

The Redeeming Work of Christ
1 Peter 3:18-22

Warning: High Water Ahead! All Scripture is inspired by God, but not all Scripture is easily understood. In our passage this morning, we find some of the most difficult texts in Peter's Epistle, perhaps in all of the New Testament. Many are the differing interpretations concerning Peter's intended meaning.

Verses 19-21 are most perplexing to even the greatest scholars (you can imagine how perplexing it might be to your simple pastor). It seems that several questions need to be considered:

- _____ are the spirits in prison?
- _____ did Jesus preach to them?
- _____ did He preach to them?
- _____ did this preaching take place?
- Did Peter teach baptismal _____ ?

These questions could consume all of our time and energy this morning. After all, "inquiring minds want to know!" But even inquiring minds will not know and understand everything.

"The task of the faithful expositor is clear. If we cannot plumb the mysteries of the passage, we can (1) state the main, clear points, and (2) avoid major error by refusing to base novel doctrines upon obscure passages." Daniel Doriani

The main points of the passage concern themselves with Christ, His suffering and triumph! We must not become distracted by any fanciful notions that would diminish the glory of Christ's work or create a false gospel that leads to universalism.

- Christ _____ for sin, _____ in the flesh, to _____ us to God. (18) Here again we find a Christological gem, a nugget worth more than gold.

Without the suffering and death of Christ, we would have no way to come to God. Our access was provided by the shed blood of the Lamb of God!

- Christ was _____, made alive, by the Spirit. (18b)
At the time of His death, only the flesh of Jesus died. He said, "Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)

The body of the Lord was laid in the tomb, but the spirit of Christ descended into Sheol, the abode of the dead, where He preached to the spirits in prison. But what did He preach?

Note: To draw from this verse any notion of a postmortem opportunity for salvation, is most unwarranted and would undermine much of the clear teaching of Scripture. We must hold to the clear teaching of Scripture, not to the traditions of the church. Tradition must always give way to the Scripture.

Note: Therefore, we cannot look at verse 21 and conclude that baptism has saving merit! That would undermine a host of Scriptures that declare salvation by grace through faith alone!

- Christ _____ into heaven and is _____ triumphantly over all powers and authorities. (22)

This is consistent with the message of Peter at Pentecost. (*Acts 2:32-36*)

Application points:

Never allow the "fog and the mist" to hide Christ from your view! Glory in Christ, even when we may not fully comprehend His mysterious ways.

Make certain you are fully resting in Christ's atoning work!

Missions Moment

Pray for the Stovers as they minister in Thailand.

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Adults

Sunday:
Sunday School | 9:15am
Services | 8:00am | 10:30am | 5:30pm

Wednesday:
Men's Study at Southern Grace | 6:30am
Morning Bible Study | 10:30am
Missions Celebration | 6:00pm

Thursday:
Men's Study at Shoney's | 7:00am
Young Adult Small Group | 6:00pm

Students

Sunday:
Sunday School | 9:15am

Monday:
College | 6:00pm

Wednesday:
Youth | 6:00pm

Children

Sunday:
Sunday School | 9:15am
Children's Church | 10:30am
Kelsey Watson, Jenny and Angela Whitehead

Wednesday:
Meal | 5:30pm
Summer Bible Club | 6:00pm

Nursery

Sunday:
Sunday School | 9:15am
Morning Service | 10:30am
Meghan Williamson, Elaine Watkins, Dena McCown, Paula and Richard Tucker
Evening Service | Kayla Whitehead

Weekly Reports

Tithes/Offerings: \$20,570.29
Sunday School: 226

Today's Services

AM

Forever

Welcome and Prayer

Grace Changes Everything
-Choir Special
Grace Greater Than Our Sin
Christ is Risen

(Children dismissed to Children's Church)

Maggie and Dwight Campbell
-Special Music (10:30 only)

Sermon – Pastor Tony Collins

Near the Cross

Missions Moment and Benediction

PM

Packing gift bags for teachers in the
Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm

Sermon – Chaz Farmer



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Announcements

Bring extra fruit and vegetables from your garden for the **Blessing Table**.

Come to the **Fellowship Hall tonight** at 5:30 to assemble **gift bags for the teachers** at Eagleton Elementary and Middle Schools. If you would like to help with the cost, please mark your donation "Teacher gift bags."

Missions Celebration this Wednesday with the Browns. Bring homemade ice cream.

July 31 is Promotion Sunday for students who are ready to move up to the next class.

Apologetics Conference with Dr. Timothy Paul Jones is August 7. No 8 am service. We'll have a combined Sunday school, 10:30 am worship service, a workshop for parents and grandparents at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, and an evening service at 6:00 pm.

Free Concert: You are invited to the Knoxville Community Band's summer concert on July 31 at 3:00 pm at the Clayton Center. The KCB is directed by our own Larry Hicks.

New ladies' Bible study begins Tuesday, August 9, at 9 am in the youth room. We will do John MacArthur's study entitled, "The Rise and Fall of Solomon," covering 1Kings 1-11, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. The book can be purchased for \$8.50 in the church office.

Senior trip to the Farmer's Daughter restaurant and General Store in Chuckey, TN is August 12. We will leave the church at 9:15 am. The cost is \$35 per person. Space is limited to 30 people.

Church business meeting next Sunday, July 31, at 5:30 pm.

MISSION

To bring glory to God by exalting Christ in worship, equipping Christians for ministry, and evangelizing our neighborhood & the nations.

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