

I. Intro: Why suffer for doing what is right? Why not fear? Why treat Jesus as Lord in our hearts?

II. Jesus Christ was put to death

- A. Died for sins
- B. Once for all
- C. The just for the unjust
- D. To bring us to God
- E. Put to death (Acts 2:23)
- F. In the flesh: the realm (age) of suffering, imperfection, mortality

III. Jesus Christ was made alive

- A. Resurrection!
- B. Put to death in the flesh, made alive in the Spirit (1 Corinthians 15:46,50; 1 John 2:17)
- C. Jesus' death was once for all: his resurrected triumph is forever
- D. Jesus now has a glorious existence in the body, which we look forward to

IV. Jesus Christ went into heaven

- A. Made proclamation to the spirits now in prison
 - i. Jesus preached, through Noah, to the people of Noah's day, commanding them to repent of their sins.
 - ii. After Jesus died he literally descended into Hell and preached the gospel to all people who had died before his time, giving them the opportunity to receive salvation.
 - iii. Accomplished and declared to them the long-promised defeat of the evil spiritual powers at work in Noah's day and on.
- B. Jesus has defeated all spiritual powers (Colossians 2:9-15; Genesis 6:1-4)
- C. What is judgment for the passing world is victory for God and his people
- D. Is this view that people are condemned if they don't have faith in Jesus intolerant? three views: grace, religion, karma
- E. What is baptism about?
- F. Get baptized, to submit yourself to the king.
- G. If you have been baptized, fulfill your baptism.