
THE BOOK OF FIRST PETER
STAND FIRM
IN GOD'S GRACE

Christ's Example to Follow

1 Peter 3:18-22



1 Peter 3:18-22

- 18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; 19 in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison, 20 who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water. 21 Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

1 Peter Outline

I. **Salutation** (1:1-2)

II. **Salvation**: Living out the hope within (1:3-2:10)

III. **Sanctification**: Do the right thing…no matter what (2:11-4:6)

IV. **Suffering**: Stand firm because Jesus is coming (4:7-5:11)

V. **Summary**: Stand Firm (5:12-14)

Learning from the Bible

- Stumbling Block to Avoid

Learning from the Bible

- Stumbling Block to Avoid
- Promise to Claim

Learning from the Bible

- Stumbling Block to Avoid
- Promise to Claim
- Example to Follow

Learning from the Bible

- Stumbling Block to Avoid
- Promise to Claim
- Example to Follow
- Command to Obey

Learning from the Bible

- Stumbling Block to Avoid
- Promise to Claim
- Example to Follow
- Command to Obey
- Sin to Avoid

Learning from the Bible

- Stumbling Block to Avoid
- Promise to Claim
- Example to Follow
- Command to Obey
- Sin to Avoid

- What do I learn about God

Learning from the Bible

- Stumbling Block to Avoid
- Promise to Claim
- Example to Follow
- Command to Obey
- Sin to Avoid

- What do I learn about God

Peter's Top 10

- 1 Be Harmonious
- 2 Be Sympathetic
- 3 Be brotherly
- 4 Be Kindhearted
- 5 Be Humble in spirit
- 6 No evil for evil or insult for insult
- 7 Give a blessing instead
- 8 Keep your tongue from evil
- 9 Turn from evil
- 10 Seek peace and pursue it

Peter's 5 principles to live by

- 1 Prove zealous for what is good
- 2 Don't be afraid to suffer
- 3 Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts
- 4 Always be ready to make a defense
- 5 Keep a good conscience

Jesus Death

- Died for sins
- Once for all
- The just for the unjust
- To bring us to God
- He died in the flesh
- He was alive in the spirit

Christ Preached to spirits in prison

- To offer a second chance
- To proclaim victory to men
- To proclaim victory to fallen angels
- Through Noah back in the time of the flood

Why Baptism Does Not Save.

- Water does not save us, Jesus does.
- If water could save us then Jesus did not have to die.
- It does not work. As many have been baptized in water and then later turn away from the Lord. It is not secure.

It is Not Jesus Plus Baptism

- It would mean that Jesus had to die and then more was needed. His work was not enough.
- “It is finished” was not.
- Jesus did not personally baptize others
- Paul Baptized very few and thanked God for that in 1 Cor 1:14-16.

It is Not Jesus Plus Baptism

- The thief of the cross who was promised Paradise was not baptized.
- In Acts, there are examples of people receiving the Holy Spirit and then getting baptized. Not the other way around.
- There are so many passages that teach salvation by faith alone. The context of verses that seem to teach otherwise need to be examined.

Baptism for a clear conscience

- 3:21 An appeal to God for a good conscience .
  - through the resurrection of Jesus

- 3:16 keep a good conscience based on your good behavior in Christ
  - based on obedience in baptism
  - be ready to make a defense for your hope
  - Identifying with Christ's suffering

Standing Firm

- Press On
- Suffer Well
- Honor Our Lord

- Follow Christ’s example and Noah’s example

- Our Hope is in the Resurrection