

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1-PETER CHAPTER 3:18-22

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“Look What Jesus Christ Did – Part 1”

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Introduction to the Text: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Congregational Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

- 18** For Christ **also suffered once** for sins, the **just** for the **unjust**, that He might **bring** us to God, being put to **death** in the flesh but made **alive** by the Spirit,
19 by whom also He **went** and **preached** to the **spirits** in prison,
20 who formerly were **disobedient**, when once the Divine **longsuffering** **waited** in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were **saved through** water.
- 21** There is also an **antitype** which now **saves** us—**baptism** (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), **through** the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ,
22 who has **gone** into heaven and is **at the right hand** of God, **angels** and **authorities** and **powers** having been made **subject** to Him.

Shall we Pray for Illumination in His Name

Father, you have said that You're the One Who has sent Your word to heal us, and to deliver us from our destructions. Oh, LORD - that we as Your people would give thanks to You for Your goodness, and for Your wonderful works to the children of men! – Psalm 107:20

When the apostle Paul spoke to the Corinthians in Greece,
He stressed to them that his chief purpose for ministry was the preaching of the Gospel – In fact, he boldly proclaimed that it was his very purpose for living!

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, **2** by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, **5** and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. **6** After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. **7** After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

Upon this Foundational truth // the Magnitude of this one Doctrine of the Bible - That Jesus Christ has been Resurrection from the Dead rest all other Doctrines of the Bible – Destroy this and you destroy Christ and Christianity.

1 Corinthians 15:14-17

And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. **15** Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. **16** For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. **17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!**

“Is it not wonderful news to believe that salvation lies outside of ourselves.”

- Martin Luther

Look What Jesus Christ Did

1.) He did an amazing thing

vs. 18

Look What Jesus Christ Did He Did An Amazing Work

1a.) He took your sentence upon Himself

vs. 18a

18 For Christ **also suffered once** for sins, the **just** for the **unjust**,

Note: The Centrality of Christ.

I love what is recorded in John 12, when foreign pilgrims came to Jerusalem for Passover – Their request was...

John 12:20-21

Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. **21** Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, **“Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”**

The Bible makes no apology for the fact that Israel’s messiah, the Savior of the world is, in fact, “The Christ”

Christ grk: christos; **The** Anointed One, **The** Messiah, **The** Christ – Singularly alone in that Mission

Luke 4:16-21

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

For Christ **also** “suffered **once** for sins”

this is in direct opposition to the requirements of the Old Testament economy.

Hebrews 9:28a

So Christ was offered **once** to bear the sins of many.

Romans 6:10

For the death that He died, He died to sin **once** for all;

“the just for the unjust,”

(this “the **just** for the **unjust**,” is a complete **inversion to what all other religions** preach and teach - - then and now)

* Jesus **took** my debt owed to God for having broken His laws. * Jesus then **carried** my debt to His cross. * Jesus then **paid** my debt in my place.

Jesus died for us. Jesus died for the Father.

2 Corinthians 5:18a-19a, :21

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, 19a that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them. 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Look What Jesus Christ Did
He Did An Amazing Work**

1b.) He brings you into His presence

vs. 18b

18b that He might **bring** us to God,

**This is the - “Why did Jesus die for me?”
– to bring (you & me) us to God,**

bring grk: pro’sa’go; to bring or lead to - to approach you. To receive you, to bring you. To have brought you along with him.

It’s a word that demands that “**Navigation**” is needed if you’re going to arrive before God, in Heaven
(**even a drone is programmed to return to its master**)

According to the Bible:

“**Jesus** brought you into this world”

“**Jesus** has invited you to walk with Him in life”

“**Jesus** has promised to be with you in the end”

John 6:44

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;

Luke 12:32

“Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

But There is More Here

This is a word that was also used to **bring someone** who had been **accused** and **found guilty** - - **convicted** of a crime. The man was **brought** before the judge for **sentencing**. - - **Peter uses this word in a positive meaning – that Jesus Christ is “bringing” the once condemned to God for deliverance and not destruction.**

Ephesians 2:18

For **through** Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Hebrews 10:19

Therefore, brethren, having **boldness** to enter the Holiest **by the blood** of Jesus, (at any time, here and now)

Romans 5:1-2a

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God **through** our Lord Jesus Christ, **2 through** whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand,

This is the “What the Christ, the Messiah did for you.”

By His death, He unlocked a door that leads directly to the Father.

It’s as though death materialized and approached His dead

body - - and as it walked around His body, there was no place for Death to grab on to it. There was no corruption, no offense, no sin

Acts 2:24

Jesus, whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

You see, sin apparently leaves a mark on your soul.

There must be some sort of flaw, a thread of fault, a handle of guilt that allows Death to lay hold of you!

And in that moment when death comes to you,

It will be as though death itself will materialize and take a walk around you looking for some sin, some shame, some guilt to lay hold on – it will not be able to.

1 Corinthians 15:53-57

For this corruptible (your mortal body) must put on incorruption, (perfection) and this mortal (temporary) must put on immortality (infinity). **54** So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." **55** "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" **56** The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. **57** But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, **14** having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Colossians 3:1-3

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. **2** Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. **3** For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

**Look What Jesus Christ Did
He Did An Amazing Work**

1c.) He lives for your redemption

vs. 18c

18c being put to **death** in the flesh **but** made **alive** by the Spirit,

And this is HOW the Christ, the Messiah did it for you.

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He lives for your redemption

We see Him literally doing this very thing...

John 19:28-30

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "**I thirst!**" **29** Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. **30** So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "**It is finished!**" And bowing His head, He gave up (dismissed) His spirit.

Finished = Teleo or Tetelostai = “payment in full” or “paid off”

Hebrews 10:11-12

And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. **12** But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

This “but made alive” means that Jesus Christ has the final word, - - not death!

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

End of Study

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