set apart and exalted. We praise You above all others. You are above all others and You will always be. You deserve all honor and glory and praise. In Jesus Name, Amen