

Living Upright in an Upside-Down World

Our Suffering Savior, Our Conquering Christ

1 Peter 3:18–22

1. Christ’s Vicarious Atonement

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit” (1 Peter 3:18, NKJV)

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B. It came for a cause.

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2. Christ’s Valiant Announcement

“By whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water” (1 Peter 3:19–20, NKJV)

A. Sin is defeated

B. Satan is doomed

3. Christ’s Victorious Achievement

“By whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,” (1 Peter 3:19–21, NKJV)

4. Christ’s Visible Ascension

“who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.” (1 Peter 3:22, NKJV)

We see Christ in His sovereign power. The Lord is now enthroned!

A. **He reigns:** *“Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God” (3:22a).*

B. **He rules:** *“angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him” (3:22b).*