

1 Peter 3:18-22

**The Triumph of
Christ's Suffering**

Outline of 1 Peter

1.Salvation	1:1-2:10	Believer's Identity
2.Submission	2:11-3:12	Individual Responsibility
3.Suffering	3:13-4:19	Corporate Responsibility
4.Serving	5:1-14	Stand firm

3. Suffering 3:13 - 4:9

A. The Experience of Suffering 3:13-17

1. Comes to those who do good 3:13-14,17
2. Requires sanctification and
preparation 3:15
3. Results in victory 3:16

**B. The Exultation – or -
Triumph through Suffering
3:18-22**

3:18 “*FOR...*” There is a strong connection to the first paragraph on Suffering (3:13-17)

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Theme:

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Application:

**In Christ, we can
Triumph in Our Suffering**

3:18

1. Triumphant Sin Bearing

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Messianic

“Christ”

Ultimate

“For Christ ALSO died...”

For Sins

“Christ also died for sins”

Unique

“ONCE!” Heb. 7:26, 9:25,26”

Comprehensive

“Once for ALL”

Vicarious

“*the Just for the unjust*”

Purposeful

“so that *He* might bring us to God”

3:18 b

2. Triumphant Sovereignty

The Resurrection of Christ

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“having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;”

#1. Christ was put to death in His human body but made alive by the Spirit at the resurrection, demonstrating His victory over death.

#2. Another view (*and there are plenty more!*) sees “flesh” as describing Jesus’ **pre-resurrection condition** (following the Incarnation) and “spirit” as referring to **His post-resurrection condition**. Peter used the same terminology in 4:6, where he referred to Christians who had died but were now alive.

3:19-20

3. Triumphant Sermon

The Ascension of Christ

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1. Christ conquered death on the Cross, declaring,
“It is finished.”

2. Christ went to Paradise, taking the Converted Thief with him: “Today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

Paul also went there, 2 Corinthians 12:4

3. Christ was “made alive in the spirit”, proving this through His resurrection. His body died on the cross. His spirit was made alive at the declaration of victory.

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4. For 40 days, Christ moved around the earth “**in the spirit**” – in His resurrection body, then...

Christ ascended into heaven in this post-resurrection bodily-spiritual state.

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Eph. 2:2 “...the prince of the power of **the air**...”
where Satan and the demons dwell
In doing so..

3. Triumphant Sermon 3:19-20.

The Ascension of Christ

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Eph. 6:12 “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the **heavenly places.**”

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The Ascension of Christ

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Col. 2:15 “When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities (*in his death and resurrection*), He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.” **Then!.....**

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The Ascension of Christ

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In passing through the realm of spirits – **the 2nd heaven** – He “**went and proclaimed victory**” wherever these fallen demons are “**in prison**”.

“**He went**” – this is a geographical place.

“**and made proclamation**” - This is a verb meaning He made a physical proclamation, **announcing a victory**, or heralding a triumph.

3. Triumphant Sermon 3:19-20.

The Ascension of Christ

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Eph. 4:8 & 10 “Therefore it says, “When He Ascended on High, He Led Captive a Host of Captives, And He Gave Gifts to Men.” He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.”

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Eph . 1:20-22 “when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the **heavenly places**, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church...”

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Q3. “**Who once were disobedient ... in the days of Noah.**”

Jude 1:6 “*And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.*”

(Ref 2 Peter 2:4-6)

3:21

4. Triumphant Salvation

NOW!

**For those who trust Christ between
His Ascension and Return**

4. Triumphant Salvation

a. Typified in the Flood 3:20

**b. Realized & Illustrated
in baptism 3:21**

3:22

5. Triumphant Supremacy

The Exaltation of Christ

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Ascended to the Right Hand of God:

*“who is at the right hand of God, having
gone into heaven,”*

- Christ has ascended into GLORY!

5. Triumphant Supremacy

Ultimate Triumph Over All Enemies:

“after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.”

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Ultimate Triumph Over All Enemies:

Eph. 1:19-22 *“These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”*

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Ultimate Triumph Over All Enemies:

Summary: *“When Christ Rose from the dead, he declared that all authority had been given to him (Matt 28:18). When he ascended, he proclaimed his victory to the spirits “in prison.” And now, at the right hand of the Father, He reigns!”* (KCF, ECS, pg 55)

