

Learning From Peter

The Apostle Peter. What He Was & Became! WHAT CAN WE LEARN??

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WE'LL COMPLETE LAST WEEK'S LESSON..... THEN... Chapter 3:18 - 22

THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN 3:17 and 18... about suffering for doing good....

NOTICE THE EXAMPLE of THE CHRIST.... vs.18

For Christ _____ suffered for _____ [Whose?]

- the just for the _____
- THAT He might _____ us to God
- being put to death in the _____ but _____ [made alive] by the _____

NOW... THERE IS PART... 3:19 - 21 THAT IS DEBATED By MANY.... LET'S JUST SEE WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS!!

(The Debate here is whether Jesus, between His crucifixion and His resurrection, went to proclaim victory to evil spirits.)

By this _____ vs.19 [notice the word is Capitalized] To whom does it refer? The _____

He, Christ _____ and preached.... [having gone, preached.. = always with the suggestion of formality and gravity and an authority which must be listened to and obeyed]

- **What?** preached = made a proclamation ... deliver a message.. not the gospel of the New Testament!
- **How?** "by the same Spirit that _____ Jesus" vs. 18 [to be made alive]
Who was the "preacher"? 2 Peter 2:5 _____
- **To Whom?** "the _____ in prison" [now in "hold" = sheol] vs.19
- they were _____ vs. 20 [to the message that had been proclaimed to them]
- **When?** "once the long-suffering of God _____ in the days of _____ while the ark was a preparing." vs.20
How long was this was this "preparing? Genesis 6:3 is the only "hint"..... _____
- **Why?** that even a _____ would be saved by water.... vs.20 [Hebrews 11:7]

(ANOTHER PART OF THE DEBATE is about the reference to "baptism" and the comparison of the water".)

The "water" was the "Flood" of Noah's day.... a punishment on the wicked population of the world of his day.

- Noah and his family were "saved"... **ONLY** Because He Believed God, Obeyed God, Built the Ark as directed by God, Kept proclaiming the message of God, and Went into the Ark when told.
- The flood killed the disobedient... (into sheol)
- The flood was overcome by the Ark.. and provided safety

NOW PETER SAYS... this flood was a "figure" of "Baptism" which now "saves" us (figure = a representative counterpart)

- NOTICE the parentheses.... vs.21 ("NOT the putting away the filth of the flesh...)

BUT the answer of a _____ toward God")

- AND... "by the _____ of Jesus Christ.
- The baptism of the _____ Spirit places believers into the body of _____. [1 Corinthians 12:13]
His "baptism" is the Real Thing!!! Water baptism is the "ritual" or "symbol"... [Romans 6:3-5]
Baptism is only an appropriate symbol of death to sin, burial with Christ, and resurrection with Christ
to walk in newness of life in Him! Without the repentance of sin and faith in the finished work of Jesus, you can be baptized in any way and as often.... And still not be saved!!!

WHO? vs. 22... About Jesus The Christ and His resurrection.... " _____ into heaven... is on the _____ hand of God... He has all power over _____, authorities, _____ and all are subject to Him!! [Eph. 1:20 - 22

**THE PERSECUTED BELIEVERS of PETER'S DAY WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO BE FAITHFUL
And FRUITFUL REGARDLESS of THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES!!
AND HOW ABOUT YOU AND ME????!**