

Baptism as Spiritual Warfare (1 Peter 3:13–22)  
GCC, Morning Worship, 3/10/24

**Introduction**—Baptism is a multifaceted sign. One of the neglected meanings it symbolizes is *victory over the demonic forces that once held you captive. Just as Christ went down, proclaimed victory, and came up, so you go down, proclaim victory, and come up to new life.*

- I. Baptism is the Symbol of the Fulfillment of a Type (1 Peter 3:21)  
In v. 21, Peter says that “baptism corresponds to this...” Literally, “is an antitype.”
  - A. Definition of Type—A type is an event, person, or institution that foreshadows something that will come, but which isn’t revealed until after the fact. The antitype is the fulfillment of the type.
  - B. **Type**=Enoch,  
**Antitype**=Jesus in his post death activity from death to resurrection to ascension  
**Symbol**=baptism
  
- II. Enoch as the **Type** (Gen 6:14; 2 Pet 2:4; Jude 6)
  - A. The Sons of God (fallen angels) did not keep their place (Gen 6:1–4; 2 Peter 2:4)
  - B. Fallen angels ask Enoch to go ask God to spring them out, God says no, Enoch goes and declares defeat to angels (1 Enoch 6:4; 13:1–3; 14:4–5)
  
- III. Jesus as the **Second Enoch** (Antitype, 1 Peter 3:18–20)
  - A. Between death and resurrection, Jesus goes to Tartarus (Hades) or *Sheol* (place of the dead) and proclaims victory to the fallen angels.
  - B. Whereas for Paul, Jesus is the second Adam, for Peter, Jesus is the second Enoch.
  
- IV. **Baptism** as Loyalty to and Participation with the Second Enoch (1 Peter 3:21–22)
  - A. Baptism is a Pledge of loyalty to the Risen Lord and renunciation of Satan and his hordes
  - B. Baptism is a visceral reminder to the defeated fallen angels
  - C. Baptism is choosing sides
  - D. Be, in reality, who you pledged to be in your baptism