

1 Peter 3 Pt 1

Jesus

- **Chosen** Foreknowledge Father
- **Set Apart** Sanctification Spirit
- **Cleansed** Blood Jesus

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I beg you as **sojourners and pilgrims**, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your **good works** which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Honorable Conduct/Good Works
A Witness to a World desperately in need of a Savior

- **Submit to Government:** Except when they...
 1. Order us **not to do** ...what God says **to do**.
 2. Order us **to do** ...what God says **not to do**. We obey God. Period.

Not in **rebellion against** or **covering to** Government... But in obedience to God's Word

- **Submit to Employers:** Kind or Harsh. What if God's will is not your will?

I. Wives

1 Wives, likewise... be submissive to your own husbands

The ancient Greek word translated *submission* was used outside the New Testament to describe the submission and obedience of soldiers in an army to those of superior rank. It literally means, "to order under" ...Yet submission to authority can be totally consistent with equality in importance, dignity, and honor... Thus, the command to wives to be subject to their husbands should never be taken to imply inferior personhood or spirituality, or lesser importance." [Grudem]

- **Husband:** Spiritual Leader of the home

1 Corinthians 11:3 ... the head of every man is Christ, **the head of woman is man**, and the head of Christ is God.

- **Wives Instructions:** Submit to God-given authority of your husband

Ephesians 5:22 **Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.**

Colossians 3:18 **Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.**

- Jesus set woman free in the ancient world...

Galatians 3:28b ... is neither male nor female; for you are **all one in Christ Jesus.**

- **God is a God of Order:**
 1. Spirit Subject to the Son
 2. Son Subject to the Father
 3. Father, Son and Spirit all One. All equal in all things yet order of submission

**Wives submit to your husbands
Commit the results to Him who judges righteously**

- **Objective/Context for submission:** Win the lost

1. **World observes God's order...and be saved**
2. **Husband observe wife's conduct...and be saved**

1b ...that even if some [husbands] do not obey the word, they, **without a word**, may be won by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they observe your chaste conduct **accompanied by fear**.

1 Corinthians 7:13 ...a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him... **16** For how do you know, O wife, whether you will **save your husband**? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

Hope for those unequally yoked?
Win you husband to the Lord...without a word

There is a sense in which a wife's efforts to shape her husband through her own words and efforts may hinder the power of God's working on the husband. [Guzik]

- **Chaste Behavior:** *gr. hagnos* Lit. exciting reverence, venerable, sacred. Rt. Holy
- **Accompanied by fear?** Fear of God not husband

We should only fear disobeying God's clear instructions

3 [Wives] Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel— **4** rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very **precious in the sight of God**.

Not prohibition to nice clothes, makeup, looking your best but...

Question of what is most beautiful to God

- **God sees Hidden Person of the Heart:** Gentle Spirit/Quiet Spirit

The real question is "What do you depend on to make yourself beautiful? [Guzik]

Physical beauty in the world's eyes cannot be compared to the internal beauty that radiates from a godly woman made manifest in a gentle and quiet spirit. This is the beauty that will never fade away and is precious to God. [NJC]

5 **For in this manner** in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, **6** as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord whose daughters you are if you **do good** and are **not afraid with any terror**.

- **Manner of OT women of God?**

Peter reminds women that he did not call them to a new standard; but to something that was practiced by holy women of former times. [Guzik]

1. Trusted in God and proved it by...
2. Adorning themselves with a Gentle/Quiet spirit as they...
3. Submitted themselves to their husbands

- **For Example... Sarah**

1. Obeyed Abraham
2. Called him lord
3. Did not fear

That was easy for Sarah...Married Abraham. Really?

