

GOSPEL OF MARK
Did Jesus Descend Into Hell?
1 Peter 3:18-20

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**1. Jesus Christ attained _____
in His death on the cross that is unsurpassed.**

- a. Christ's death was a _____ for all atonement made by One who was perfectly righteous on behalf of those who were completely unrighteous.
- b. Christ, by His death, actually brings us to _____ Himself.

"Many people seem to embrace the good news without embracing _____. There is no sure evidence that we have a new heart just because we want to escape hell. That's a perfectly natural desire, not a supernatural one." - John Piper

- c. The victory of Christ's death is secured by the fact that though in the flesh He died, by the _____ He conquered death.
- d. It is Christ's victory over death that gives encouragement when _____ for the faith.

2. Jesus Christ's ministry in the Spirit, through _____, gives further encouragement to those who are suffering for their faith in difficult times.

- a. Just like in Noah's day, believers often find themselves as the minority surrounded by those who are _____ to the Christian faith.
- b. Just like in Noah's day, the reality of judgment is a reminder that _____ will give an account to God.
- c. Just like in Noah's day, believers can live boldly for Christ knowing that their _____ is sure.

3. Jesus Christ did _____ descend into hell, but believers can be encouraged that as our Savior, His experience of death and resurrection serves as a certain hope for every believer.

- a. Just like Christ, when believers die their _____ remains on the earth.
- b. Just like Christ, the believer's _____ will come immediately into the presence of God in heaven.
- c. Just like Christ, the believer's body will be _____ with his spirit in glorious fashion on resurrection day.