

The Book of 1 Peter

Our Victorious God

1 Peter 3:18-22

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Bottom Line:

Jesus exemplified suffering so that the eternities of billions could be changed. The resurrection guarantees our victory knowing that Jesus will bring us to heaven because His power is beyond anything we can imagine.

In this passage, Peter reminds us that suffering is not the end of the story...

Salvation is.

Resurrection is.

Triumph is.

1. JESUS: An example of how suffering can make a difference in eternity. 1 Peter 3:18-19; Romans 5:8

A. His suffering was substitutionary!

The phrase “the righteous for the unrighteous.” is the heart of the gospel.

John Stott, N.T. scholar, wrote:

“The essence of sin is we substitute ourselves for God, while the essence of salvation is God substitutes Himself for us.”

B. His suffering led to triumph!



2. NOAH: An example of how God saves those who believe even when most around you don't!

1 Peter 3:20; Hebrews 11:7

A. Noah was faithful in a rebellious generation

B. Noah was saved by faith...from judgment

3. BAPTISM: An example of how the resurrection is death to the old ways...and power to live as new creations. 1 Peter 3:20-21; Romans 6:3-4

Is this “baptismal regeneration”? - Ans: No!

“Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you” v. 21
This is one of the most misunderstood lines in the New Testament. Peter immediately clarifies: “not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” v. 21

A. Baptism Symbolizes Union with Christ in Death and Resurrection! Galatians 2:20

B. Baptism represents dying to my old ways, alive to the new! 2 Corinthians 5:17

Conclusion: Because of Christ...

Your suffering is not without purpose.

Your faithfulness is not wasted.

Your future is not uncertain.

Your life forever impacted as you remember...

Jesus, who suffered to save,

**Noah, who trusted when few believed,
Baptism, symbol of resurrection power.**