



Week 11: I Peter 3: 18-22

LOOK BACK

1. Take some time and share a highlight and a challenge from last week.
2. Spend a little time sharing how you're seeing God work in your life right now.

LOOK UP

Read I Peter 3:18-22

v.18

Why is it important for Peter to mention the suffering of Jesus at this point in the letter? (Hint: context)

Respond to the following; "There is no longer any sacrifice or atonement that can please God other than what Jesus provided at the cross."

How is Jesus described? How are we described?

According to Peter, what was the purpose of Jesus' suffering?

What does this teach us about the gravity of sin and the love of Christ?

According to Peter, who raised Jesus from the dead?

Read Romans 6:4. Whom raised Jesus according to Paul?

Read John 2:18-22. According to John who raised Jesus?

The resurrection was the work of the Triune God!

v.19-20a

I will cover some of the interpretive options of this verse in the main message. For now, listen to the wisdom of Dr. Morgan.

“What His message was we are not told. Why only those disobedient in the days of Noah are mentioned is not stated. What the purpose or result of Christ’s preaching was, is not revealed. On all these points we may form our own conclusions, but we have no authority for anything approaching dogmatic teaching.”

v.20b-22

Peter is picturing the flood as being *connected* to both judgment and salvation. How does our water baptism do the same as well?

Notice Peter is quick to state in v.21 that water baptism does not save us but rather the spiritual reality behind baptism. That spiritual reality is an appeal to God for a good conscience which comes to us by *faith* in a resurrected Jesus.

Why does Peter mention the resurrection of Jesus in connection with our faith response?

Why does Peter mention the ascension of Jesus?

Why does Peter mention the subjection of spiritual entities?

The answers to the above three questions will establish some of our Christology.

The work of *atonement* is completed and the resurrection is proof!

Jesus’ *glorification* to the right hand of God demonstrates both his position and favor with the Father.

The *reign* of Jesus brings glory to the Father.

See Colossians 1:15-20

LOOK FORWARD

1. What from this passage changes the way you see the upcoming week?
2. How can the group be praying for you this week?