



"Christ's Suffering and Our Salvation" (Part 1)

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1 Peter 3:18a



18 For even Christ suffered once for all concerning sin, the just for the unjust, in order to reconcile us to God--He who was put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Spirit. **19** By which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits in prison. **20** who formerly were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, while the ark was being built, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. **21** And

corresponding to that, baptism now saves you; not a removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal for a good conscience to God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ-- **22** who is at the right hand of God, having been taken into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

– 1 Peter 3:18-22, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

The path to the promised land is paved with pain and suffering; but we can persevere through whatever lies ahead because Christ traveled the same path and prevailed for us.

Christ's suffered for a time so that we could be saved for eternity.

I. Christ's Suffering and Our Salvation (18-22)

A. Christ's Victory Came Through Suffering

1. What About Our Suffering?

a. What is the Nature of our Suffering?

(1) We Suffer Because of _____

(a) We Suffer Because of Our Own _____

(b) We Suffer Because of the Sin of _____

- a. The Fact of Christ's Suffering (18a)
- b. The Nature of Christ's Suffering (18a)
- c. The Purpose of Christ's Suffering (18b)
- d. The Culmination of Christ's Suffering (18b)
- e. The Triumph of Christ's Suffering (18c-20)

(c) We Suffer Due to Sin in _____ (living in a fallen world)

i. We Suffer Under the Providential Hand of God

2. Christ's Suffering (18)

a. The Fact of Christ's Suffering (18a)

(1) Note the connection to vv. 13-17: "A Ready Defense: Facing Persecution for Christ's Sake"

- (a) Remain Faithful (13)
- (b) Endure Hostility (14a)
- (c) Avoid Fearing Men (14b)
- (d) Defend your Hope (15-16)
- (e) Yield to God's Will (17)

b. The Nature of Christ's Suffering

(1) Christ Suffered for Sin and Because of Sin

(a) Not His Own Sin (He was Sinless)

- i. He Suffered at the Hands of Sinful Men
- ii. He Suffered from Living in a Fallen World
- iii. He Suffered Not for His Sin but For Ours

(2) His Suffering was Unique and Unrepeatable

(a) The phrase that's used here: *peri* (περι) "concerning" + *hamartion* (ἁμαρτιῶν) "sin/sins" indicates that Peter is referring to a sin offering

(b) Not just any sin offering - unique sin offering

(c) Very important word and concept for you to grasp

i. Word is ἁπαξ (HAPAX)

ii. Why is this important? Christ's Sufficiency and Roman Catholicism

iii. Survey of Hebrews

Conclusion: