

Pastor Ed Kemp

MESSAGE NOTES

Sunday, October 11

Introduction

	<i>notes</i>
Peter 3:14-22 Hope: An optimistic outlook based on the victory of Christ.	
4 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, 15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your nearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; 16 and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. 17For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong. 18For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; 19in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, 20who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. 21Corresponding to that, captism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and cowers had been subjected to Him.	

4 Ways to replace hopelessness with victory:	notes
#1. The victory of a blessed future. But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. Vs. 14a	
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#2. The victory of choice. sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, Vs. 15a	
#3. The victory of spiritual preparation. always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, Vs. 15b	
#4. The victory of a godly examplein the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, Vs. 20band keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. Vs. 16	

GROUP DISCUSSION

Hope in Troubled Times 1 Peter 3:14-22, 10/11/2020 Pastor Ed Kemp Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Who is the most optimistic person you've ever known?

4 Ways to replace hopelessness with victory:

The Apostle Peter writes,"...who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him." Vs.22. Therefore how does the victory of Jesus and His <u>guarantee of a blessed future</u> impact your attitude today?

Peter tells us to,"...sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts..." Vs. 15a This means we set Christ up as the supreme authority in our lives. When we participate in the <u>victory of choice</u>, that Jesus is ultimately in charge of my life, how does that free me to live for Him?

Peter says to,"...always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you..." Vs. 15b When has the <u>victory of spiritual preparation</u> helped you to speak to someone else about what Christ means to you? What's one product you discovered, used and were really excited about that you told someone else about?

Peter uses an illustration from the Old Testament about someone who had to endure and persevere in negative circumstances,"...in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark..." Vs. 20b. How could the <u>victory of the Godly example</u> of Noah encourage you to keep going when discouraged? Who's been a great example in your life of perseverance with a great attitude?

Family Time: Get each one of your children animal crackers. Tell your kids the story of Noah from Genesis 6-9. Ask them to name all the animals in the cracker box and that God brought those animals to Noah to take on the ark. Make a list of more animals and ask them what their favorite is and why.