

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGH OUT THE WORLD

1-PETER CHAPTER 3:18-22

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Look What Jesus Christ Did – Part 4”

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

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 to be upon His Word to the glory of His Name.

I made you this promise several weeks ago, that for better or for worse we would carefully study this portion of 1 Peter which, by and large has been subject to abuse. I confess as a workman of the word – it would be much easier to go from 1 Peter 3:18 to make the jump into 1 Peter 4:1 so as to avoid the controversy that is before us.

In Our Earlier Studies...

By Condemning An Unbelieving Age See What Jesus Christ Did

1.) He did an amazing thing

vs. 18

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,

1a.) He took your (death) sentence upon Himself	vs. 18a
1b.) He brings (the new) you into His presence	vs. 18b
1c.) He lives (forever) for your redemption	vs. 18c

See What Jesus Christ Did

2.) He confirmed the scriptures	vs. 19-20a
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19 by whom (the Spirit) also **He went** and **preached** to the **spirits** in prison,
20a who formerly were **disobedient**,

2a.) By condemning an unbelieving age	vs. 19-20a
2b.) By patiently waiting for them to turn	vs. 20a
2c.) By following through on His promise	vs. 20a

See What Jesus Christ Did

3.) He purchased what you could never afford	vs. 20b-22
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Peter Here is Declaring the Obvious, That...

JESUS CHRIST IS BETTER BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS.

JESUS CHRIST IS BETTER BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HAS DONE.

Look What Jesus Christ Did

He Purchased What You Could Never Afford

3a.) Jesus Christ washed away your guilt	vs. 20b-21a
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20b 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),

Develop Here “The Anti-type” Meaning.

the mentioning of an “Antitype” is a concept that demands that the careful bible student look back to “something previous ”

antitype grk: antitupon, a representative, a counterpart: — a type or figure. (Hosea 12:10)

baptism grk: baptisma; the sinking down under. the going beneath or being immersed. resembling a burial. the putting into the grave.

Verse 20

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.

Noah’s Flood was God’s Judgment Upon a Godless World.

That said, Did The Flood Waters of Judgment Bring Salvation to Noah?
No. Water was the Judgment that brought death.

2 Peter 2:5

Who **did not spare** the ancient world, **but saved** Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, **bringing in** the **FLOOD** **on the** world of the ungodly;

this “**saved through** water.”

John 5:24

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who **hears** My word and **believes** in Him who sent Me **has everlasting life**, and shall not come into **judgment**, (death, the grave) but has passed from **death** (“**saved through** water.”) into **life**.

The Etymology of Water Baptism

Baptism is not a Christian creation. Ancient pagan religions practiced the act of baptism for association just like cults today baptize their adherents.

Answer grk: eperotema; to make a vow. To answer an appeal. It was used in the 1st. century regarding contracts, legal agreements, treaties among nation-states and even weddings – in the vow it is asked; “do you agree to these terms or pledges? ‘ - “and if you agree, please respond publicly by saying “I do” or “I will”?”

Have you asked someone “Are you a Christian?” and they answer you in a way that is anything but convincing? - - **Not a good conscience.**

Public, Water Baptism is an Outward Announcement to the World,
That a private, Internal Baptism of the Holy Spirit has happened to you personally!

Water Baptism Ought

to result in you having a **good conscience** toward God because of your new association with Jesus Christ, your “Ark”; He is your resting place!

Far Too Many “Christians” Today

are parked in the “Disabled” section of the church because of self-inflected sins that have robbed them of a Good Conscience – they are timid, defeated, and as a result, useless to the church and the world.

(You need to stop playing games, stop lying to yourself and others, and stop cheating on God and get right)

Romans 2:14

for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, 15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)

Here is the Antitype.

