

A Living Hope: Defending the Faith Without Being Defensive

*Three Reasons To Study 1 Peter*

1 Peter 1:1–3

The Lord's Day Morning

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Our mission as a church is to glorify God by helping people know, love, obey, and exalt Jesus Christ. God has not called us to carry out that mission only when it is easy and convenient. Global pandemics, teetering economies, and election years do not offer exceptions to our sacred responsibility. Rather, we are to follow Christ through these challenges, navigating the culture wisely and honorably. In Peter's first letter to the churches of Asia Minor, we have eternal wisdom for such a time as this. Here are three reasons we will study this book now:

1. To gain \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith we defend.

2. To use \_\_\_\_\_ in the defense we make.

3. To practice \_\_\_\_\_ in response to rejection.