

1 PETER 3:18-22

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,¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, 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,²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What is typology? What are some examples of typology used in the Bible?
2. How does Peter connect Noah and the flood to baptism? What aspect of the connection do you think is most helpful for knowing what Peter is communicating to the church?

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3. Is Peter teaching that salvation is through baptism? What textual clues point us to the answer?

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4. What does baptism signify? Why is baptism considered the initial sign of Christian discipleship?

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5. How can our baptism help us in the midst of suffering on account of our faith in Christ?