

Sermon Notes

Christ Suffered, Rose, and Reigns; Help Lead People to Him

1 Peter 3:18-22

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Review:

3:18a Christ suffered so that He might bring us to God.

We are being asked to do for other's what He did for us.

3:18b-20 Christ went on a journey in the spiritual realm.

This gives us perspective on how to think about non-Christians:

- Those who remain disobedient, and may cause us to suffer
- Those who may respond positively to us sharing Christ with them

Those who won't trust Christ and who make us suffer, we shouldn't worry about them getting away with it.

In our efforts to witness Christ to people, only a few people may trust Christ and get saved, but it's worth the effort.

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3:21 Baptism represents our escape from death to resurrection, and this is possible because of Jesus Christ.

Don't forget verse 18, Christ died for sins, to bring us to God.

The appeal to God made at baptism: Asking God to remove your ethical uncleanness, so you can stand before Him, clean and right.

We should get back to the practice of calling people to come get baptized when they say they want to trust Christ.

3:22 Christ is reigning in authority in heaven.

We should model ourselves after Christ in our lives now, and we will participate in His glory in the next life.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Related reading: 2 Peter 2:9, Revelation 20:13-14, 1 Peter 4:6

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Application questions for 10/24/2017 sermon
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(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

What is something going on in your life or thinking that we should know?"

Thinking of non-Christians in your life, if they are nice to you or if they are a jerk to you, does it change your attempt to try to share Christ with them? If so, how? And why or why not?

Should how non-Christians treat us affect our attempts to share Christ with them, and why?

Those who make you suffer, what truths do we need to continue to remind ourselves of, so we act properly toward them?

Do you ever get discouraged that so few people, who you share Christ with, come to trust Christ? What specific thoughts have you had about it? Does it ever keep you from sharing Christ?

What perspective should we try to maintain regarding it seeming that so few come to Christ?

Someone who is saying they want to start trusting Christ, would it crossed your mind to call them to immediately be baptized? What might the effect of that be?

(Make sure to get to this question, and try to have everyone answer it.)

Based on what you've learned in this sermon and discussion, is there something you want to start doing, or start doing differently?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.