

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

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1. What does it mean to say that "context is King"? When reading a difficult passage, what are some helpful ways to understand the meaning?

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2. What are different kinds of suffering? How can we suffer well?

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3. In what ways does Jesus provide an example of suffering well?

4. What is Peter's point in referencing Noah? How are the days of Noah and the church in Peter's day similar?

5. How can it be encouraging to know that God accomplishes great things through small means?