According the Chronology of the Bible,

Noah’s ark came to rest on Mount Ararat on the 17th. day of the 7th. Month of the Jewish calendar. (see **Genesis 8:4**) They operate from (2) two calendars - - there is the Jewish Civil Calendar which begins with October and there is a Jewish Religious Calendar which begins with Passover in April. (see **Exodus 12:1-2**).

Exodus 12:5-7,13

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. **6** Now you shall keep it until the **(14th.)** **fourteenth day** of the same **(7th) month**. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. **7** And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts (left and right at shoulder height) and on the lintel (over your head) of the houses where they eat it. - **13** Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will Pass Over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you

Seven (7) months from October is April, Jesus

was crucified as the Passover Lamb on April 14^{th.}, 32 ad. Jesus was then resurrected three days later on April 17^{th.} Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the 17^{th.} day of the 7^{th.} month - - the anniversary day of when Noah's ark came rest on Mount Ararat.

Genesis 8:1b-4

And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. 2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. 3 And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty (150) days the waters decreased. 4 Then the ark rested in the (7^{th.}) seventh month, on the (17^{th.}) seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.

Consider a wedding ceremony. It's only a ceremony.
It doesn't mean the couple is fully married in God's eyes.
It means that they have publicly "promised to be married."

First - a proclamation is made that "We're going to be married".

Second – that proclamation (vow) is then regarded as a
commitment, a covenant agreement.

Third - then the act of being married is confirmed first in private
with the husband and the wife.

Fourth - day by day till death do they part.

It is only when there is a continuous, personal & intimate relationship that
the public act of the wedding ceremony is upheld.

**Water baptism is the making of a pledge to God that you will serve Him
with a good conscience before God.**

**There is no guarantee that you're going to go to heaven because you were
baptized in water. The only guarantee that you have is the Power of the
gospel of Jesus Christ at work within you.**

Colossians 2:11-12

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by
putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,
12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith
in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Romans 6:1-4

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we (it's not possible anymore) who died to sin live any longer in it? :3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Baptism is the Christian's first public act of Obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ!

<http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-GdLt362aUo/UIbEOviws3I/AAAAAAAAARsM/r2cd8Qb1hZM/s1600/John+Gadsby+Chapman+-+Baptism+of+Pocahontas.jpg>

The First American Indian Known to have Converted to Christianity Was famously Baptized and upon Baptism received a new name – That name was “Rebekah” (Pocahontas)

“The Early Church took Baptism Seriously.”

The flood drowned the unbelieving / The flood lifted Noah up and over it.
The flood brought judgment / The flood provided deliverance.
The flood buried all / The flood resurrected Noah & family.
The flood ended the world / The flood allowed for a new world.

Look What Jesus Christ Did

He Purchased What You Could Never Afford

3b.) Jesus Christ lives to keep you safe

vs. 21b

21b the answer of a **good conscience** toward God,
through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ,

“In Christ” is Being in Him as our “Ark” of Salvation.

Only being “IN CHRIST” is your salvation secured.

Romans 3:24

being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is **in** Christ Jesus,

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are **in** Christ Jesus,

2 Corinthians 2:14

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph **in** Christ,

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is **in** Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Jude 1

Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved **in** Jesus Christ:

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are **in** Him who is true, **in** His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Colossians 1:27

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

An Excellent Example Where Typology Reveal Reality.

Colossians 2:11-12

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without (human) hands, by putting off the body, the sins of the flesh, **by the circumcision of Christ**, **12** buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Look What Jesus Christ Did

He Purchased What You Could Never Afford

3c.) Jesus Christ alone is the salvation for all

vs. 22

22 who has gone (1) **into heaven** (ahead of us - forerunner) **and** (2) **is at the right hand of God** (seated and waiting), (3) **angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.**

Hebrews 9:11-28

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. **12** Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption...

:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **15** And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, **:16** For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. **17** For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives...

24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; **25** not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another - - **26** He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. **27** And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, **28** so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Hebrews 10:12

But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

The CROSS of Christ, The CHRIST of God, The CALL from Jesus

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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