

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1-PETER CHAPTER 3:18-22

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Look What Jesus Christ Did”

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Lordship, Holiness, Sanctification, Maturity, Judgment

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.

Let's Pray for His Illumination upon His Word, in His Name

In our previous study...

See What Jesus Christ Did

1.) He did an amazing thing	vs. 18
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1a.) He took your sentence upon Himself	vs. 18a
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1b.) He brings you into His presence	vs. 18b
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1c.) He lives for your redemption	vs. 18c
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Regarding My Sentence

The Bible Says in **Colossians 2:14**

Jesus Christ, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Regarding My Standing

The Bible Says in **Hebrews 7:24-25**

He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Regarding My Security

The Bible Says in **2 Peter 1:10-11**

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All of This, Jesus Did For You - - but, this is no “blanket” Salvation. This is no “Group-On” or Corporate Salvation here.

The Bible Says in **Romans 10:8-11**

But what does it say? “The word is near **you**, in **your mouth** and in **your heart**” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): **9** that if **you** confess with **your mouth** the Lord Jesus and believe in **your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, **you** will be saved. **10** For with the **heart one** believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **11** For the Scripture says, “**Whoever** believes on Him will not be put to **shame.**”

Shamed grk: kataischunoto
(In coming to the end of this life, standing at the door of eternity) you will not be disgraced, disappointed, humiliated.

The fact is - Jesus Christ has so secured for you your salvation,
that He must perform all that salvation requires,
the Full Transaction of Redemption!

The Bible Says in **Jude 1:24**

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

See What Jesus Christ Did

2.) He confirmed the scriptures

vs. 19-20

Look What Jesus Christ Did He Confirmed The Scriptures

2a.) By condemning an unbelieving age

vs. 19-20a

19 by whom also **He went** and **preached** to the **spirits** in prison,
20 who formerly were **disobedient**,

**After His Crucifixion but before His Resurrection
(and ascension back to heaven) - - Jesus Christ appeared to
the underworld or spirit-world**

The Bible identifies, what we would say is “Hell” as being
“the place/realm of all unbelievers after death.”

However, the Bible teaches that there are designated places of torment.
There is The Bottomless Pit, The Lake of Fire, & Hades/Sheol

We know from the Bible that the place identified as “Hades” is
divided into two realms and in some way separated from one
another. On one side is the unbelieving departed and on the other
side the believing departed.

Interpretation #1

**Is that Jesus, after His death on the Cross visited Hades, the realm of the
dead. There He would have announced His victory to the likes of:**

**Noah and Abraham, Adam and Eve, Isaiah, all those who had trusted in
God for salvation before the birth, life, death and
resurrection of Jesus Christ**

But Pastor Jack, the verse specifically calls out the “disobedient”
And that would be correct – the context is “judgment”.

The Hades Description of Paradise vs. Torment

But Prior to the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Sheol or Hades were both occupied with the dead and those who trusted in God in times past – when they died, they went to what was called “Abraham’s Bosom” or paradise.

But not so for the unbeliever. They were confined

in what the Bible calls Hades.

From after the fall of Adam and Eve to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, The Bible teaches that **The Godly Dead** were Separated from **The Ungodly Dead.**

The Bible Says in Luke 16:19-31 This is not a parable.

“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. :24 “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ 25 But Abraham said, “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ :27 “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham said to him, “They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ 30 And he said, “No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31 But he said to him, “If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, **neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’ ”**

Jesus wouldn’t have “Preached” as much as He “Announced” to the Godly dead and the ungodly dead.

“Here I AM, the One Adam told you about. It’s me, the One Noah told you all about. I’m the One Abraham told you about and all of the Prophets from Moses to Malachi – *“For Behold, In the volume of the book it is written of Me”*

It is my view that this is confirmed in scripture:

The Bible Says in Ephesians 4:8

Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high,” (this refers to the High Priestly work of Jesus Christ) **He led captivity captive,** (this refers to Jesus’ visitation to the believers in Hades, Abraham’s Bosom) **and gave gifts to men** (this refers to the day of Pentecost)

Question:

Where is it that Jesus went to?

Question:

When did Jesus go there?

Question:

What did Jesus preach?

Question:

Who are these spirits in prison?

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19 the **spirits** in **prison**, **20** who **formerly** (in ages past) were **disobedient**,

Interpretation #2

The Bible Says in Genesis 6:1-9

Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, 2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. :3 And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” 4 There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. :5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”

8 But Noah found **grace** in the eyes of the Lord. :9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a **just** man, **perfect** in his generations.
Noah **walked** with God.

perfect heb: ta'mim is to be intact, untainted, entire, unmixed or unblemished. whole, not defective.

The Bible Says in Jude 1:5-7

But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. **6** And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; **7** as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Jesus warned that the days that would indicate the nearing of the end would be “As they were in the days of Noah”

The coming of the Antichrist will be a supernatural event. Perhaps not in the way that you might like, but the coming of the Lawless one will be powerful.

The Bible Says in 2 Thessalonians 2:6-12

And now you know (the 1st. century church knew this - you're supposed to know this too) what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. **7** For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He (the Holy Spirit) who now restrains will do so (using the church) until He is taken out of the way (steps aside). **8** And then the lawless one (AC) will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. **9** The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, **10** and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **11** And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, **12** that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

There's a strange hint about it all happening again in the not too distant future.

Daniel 2:43 kjv

So **they** shall **mingle** themselves with the **seed** of men:

Daniel 2:43 esv
they will mix with one another in **marriage** (sex)

Daniel 2:43 niv
The people **(they)** will be a **mixture**

Daniel 2:43 nkjv
they will mingle with the seed of men;

Interpretation #1 + #2 = #3
This is the one that I adhere to. I believe that both
interpretation #1 and #2 took place at the same time.

Jesus Christ announced to the underworld, both those who had died from the beginning, to both sides of Hades. Then He would have led the believers out of “paradise” and for the first time ever – redeemed, departed humans would have entered heaven as Jesus led the way!

Dear Church,
May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;
May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
- Numbers 6:24-26

End of Study

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