

1 Peter 11 3:17-22

1. 3:15-17 – Having a Good Conscience in Suffering

- a. 3:14 - When living under persecution, sanctify the Lord in your hearts
- b. 3:15 - Be ready... with meekness and fear (not revenge)
- c. The hope of restitution, judgment, and righteousness → Acts 3:21 (Psa 7:8)
- d. 3:17 – “It is better”... because of the subsequent hope (reward)

2. 3:18 – Christ’s Suffering for Sins

- a. “hath once suffered for sins” not to suffer again - Heb 9:26-28
- b. His suffering was for [because] of the sins of Israel (OT) - Isa 53:5-8, Heb 9:15
- c. The just for the unjust - Acts 3:14, Mat 27:19,24
- d. Christ was obedient unto death - Heb 5:7-9, Phil 2:6-8
- e. The servants not greater than the master – John 15:18-25

3. 3:19-20 – Preaching to the Spirits in Prison

- a. When faced with difficult passages – don’t speculate. Stick with what you know.
- b. Questions from the passage: spirits? prison? went when? preached what?
- c. The context: believing remnant who receive reward through suffering
- d. 3:20 - We know: the spirits were ‘disobedient’, but a remnant was saved
- e. The spirits: The case for angels – Heb 1:7, 14, 1Pet 3:22, Jude 6, 1Tim 3:16
 - i. Angels in the time of Noah – Gen 6:1-5
 - ii. Why would it matter? His life means they are subject - Heb 1:4, 2:5
- f. The prison: The case for hell – 2 Peter 2:4-5
- g. Preaching: Jesus was most likely proclaiming his dominion – Mat 28:18
- h. His triumph over death! – Heb 2:9,14, Col 2:15
- i. When he went: After he could triumph – Luke 23:43, Eph 4:8-9

4. 3:20-22 – The Baptism that Saves

- a. The figure: God is longsuffering, many reject the warnings, a few are saved
- b. Water baptism was required – Mat 3:11, Mark 16:16, Luke 7:29-30
- c. Water baptism was for the remission of sins – Mark 1:4, Acts 2:38, 22:16
- d. Baptism saved them because of the name not the water– Mat 28:19-20, Mark 2:7
- e. Not the filth, but the conscious (of sins) – Eze 36:25, Heb 9:13-14, 10:1-2
- f. A good conscious before God is the point! – 1 Peter 3:16
- g. Without Jesus’ resurrection the baptism was pointless – 1 Peter 3:22 & 1:3