

1 Peter 3:18-22

Baptism: Salvation Through Faith Alone!

Chief Thought of 1 Peter 3:18-22

Our Confidence in Suffering is Christ who suffered, died, proclaimed victory, was resurrected, ascended, was exalted by God, and has complete dominion over ALL things. Our Baptism does not save the soul, but is an outward symbol of our inward appeal of faith for a clean conscience.

Good Friday: Christ Died For Sins! (v 18)

1. Our Confidence: The Substitutionary Atonement
 - a. He Suffered once for ALL TIME
 - b. He was Sinless; The righteous
 - c. We were Sinful, Wicked; Unrighteous
 - d. He was Put to Death in the Flesh – His Humanity Died and put in the Tomb 3 Days
 - e. He was Alive in the Spirit after His Death
2. Justification by Faith: His Goal was to bring us to God

Spiritual Saturday: Christ's Triumph Over Demons (19-20)

1. Very Difficult Passage – What happened on Saturday?
3. THREE Main Interpretations From Numerous
 - a. Christ Preached Through Noah to Humans
 - b. Christ Went and Gave a Second Chance to those persons in Hell who had Rejected Christ
 - c. Christ Descended to Hades, Proclaimed Victory over Demonic Spirits of Noah's Day
4. What happened in the Days of Noah? (**Genesis 6**)
 - a. The sons of God = spirits = angels
 - b. **Job 1:6-12, 38:7; Jude 6, 14-15; 2 Pet 2:4-6**
 - c. **Revelation 9:1-6, Matthew 24:37-38**
 - d. **Extra-biblical Texts: Enoch 1:9, 106:14-17**
5. Jesus Preached to the Spirits in Prison: *Apostle's Creed*
6. God was Patient in the Days of Noah for the Ark to be Prepared (120 Years)
7. EIGHT in the Whole World were Saved: Might and Majority does not Make Right
8. What did Noah have to do to be Saved? (**Heb 11:7**)
 - a. He had to build the Ark for 120 years
 - b. He had to GET ON THE ARK
 - c. The Deluge of Death wiped out the Earth
 - d. They needed to Wait out the Waters

Resurrection Sunday: The Flood & Christian Baptism (21)

1. Baptism Corresponds to The Flood of Noah's Day
2. Does Baptism Save?
 - a. Noah and His Family were saved by getting INTO the Ark
 - b. We are saved by Getting INTO CHRIST
 - c. We are saved, NOT by a ritual (*Not by the outward Removal of Dirt*)
 - d. We are Saved by Calling on the Name of the Lord = *An Appeal for a Good Conscience*
3. The Appeal is THROUGH The Resurrection of Jesus
4. Baptism is an outward Symbol of the Inner Reality
5. Baptism does not Save, but it is Strongly Connected to Salvation

Christ's Ascension, Exaltation, & Domination (v22)

1. Christ Ascended! He Went into Heaven...
2. Christ Exalted! He is at the Father's Right Hand...
3. Christ Rules! Satan & Demons Under His Feet

The Apostle's Creed: *Date Unknown* (Present Form 4th Cent.)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; *he descended to hell*.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic (UNIVERSAL) church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.