

1 PETER

Christ, the Priest and Prophet 1 Peter 3:18-20

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1. Remembering the work of Christ as the suffering _____ of His people, is encouragement for them in their own suffering.

- a. Believers are encouraged to _____ in their suffering because Christ in His humiliation suffered for the sins of His undeserving people so that God's just wrath was fully satisfied.
- b. Believers are encouraged to persevere in their suffering because Christ has purchased their salvation, and He leads them by the _____ into a state of nearness and reconciliation with God.
- c. Believers are encouraged to persevere in their suffering because even though Christ endured a _____ death, He was gloriously resurrected by the power of the Spirit.

Q. Why does the Apostles Creed add, 'He descended into hell'?

A. To assure me in times of personal _____ and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.
- The Heidelberg Catechism

2. Remembering Christ in His work as Prophet, highlights the need to hold firm to the _____ especially in times of persecution.

- a. In His work as Prophet, even before His incarnation, Christ invites sinners to repentance and faith in Him.

"When Noah was building the ark, Christ 'in spirit' was _____ through Noah to the hostile unbelievers around him." - Wayne Grudem

- b. When the gospel is made known, those who obey the Word are delivered; but those who disobey are sentenced to the _____ of eternal hell.

"No length of time can make the Lord forget His mercies, which impenitent sinners have _____. Even when they are in hell He will remember them, and make them to remember them." - Alexander Nisbet

- c. There are times when those who are believers are few in number in the culture, but the Lord will provide sufficient means to provide for their _____.