

# *Suffering for Righteousness' Sake*

*Better to Suffer for Doing Good*

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

## 1 Peter 3:9

*Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless,*

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3. Christ suffered this way – v.18-22

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*“Even if we suffer an unjust death for the sake of Christ it is both purposeful and victorious because death does not have the last word.” Karen Jobe*

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*“This is a strange text and certainly a more obscure passage than any other passage in the New Testament. I still do not know for sure what the apostle meant.”*

*Martin Luther*

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*1. Descent into Hell*

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*“There is no textual basis in the New Testament for claiming that between Good Friday and Easter Christ was preaching to souls imprisoned in hell or Hades.”*



*“People are making a lot of assumptions when they consider that this is a reference to hell and that Jesus went there between his death and his resurrection.”*

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## 1 Peter 1:11

*the Spirit of Christ in them [the prophets] was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.*

## **1 Peter 3:19**

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## 1 Peter 3:20

*Because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.*

*“he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison”*

*1. Descent into Hell*

*2. Pre-Incarnate Christ*

*3. Victory Proclamation*

## 1 Peter 3:22

*...angels, authorities, and powers  
having been subjected to him.*



## Colossians 2:15

*[Christ] disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

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*...when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.*

## 1 Peter 3:21

*...in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. (21) Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

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## **Romans 3:28**

*For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.*

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*v.20: Noah saved...through water.*

*v.21: You saved...through the resurrection  
of Christ*

*Why baptism?*

## **Romans 6:3-4**

*(3) Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?*

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*(4) We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

## 1 Peter 3:22

*who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.*

*Ascension = the act of rising to a higher level*

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