- **Genesis 12**

1. Abram called out of Babylon by God at 75
2. Took Sarai ...and Lot [never told to bring]
3. Went to Egypt [without being told]

Genesis 12:11 And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance. 12 Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. 13 Please say you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and **that I may live because of you.**"

1. Sarai taken into Pharaoh's palace/Pharaoh gives Abram riches
2. Pharaoh finds out Sarai is Abram's wife/Abram humiliated
3. God plagues Pharaoh/Sends Abram/Sarai away
4. Sarai left unscathed **as God protected her**

Q. Why didn't Sarah fear? **A.** Because she trusted God as she obeyed God by submitting to her husband...even when he made really stupid decisions

- **Hope:** Husbands will grow Spiritually making wise decisions
- **Responsibility/Consequences** fall completely on the husband
- **You are Sarah's daughters if...**

1. **You do good:** Submit with a quiet/gentle spirit

The words "do good" remind us that true submission is not a sulking surrender to authority. It is an active embrace of God's will, demonstrating trust in Him. [Guzik]

2. **Are not afraid** to do so because you trust God as you obey
3. PS. Sarah was not perfect either: Here, take my made servant

SUMMARY Wives Submit to your husbands God-Given authority and let the chips fall where they may as you trust in God. When men obey the Lord, this subject is less controversial...

II. Husbands

7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

- **Likewise:** As your wife submits to you....
- **Husbands submit to God for your wives:** Radical Teaching
 1. **Seek** to understanding your wife
 2. **Find** creative ways to honor your wife
 3. **Pursue** strength in the Lord for her

Every godly wife secretly desires to be led by a strong godly husband. [NJC]

- **Bitter at weakness?**

Colossians 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be **bitter toward them.**

- **Weaker Vessel?** Physically smaller. Spiritually vulnerable.

1 Timothy 2:12 ... I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the **woman being deceived**, fell into transgression.

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

It is the husband's responsibility to be proficient in the Word of God
When a husband is slacking the void will be filled by the wife...Trouble

- **Temptation for Wives:** Be strong when husband is/seems weak. Usurp his authority when you are not feeling loved, honored or protected spiritually
- **Temptation for Husbands:** Be harsh and overbearing when the wife challenges your authority and/or feel disrespected.

Genesis 3:16b... Your desire shall be for [lit. toward] your husband, And he shall rule over you.

Marriages Broken at the Fall...Restored at the Cross
Adam's failure in the Garden...Jesus' victory in the Garden

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

- **Marriage Counseling 101**
 1. **Wives** Submit and Respect Husbands
 2. **Husbands** Love and Honor Wives

Husbands: Why don't my prayers seem to get answered?

- **Checklist:**

1. **Dwell** w/ your wife w/understanding
2. **Give** honor to your wife as...

Equal heirs together of the Grace of God

SUMMARY Husbands Submit to God by understanding/honoring your wife

III. To All Blessing for Obedience

- Submit to Government/Employers/Husbands/Wives w/understanding/honor

8 Finally, **all of you be of one mind**, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous [lit. humble] 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were **called** to this, that **you may inherit a blessing.**

- **Be of one Mind:** Mind of Jesus exemplified by humility [Phil. 2]
 1. We love in order to bless Jesus
 2. We love in order to bless others
 3. We love in order to be blessed ourselves? Inherit a blessing.

Call: Respond to spiteful abuse with God's love

Result: Love for Life and Good Days. Abundant Life

10 For "He who would **love life** And **see good days**, Let him **refrain his tongue** from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.

- **Want to love life/See good days?** Let God rule your tongue

Psalms 34:12 Who is the man who **desires life**, And **loves many days**, that he may see good? 13 **Keep your tongue from evil**, And your lips from speaking deceit. 14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry. 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

11 Let him **turn** away from evil **and do good...**

- **Want to love life/See good days?** Repent. **Turn/do:** Turn from sin. Do good

Acts 3:19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that **times of refreshing may come** from the presence of the Lord...

11b... Let him **seek peace** and **pursue it.**

- **Want to love life/See good days?** Desire peace. Seek it. Pursue it

Romans 12:18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, **live peaceably with all men.**

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the **peacemakers**, For they shall be called sons of God.

Call: Respond to spiteful abuse with God's love
Result: Love for Life and Good Days. Abundant Life Jesus Promised

12 For the eyes of the Lord are **on the righteous**, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against **those who do evil.**"

Practical not Positional Righteousness: Actually, **doing/saying good stuff**

▪ **Overview of Ch's 2-3. Commands not requests**

1. Command to submit to Government, Employers, Husbands
2. Command to respond to Hate with Love
3. Command to speak right words/healing words/edifying words
4. Command to repent turn to God
5. Command to seek/pursue peace with man...and Inherit a Blessing

Q. How do we know Jesus is our Lord? **A. If we obey His Word**

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and **not hearers only...**

Matthew 7:24 [Many will say Lord, Lord] "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." 28 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, 29 for He taught them as **one having authority**, and not as the scribes.

