## "Trusting in the Amazing Work of Christ" I Peter 3:18-22 July 8, 2012

## His Work...

- 1. Christ suffered for <u>sins</u>! (18)
- 2. Christ, the righteous suffered for the <u>unrighteous</u>! (18)
- 3. Christ brings <u>sinners</u> to God! (18)
- 4. Christ proclaims <u>victory</u>! (19)
- 5. Christ is at the <u>right hand of God</u>! (22)

## Our Response...

- 1. <u>Appeal</u> to God to be right with Him. (21)
- 2. <u>Trust</u> in His work of salvation. (21)

## **Bible Study Questions/ Discussion**

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- Share the time you first understood what Christ accomplished on the cross for you. Where were you and what did you feel? Discuss the "suffering" Christ experienced for your sin. (I Peter Isa. 53:5) (Physical? Emotional? Mental? Spiritual?) Why did He suffer? (Rom. 5:8)
- 2. Contrast the description of Christ with the people He died for, according to I Peter 3:8. Read 2 Cor. 5:21 and discuss the transaction God is offering us.
- 3. The ultimate purpose in Christ dying for us is for what to happen? (I Peter 3:18) (Also John 14:6) What does it mean to have Christ "bring us to God?" (I Tim. 2:5; Heb. 4:14-16)
- After the crucifixion, what did Christ do? (I Peter 3:19) Discuss the two possibly viewpoints of the phrase "proclaimed to spirits in prison." (Compare Heb. 2:14; 2 Peter 2:4-5; LK. 8:31; Jude 6) Do people get a second chance after they die? (Heb. 9:27) What does the "victory" proclamation of Jesus look like? (I John 3:8; Col. 2:15)
- After His resurrection and His ascension, where did Jesus go? (I Peter 3:22) What is the significance of being at the right hand of God? (Heb. 10:12-13; 12:2; Eph. 1:20-21; Luke. 22:69; Rev.3:21; Phil. 2:9-10)
- 6. Because of what Christ accomplished on our behalf what can we now do with God? (21b)
- 7. Discuss the comparison Peter makes with the story of Noah and the ark during the flood and our salvation in Christ. (I Pet. 3:20-21) Thank the Lord for His great provision of salvation and clarify your acceptance of His sacrifice. What impact should such a sacrifice have on your life choices?