

Understanding I Peter

Why Suffering is Worth it

1 Peter 3:18-22

Because we are UNCONDITIONALLY ACCEPTED

1 Peter 3:18a

The absolute forgiveness of sins that the believer experiences is the most precious truth for the Christian life. *Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

The Picture of Salvation with Noah and the Ark

1 Peter 3:18b-20

Who are the Spirits in Prison?

- One view states that they are fallen angels who sinned at the time of Noah.
- This view views the following passages as referring to this one event.
Genesis 6:1-4, 2 Peter 2:4-5, Jude 14-15
- Another view is that they are the unbelievers who died at the time of the flood.
- My opinion is that Peter is talking about the unbelievers who died at the time of the flood.
- Spirits can refer to human beings as is seen in *Hebrews 12:23*
- At the time of Noah the “sons of God” would refer to the godly line of Seth, while the “daughters of men” would refer to the unbelieving line of men.

Who preached to the Spirits in Prison?

The Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Christ brought judgment on those in the days of Noah when the ark was being built as Noah preached during the time (120 years) that he was building the ark. *Hebrews 11:7, 2 Peter 2:5, Genesis 6:3*

What was preached to the Spirits in Prison?

Noah preached judgment on all those in the world as he built the ark in preparation for the flood.

When was the preaching to the Spirits in Prison?

It was during the 120 years that Noah was building the ark that he preached to those who would not believe his message. It was not during the time between the crucifixion and the resurrection. *Ephesians 4:-13*

Book to Recommend

Wayne Grudem, *1 Peter* (volume 17 of the Tyndale New Testament Commentaries), published by Eerdmans, 1988, 239 pages, paperback. Read pages 203-239.

Baptism = Profession of Faith

1 Peter 3:21a

- Water baptism is the formal way that the believer tells God that he has believed the message of the gospel.
- Testimony to others is not the primary purpose of baptism. That is why there were private baptisms in the book of Acts. *Acts 16*
- Requesting baptism should be a part of the gospel message.

The Resurrection Saves Us

1 Peter 3:21b-22

Jesus rose from the dead and this was the indication that his work on the cross was accepted by the Father and all those for whom he died would receive the salvation that he purchased.

Romans 6:4

