

# SUNDAY MORNING

LIVING WITH A GOOD CONSCIENCE FOR CHRIST

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23<sup>rd</sup> message in the series: **Shepherding Scattered Sheep**

Preach as never sure to preach again, as a dying man to dying men.

Do I love to preach or do I love the people?

Text: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Theme: Examples of suffering for righteousness sake.

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While Peter was a little “difficult” for the Lord, so this passage that he wrote has been a little “difficult” for us

I thought about taking the “**commentary approach**”

**18** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: **19** By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; **20** Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. **21** The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us

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? What does it mean and what does it mean to us? **OR** ? What does it mean and why is it there?

## I. **What does this passage mean? (Interpretation)**

**3:17** For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil

doing. **18** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: **19** By which also he went and preached unto **the spirits in prison**; **20** Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

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**Christ literally died for evil-doing from their perspective, but for evil-doing from our perspective also – but different**

Who are these “spirits

1. Spirit of men who rejected Noah’s preaching
2. Fallen angels in the day of Noah
3. Christ preaching through Noah to his generation
4. Christ preaching to this in hades (OT Sheol – abode of the lost dead) in need of salvation

Let’s look at the context to find out,

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Let's look at other passages,

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**Jude 1:6** And the angels which **kept not their first estate**, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. **2 Pet 2:3** And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. **4** For if God spared not the **angels that sinned**, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

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**? But what did He preach?**

The word means to make an official announcement

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God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

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**Noah's response was the obedient response of a man who already had found grace in the eyes of the Lord**

**II. What does this passage mean to you? (Application)**

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**3:16 Having a good conscience;** that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse **your good conversation in Christ.** **21** The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but **the answer of a good conscience toward God,**) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

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**Having a good conscience about your good conversation (lifestyle) for Christ**

You might say by of the death of Christ, what an opportunity to show forth salv

You might say by the deliverance of Noah, what an opportunity...

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## Passages I didn't use

Death comes when the spirit leaves the body; the resurrection comes with the spirit re-enters the body

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**Acts 2:27** Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. **28** Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. **29** Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. **30** Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; **31** He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. **32** This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

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