

1 PETER 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,...

SERMON REFLECTIONS

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1. The "Demerit" System: How is our sin like getting "demerits" at school? Can we ever do enough "good things" to erase them ourselves?
2. The Mountain of Sand: If a tiny bird moved one grain of sand every 1,000 years, how long would it take to move a whole mountain? What does this teach us about the word "forever"?
3. The Best News: Jesus' goal was to "bring us to God." Why can't we get to God without Jesus' help?

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4. Distraction vs. Danger: The sermon mentioned three young men who ignored the message because they were distracted by their phones. Why is being "disinterested" in God such a grave danger?
5. Marketing Identity: Why do advertisers target our "fear of separation" (separated from being popular, beautiful, etc)? How does this "loss aversion" principle apply to our spiritual lives?
6. Unjust Suffering: How can a Christian's patient suffering for doing what is right serve as a "remarkable witness" to friends who don't know Jesus?
7. Bristling at Holiness: Why do we often feel "uncomfortable" with the doctrine of eternal suffering and the story of Ananias and Sapphira (the destruction of all mankind in the flood, Uzzah touching the Ark of the Covenant and being killed, etc)? What does that reaction reveal about our own understanding of God's holiness?
8. Where do you see people, including yourself, minimizing God's holiness, and how should that be corrected?
9. Assurance vs. Introspection: When you feel far from God, do you tend to look inside yourself for fixes or outside yourself to Christ? How can we practically "see and hear" God every day?