

# Peter's First Epistle

## ***I-PETER***

CHAPTER 3:18-22

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TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### ***"A LIFE THAT SAVES" - Pt.1***

THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD

THEME OF THE BOOK:

*1 Peter 5:12*

*I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.*

**INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text 3:18-22**

### ***"A LIFE THAT SAVES"***

is a life that is hidden in Christ through the resurrection from the dead

#### **Verse 18**

*:18 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,*

#### **Also**

#1 the suggestion is, we too will only have to suffer once - in this life!

#### **Once for sins**

#2 His suffering was swift, effective and final

#### **The Just - Unjust**

#3 By reason of "His suffering" He **became** qualified to

## Jesus Died for Man

Not Angels, Not Animals, Not Demons and Fallen Angels, but Man

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## *That He might bring us to God*

#4 Jesus Christ alone is our bridge to God (not good works, money, name...)

### 1 Timothy 2:3-5

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

### Acts 4:12

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

### Philippians 2:10

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

Bring GRK 4317 prosago (pros-ag'-o)

to lead toward, to pull near, to approach, with intent

(There is a firm Grasping of Us)

## Verse 19

*:19 by whom also He went and preached  
to the spirits **in prison**,*

Prior to Jesus going to the cross - all believers went to Sheol, Abrahams Bosom, Paradise - in the spirit realm referred to as being in the center of the earth.

**After** His death - **But** before His resurrection

Prison GRK 2784 kerusso (kay-roos'-so)

a public announcement of a truth. To proclaim and publish the truth.

## Verse 20-21

*:20 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.*

*who formerly were disobedient*

Life in the days of Noah

*when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared*

The love of God waiting!

*That is, eight souls, were saved through water.*

Their souls were save in the Ark

*the water was the mode by which the judgement came*

*:21 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,*

water is a symbol or antitype of resurrection

**Through**      **GRK 1223 Dia (dee-ah')**  
of place, with, In, of time, throughout, during, of means

Jesus, The Cross, The Thief, The Day

Paradise

**2 Corinthians 12:1-4**

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: <sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-- whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows-- such a one was caught up to **the third heaven**. <sup>3</sup> And I know such a man-- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows <sup>4</sup> how he was caught up into **Paradise** and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

## Paradise Relocated

### Revelation 2:7

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

### Verse 21

*:21 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,*

Why should we be baptized?

- Jesus Said to.
- It's for consciences sake
- and it's an outward (type) display of death

### Romans 6:3-4

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

((WHAT IT CANNOT DO  
- IS BRING US TO GOD))

### Verse 22

*:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.*