

## Brought Near to God

1 Peter 3:18-22

(We should be willing to suffer for doing good because...)

1. Christ also \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18)
  - a. Once for \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The righteous for the \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. To \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. That He should \_\_\_\_\_ you to God  
(After being \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit)
2. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19-20)
  - a. In the \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. To the \_\_\_\_\_ in prison
    - i. Those who did not \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. When God's \_\_\_\_\_ waited
    - iii. In the days of \_\_\_\_\_
3. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 20b-21)
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ and baptism
  - b. How baptism " \_\_\_\_\_ "
    - i. Not the \_\_\_\_\_ itself
    - ii. But the \_\_\_\_\_ reality
    - iii. Through the \_\_\_\_\_
4. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 22)
  - a. With the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - b. Over all \_\_\_\_\_

## For Further Study

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***This text only makes sense within its context. These are additional reasons for the believer to be willing to suffer for righteousness' sake, primarily because of the example of Christ.***

***Read 1 Peter 2:21-24.***

One author called our text a cousin to this text in chapter two. What is the point of these together in context?

***Read Hebrews 9:25-28.***

1. In what way are we unable to suffer as Jesus did?
2. Why is Jesus' suffering not just an example but a consolation for the suffering believer?

***Read Romans 5:1-5***

1. Peter says we are "brought to God" and Paul says "we have obtained access through Him by faith."
2. How does this prompt us to be willing to suffer?

Verses 19-20 is able to give us indigestion if we try to figure it all out. Genesis 6, 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6 may be helpful.

1. The Greek word for "spirits" always refers to non-human good or evil spiritual beings in the New Testament. The word for people is also in this passage – "souls." Hence it is likely that "spirits" does not refer to people.
2. The word "evangelize" is not used but the word "preach." What do you think Jesus preached to these "spirits?"
3. Why would Jesus preaching to them (and subjecting them to Himself – v. 22) be a comfort to suffering believers?

**Verse 21 – Key Thought – Does baptism save?** Baptism is an "antitype;" a reality of the symbol of the ark. By faith (a pledge of good conscience") through the resurrection, we are saved!

- How is the spiritual reality of baptism, then, like the ark?