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1 Peter – “A Living Hope”

Session 13

1 Peter 3:18-22 (NKJV)

“Victory in our suffering”

When we sanctify the Lord God in our hearts, and **“suffer for righteousness’ sake”** (v.14), we can walk in the utmost of confidence in our victory in Christ. If the world **“defames”** and **“reviles”** you (v.16), do not lose heart. Remember that the Lord **“also suffered;”** and through that suffering He conquered sin and death for us, and now reigns supreme, in all authority and power. As we share in His suffering, we share also in His resurrection life and authority. If you find yourself feeling defeated by persecutions and the attacks of the enemy, let this passage be a reminder that we are **“more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”**

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:18; 15

Why was Christ willing to **“also suffer”** (die) for the **“unjust”**? How does this relate to what we can do when we suffer according to the will of God, according to v.15?

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:19

What did Jesus do **“by the Spirit”** after He died?

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:20; Genesis 6:1-8

Those spirits from v.19 are demons that God imprisoned in the time of Noah. Their **“disobedience”** was part of a very corrupt world. Read the Genesis passage. What was the disobedience of the spirits at that time? It wasn't just their disobedience that brought on the flood. What does it say about the **“wickedness of man”** at that time in history? In contrast, what does it say of Noah? As a result, what did God do for Noah according to 1 Peter 3:20?

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:21

The word “**antitype**” means *an earthly expression of a heavenly reality*. Therefore, this verse is speaking not of water “**baptism**,” but of a spiritual one. What does this spiritual baptism, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, give us toward God?

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:22

What was the result of Christ’s’ willingness to suffer for the unjust according to His Father’s will?

Personal Application:

The word “**preached**” in v.18 of the NKJV would better be translated *proclaimed*. After Jesus provided for our redemption (v.18), He went and proclaimed the victory to the enemy. And in v.22 it says that He has all authority; that “**angels and authorities and powers have been made subject to Him.**”

How should the knowledge of Jesus’ victory and His position of complete authority help you in how you face the tribulations and persecutions of this life?

Hiding God’s Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

Romans 8:37