

Sermon: Finding Our Hope in Christ.
Series: 1 Peter: Hardships, Holiness, and Hope

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Date: November 1, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

Note: this passage gives one of the most succinct and yet full descriptions of our salvation. Therefore we will start by asking what this passage teaches us about Christ/grace.

1) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Spend some time soaking in the richness of verse 18. What stands out to you from this verse about your salvation? About the work of Christ?

b) Spend some time soaking in the richness of verse 22. What are the implications of Christ's victory, ascension, and reign for us his followers and brothers and sisters?

2) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) As you think through the sacrifice and glory of Christ in this passage, what does it teach you about God the Father?

3) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) Verse 20 says that our baptism is an appeal to God for a good conscience. How do you see your conscience? Does it condemn you, or comfort you in Christ?

Note: we should see Peter's use of the word baptism here as synonymous with our conversion, not the ritual of water baptism.

APPLICATION

a) Think through these two truths together: Christ is victorious, and we have a clear conscience. How might believing these truths impact your life in one (or all) of these areas:

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| 1. Trusting God's love for you. | 2. Boldly approaching God. | 3. Doing good. |
| 4. Courage in witnessing. | 5. Forgiving with others. | 6. Living in submission. |

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Peter 2:9-12.

PRAYER

Praise God for his sacrifice for you and his victory over all our enemies.

Confess ways that you have placed your hope in things other than Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension to glory.

Ask God to remind you of your good conscience in Christ Jesus.