- **Lord actively seeks men/woman that are doers of His Word...**

2 Chronicles 16:9 ... the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of **those whose heart is loyal to Him.**

Abraham Lincoln December 1, 1862 Annual Message to Congress—Concluding remarks. "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present...fellow citizens, we cannot escape history...The fiery trial through which we pass will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation.

**Our responsibility is not only to God...but to the next generation
To live in Righteousness/Truth... Especially in such a time as this**

SUMMARY To All Blessing for Obedience

IV. Importance of Keeping a Good Conscience or...

If you want to walk with Christ...Stop Shooting Yourself in the Foot

V16 **Have a good conscience when they defame you as evildoers**

Conscience [Webster] The part of the mind that makes you aware of your actions as being

either morally right or wrong. [More connection to soul than mind]

Conscience [Bible] gr. *syneidēsis* [soon-i'-day-sis] def. The soul as distinguishing between what is morally good and bad, prompting to do the former and shun the latter, commending one, condemning the other. IOW's **Moral awareness.**

Romans 2:15 [Even gentiles have the] ... work of the law written in their hearts, their **conscience** also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts **accusing or else excusing them...**

- **Conscience:** 30 times in NT. **3x in 1 Peter alone**
- **Good Conscience:** 6 Times in NT. 2X in 1 Peter alone/both this chapter vv **16,21**

Conscience is Distinctly Human

- Problem for Darwinists/Psychologists. What is it/come from?
- Unique to man/Given by God for a purpose...Love Life/See Good Days...

Obedience leads to a good conscience...Joy

Rebellion leads to a bad conscience...Guilt

- **Guilt:** Guardrail keeps us out of the gutter/
 "Don't" ... Don't hurt yourself. Choice: Heed or Disregard
- **We can injure our Conscience:** Can be Deafened/Defiled/Seared
 1. **Deafen it:** Volume up as heed/Down as we ignore
 2. **Defile it:** Allowing impurities like Doubt, Pride, Falseness, Cynicism etc.

Titus 1:15 [Reap what we sow] To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving **nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.**

3. **Sear it:** Outright rejecting the truth of God

1 Timothy 4:2 [Liars/Hypocrites have] their own **conscience seared with a hot iron...**

- **Conscience:** Not Holy Spirit but works in conjunction with [unless damaged]

It must be emphasized that the conscience must always be **subordinated to the revealed Word of God.** Oftentimes people say that they do not feel convicted of committing something that the Bible clearly says is sin. Because their conscience does not bother them, they feel that they can continue. However, if God has objectively said that a certain act is wrong, then it is wrong. Lack of any convicting feeling does not make the deed right. [Don Stewart]

**A bad conscience will put us on the shelf. What the devil wants.
A Good Conscience is Essential in our work for the Lord**

Acts 23:1 [Plot to kill Paul] Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, **I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.**"

Paul examined his own words and deeds and found them to be in accordance with his

morals and value system, which were, of course, based on God's standards. **His conscience verified the integrity of his heart.** [Anonymous]

Acts 24:16 [I]...always strive to have a **conscience w/out offense toward God and men.**

