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Holding onto hope: 1 Peter 2

Peter was providing guidelines to Christians in Asia on how to live in times of adversity.

Throughout church history, Christians had to live in anti Christian environment....

Instructions applicable to post Christian /post truth culture.

1. Contrast between Christians and unbelievers: a Christian's response to hardship should be gracious and hopeful

2. Live a life that is a spiritual sacrifice offered to God (v5)

Do not live for yourself. Rejecting human centred culture.

Proclaim the excellencies of God (v 9). Modelling God's centred lifestyle

3. Do not accept the offer from the enemy to be your GPS.

Do not retaliate to the antagonism of the world. Do good

Be good citizen.

See suffering for the sake of God's kingdom as an opportunity to act in the opposite spirit, to shame the enemy.

Make your fault be doing what is right and good.