

**Series:** Hope for a Hopeless World  
**Title:** What Did the Bible Just Say?  
**Scripture:** 1 Peter 3:18-22  
**Speaker:** Pastor Ian Bonthron



**What did the \_\_\_\_\_ just say?**

**2 Peter 3:15b-16a ESV**

“15 our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, 16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand...”

**God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to you through His Word. Don't give up on it. God will \_\_\_\_\_ your life through it.**

**1. Christ suffered \_\_\_\_\_ so you can be with \_\_\_\_\_**

**1 Peter 3:18 ESV**

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

**Romans 6:10 ESV**

10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

**Jesus was your \_\_\_\_\_**

Righteous for unrighteous.

Don't let an unknown on a small thing derail your faith on the major things. Christ physically died once, in our place, so we could be made right with God.

We can have hope because Christ suffered once so we can be with God.

**2. Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ you are \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus**

**1 Peter 3:19-21 ESV**

19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, 20 because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. 21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now **saves** you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

*“A comparison is drawn between salvation in the ark and baptism. In both instances, believers are saved through the waters of judgment, since baptism portrays salvation through judgment. The mere*

*mechanical act of baptism does not save, for Peter explicitly says, “not as a removal of dirt from the body,” meaning that the passing of water over the body does not cleanse anyone.” — Crossway Bibles, The ESV Study Bible (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2008), 2411.*

**Genesis 7:16 ESV**

16 And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in.

*Baptism saves you because it represents inward faith, as evidenced by one’s appeal to God for the forgiveness of one’s sins (for a good conscience). Furthermore, baptism “saves” only insofar as it is grounded in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. — Crossway Bibles, The ESV Study Bible (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2008), 2411.*

**If you can’t tell people that Jesus is your savior, do you really believe it? Baptism saves you from the temptation to stay silent, and shows the genuineness of your faith.**

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**A. Christ offered a second chance of salvation to \_\_\_\_\_ spirits in hell.**

**Hebrews 9:21 ESV**

27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

**B. Christ’s Spirit preached through Noah, to \_\_\_\_\_ spirits and they did not obey and suffered judgment from it.**

**C. Jesus’ suffering won a \_\_\_\_\_ so convincingly, that He “Holy \_\_\_\_\_” the spirits who were sent to prison during Noah’s day.**

i. Almost without exception in the NT, when the plural word spirits is used, it refers to supernatural beings, not humans.

ii. Jesus is proclaiming His victory, which is shown by sitting at God's right hand and having the spiritual realm subjected to him.

iii. These spirits were in prison because of something they did during Noah's day

#### **2 Peter 2:4-5 ESV**

4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; 5 if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

#### **Genesis 6:1-4 ESV**

6 When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. 3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

#### **Psalm 110:1 ESV**

110 The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

**Your \_\_\_\_\_ for doing good isn't wasted because Jesus already \_\_\_\_\_.**

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