2 Timothy 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve with a **pure conscience**, as my forefathers did...

**A good conscience is maintained by doing good things
A bad conscience stems from doing bad things. Genius.**

The Habit of Keeping a Clear Conscience: God's commands are given to the life of His Son in us, consequently to the human nature in which His Son has been formed, His commands are difficult, but immediately when we obey, they become divinely easy. Conscience is that faculty in me which attaches itself to the highest that I know, and tells me what the highest I know demands that I do. It is the eye of the soul which looks out either towards God or towards what it regards as the highest [for Gentile]...If I am in the habit of steadily facing myself with God, my conscience will always introduce God's perfect law and indicate what I should do. **The point is, will I obey?** I have to make an effort to **keep my conscience so sensitive that I walk without offence.** I should be living in such perfect sympathy with God's Son, that in every circumstance the spirit of my mind is renewed, and I "make out" at once "what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." God always educates us down to the scruple. Is my ear so keen to hear the tiniest whisper of the Spirit that I know what I should do? "Grieve not the Holy Spirit." He does not come with a voice like thunder; His voice is so gentle that it is easy to ignore it. The one thing that keeps the conscience sensitive to Him is the **continual habit of being open** to God on the inside. When there is any debate, quit. ... You are on the wrong track. There is no debate possible when conscience speaks. At your peril, you allow one thing to obscure your inner communion with God. **Drop it, whatever it is, and see that you keep your inner vision clear.** [Oswald Chambers]

Psychologists: Disregarding your conscience leads to Cognitive Dissonance; i.e. This is what I'm supposed to be...**but I'm not.** Now I'm disoriented/unbalanced/insecure in my thoughts.

- Q.** What if I have a bad conscience from my past sins?
A. Blood of Christ **cleanses our conscience** from past sin

Hebrews 9:9 [OT Ceremonial Law] was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience—**14** how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, **cleanse your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?

- **Today walk in the Light:** Respond to today's Revelation/Light

1 John 1:7 ... if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- **Good Conscience** leads to assurance before God

1 John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but **in deed and in truth.** 19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall **assure our**

hearts before Him.

Q. What if I've blown it/repented/asked forgiveness/still paralyzed w/guilt?

A: Here's your verse

... **20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart,** and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that **are pleasing in His sight.** 23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

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A. We do our best to follow God's lead now... Leave the past with Him

1 Peter 5:7 cast... all your care **upon Him,** for He cares for you.

... you need not be ashamed when you can appeal to God and feel that in all things you have endeavored to keep his commands... **[Yet] I shall not plead my obedience before** [Him]. [No] but I shall **plead the blood and righteousness of Christ,** and this I shall do with all the greater boldness because my heart is sprinkled from an evil conscience. [Spurgeon]

- Our motives will be revealed when the Lord comes...

1 Corinthians 4:3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. 4 For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. 5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

- **Conscience** [if not deafened/defiled/seared] should bear witness to the Word of God

1 Peter 3:10 For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. 11 Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

**IOW's Do what's right and you will love living and enjoy good days
With a good/clear conscience toward God and man**

Context: Growing persecution from Rome/Atheists/False-Religions. Government overreach /oppression is bent on breaking the spirit of the people. Nero is growing more insane/disoriented and taking it out on followers of Jesus. **Peter is sharing his faith...**

13 ... who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

Q. Lit. Who will harm you if you are zealous to do good?

A. The enemies of what is good

14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, **you are blessed.** "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." 15 But **sanctify the Lord God in your hearts...**

Choose the Fear of the Lord...All other fear will run

Proverbs 1:7 The **fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge**, But fools despise wisdom and instruction...**28** "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. **29** Because they hated knowledge And did not **choose the fear of the Lord...**

- **When threatened:** Choose to please the Lord with faith.

Don't be afraid...Be Ready!

Make your heart a sanctuary for Jesus Christ ***before the trial***

- **Daniel was ready for trouble:** Made Jesus a home in his heart before the trial

Daniel 1:8 [In Babylon] Daniel **purposed in his heart** that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; **therefore** he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Daniel 6:10 ...when Daniel knew that the [command not to pray to God] was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, **and prayed** and gave thanks before his God, **as was his custom since early days** [in Jerusalem]

Trials do not make us courageous...but only reveal if we are

- **Courage/Goodness in face of threats:** Sign to enemies they're on the wrong side...

Philippians 1:27 ...let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, **28** and **not in any way terrified by your adversaries** which is to them a proof of perdition but to you of salvation and that from God.

Fear is Temporary...Regret lasts Forever

Peter of the Gospels knew that...Peter of Acts learned from it ***never to fear again***

- **When threats/accusations come...be armed with Jesus in your heart**

15b... and always **be ready** to give a defense to everyone who asks you a **reason for the hope that is in you**, with **meekness and fear...**

When they ask why you're not afraid...Tell them. Jesus has this.

