

“Ultimate Victory”
1 Peter 3:18-22

Central Idea: We are called to follow the same path as Jesus (suffering for doing good) and we can also be assured of the same outcome as Jesus - ultimate victory.

I. Christ’s Example (18)

Christ’s suffering results in His ultimate victory.

Summary of what Jesus has done for us.

- 1st - Christ died for _____ = This is our _____
- 2nd - Christ died _____ for all = the _____ of what Christ did
- 3rd - Christ died in _____ of sinners = our _____
- 4th - Christ died to _____ us to God = _____ to God
- 5th - Christ died but death could not _____ Him.
 - “flesh” - is the sphere of _____ limitations, of suffering
 - “spirit” - is the sphere of _____, vindication & new life

Peter’s point in 18: Christ became the _____.

II. Noah’s Example (19-20)

Who are these spirits? _____ human beings from the days of Noah.

What did Christ say to them? Encouraging their _____.

When did Christ preach to these spirits? _____ the days of Noah.

Noah surrounded by hostile _____ - 1 Peter 3:13-14

Noah was _____ in a wicked world - 1 Peter 3:16-17

Noah witnessed _____ - 1 Peter 2:12 & 3:18

Thru Noah Christ _____ to unbelievers - 1 Peter 2:9

Peter's point in 19-20: As Noah proclaimed good news to those destined for judgment, we too must faithfully continue to _____ the good news.

III. Baptism's Example (21)

What Peter is talking about here has nothing to do with baptism as a _____ for salvation. Clear teaching: 1 Cor. 1:17 / Acts 10:44-48

1. Scripture is consistent in its teaching (it does not contradict itself).
2. We interpret less clear passages in light of more clear passages.

- "Corresponding to that" (21) refers back to the _____ of the flood.

As the waters of the flood wiped away the old sinful world, so baptism _____ the break from the old sinful life & the new life with Christ.

- "Baptism now saves you"

Not an external _____ from dirt, but rather it's an appeal to God for a clear, good _____.

- "through the resurrection of Jesus Christ"

If it wasn't for the resurrection of Jesus, baptism would be totally worthless,

because then it would not be a _____ of our salvation.

Peter's point in 21: importance of baptism, by reminding us of what baptism

_____ and what it does _____ do.

IV. Christ's Exalted (22)

Peter's point in 22: God will bring to us ultimate victory so stay the course of living for Him no matter the _____ - it will be worth it.

Applications:

1. Have I _____ in Christ as Savior?
2. We can be _____ in our witness even in the midst of a hostile world.
3. The suffering we go through will be _____ it all when we step into the presence of the Lord.