

I Peter 3:18-20

Jesus Suffered, Died, Went To Hades, And Preached To The Disobedient Of The Past

I. Introduction:

A. Why was there a need for a savior (**Romans 5:17-21**)?

1. God said not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (**Genesis 2:15-17**).
2. Adam disobeyed that command and death entered into the world as a result (**Genesis 3:1-6; 3:17-19**).

B. So, Jesus came with a purpose (**I John 3:8**).

1. Think about this in relation to death (**Hebrews 2:14-18**).
2. Because of Christ, we can put on immortality (**I Corinthians 15:50-57**).

II. Body: *“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water” (I Peter 3:18-20).*

A. Our just Lord suffered and died for the unjust (**Galatians 1:3-4** and **Hebrews 9:13-28**).

1. Consider what it is to be called just [righteous] (**Acts 10:22, Romans 2:13, Hebrews 10:38, I Peter 3:12, I Peter 4:18, II Peter 2:7-8, I John 2:29, and I John 3:7**).
2. Consider what it is to be called unjust [unrighteous] (**Matthew 5:45, I Corinthians 6:9-10, and II Peter 2:9**).
3. Jesus was/is righteous (**I John 2:1**).

B. Jesus died to bring us to God (**Ephesians 2:13-17**).

1. Reconciliation (**Romans 5:8-10** and **Colossians 1:19-22**).
2. According to the will of God (**II Corinthians 5:18-19**).

C. Jesus was made alive by the Spirit (**Romans 1:4**).

1. Which has spiritual implications for us (**Romans 6:1-6** and **Titus 3:3-5**).
2. Which also has eternal implications for us (**Romans 8:11**).

D. After His death, Jesus went and preached to the spirits in prison [place where captives are kept] by the Spirit (**I Peter 4:5-6**).

1. So, we know Jesus went to Paradise in Hades after His physical death for three days (**Luke 23:38-43, Acts 2:25-32, and Luke 24:46**).
2. This does not mean those who were disobedient could cross from Torment to Paradise (**Luke 16:19-31**).

E. Jesus preached to those spirits that were disobedient in the past and this text takes us all the way back to the days of Noah (**Genesis 6:5; 6:13**).

1. God was longsuffering (**Genesis 6:3, Romans 2:4, II Peter 2:5, and II Peter 3:9, and II Peter 3:15**).
 2. Eight souls were saved (**Genesis 7:5-7**).
- F. They were saved by water (**I Peter 3:21**).
1. “By” just as in **John 10:9** or “through” just as in **John 3:17** and **Acts 15:11**.
 2. *More on this in our next lesson when we look at **I Peter 3:21** in more detail. We will then consider the antitype that is being used in this context.

III. Conclusion: Our Next Study; *“The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him” (I Peter 3:21-22).*