- **Witnessing:** Seek to be righteous not just right...

1. **Meek toward man** Strength under control Not fighting in flesh

2. **Fear toward God** Doing His will Not our own

**Go to sleep knowing you were both right/righteous before God/man
Leave it with God and go to sleep**

16 ... having a **good conscience**, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be **ashamed**. 17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

- **God's Eternal Purpose:** Enemies? Shame/Repentance...Us? Our unhindered work
 1. Our enemies shamed by their action/our reaction

Romans 12:20 ... If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.

2. Enemies repent and turn to God

Romans 2:4 ... knowing that the goodness of God leads...to repentance?

3. Our work continues unhindered/good conscience/no regrets. Did right

Walking the Walk/No Cognitive Dissonance but absolute Stability

[Boast] as you may your knowledge of the letter of the Scriptures, you shall fail to be owned of God as his witnesses, unless there is the **witness of the life** as well as the witness of the lips...Slothfulness is not the way to blessedness. Nor can we serve the Lord in this active work except we labor in all things to mind his will, and **walk according to his way**. [Spurgeon]

IOW's Do what's right and you won't be stumbled/paralyzed by guilt
Intact/Unscathed for the next Battle

SUMMARY Importance of a keeping a Good Conscience Love Life/See Good Days

V. Wood and Nails One Way

18 For Christ also **suffered** once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit...

Jesus the Man: Our example of how to suffer persecution

- Jesus suffered/died **in His humanity** of the cross
- **Holy Spirit** Raised Jesus bodily from the dead

19 [Made alive by the Spirit] by whom also He went and **preached to the spirits in prison**, 20 who **formerly were disobedient**, **when** once the Divine longsuffering waited in the **days of Noah**, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

- **2 Major Views focusing on those in hades who disobeyed in days of Noah**

1. Jesus went Abraham's Bosom/Preached those in Hades those disobeyed before the flood
2. Jesus preached through Noah before flood to those now in Hades. Nothing to do w/3 days
3. **Facts:**
 - Jesus went to Abraham's Bosom those 3 days
 - Jesus took the righteous from Paradise to Heaven
 - Prisoners are in Hades for disobeying in Noah's day did hear Jesus preach....

Big Question is When? Then or 3000 years earlier before flood?

1. Did He preach to them those 3 days? Chuck Smith
2. Had he already preached to them in Noah's day? JV McGee

- **Jesus preached to spirits now in prison?**

1. **When?** In the days of Noah v20
 - When meaning when He preached as McGee would espouse
 - When meaning when they disobeyed and simply historical background
2. **How?** Through Noah for 120 yrs. as Noah built the Ark

The Spirit of Jesus preached through Noah

- **Rationale:**

1. If Jesus preached to them the 3 days..., what did He say? No second chance.
2. Not commonly known that **Noah was a preacher** during 120 years Ark

2 Peter 2:4 ... if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell [Tartarus] and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a **preacher of righteousness**, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly

They did not listen to Jesus' warning through Noah before the flood

Now imprisoned in Hades awaiting White Throne Judgment

- **Complicate things:** Are they spirits of humans or Nephilim. Prison not Hades?

8 Souls Saved Through Water. The Ark only way to be saved from judgment

21 There is also an antitype [fulfillment of the picture] which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a **good conscience** toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...

OT fulfillment of the Flood Account

Judgment is coming. There is only one way to be saved. **Wood and Nails**

- **Wood and Nails**

1. **Ark of Noah:** Only means of physical Salvation.
2. **Cross of Jesus:** Only means of Spiritual Salvation. Baptized into Christ

Baptism of Holy Spirit is real baptism...the water baptism is ritual baptism. JV McGee

V21 Paraphrase: We are saved from judgement not because our bodies are washed clean by water but because by being baptized in Christ we are turning to God and asking him to cleanse our hearts/consciences from sin

- **Baptized/Immersed** into Jesus when we believed
- **Sins washed away** by the Living Water of the Word
- **Promise of Eternal Life:** Assured by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Wood and Nails: One Way. Period

John 14:6 ... I am the **way, the truth, and the life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 10:9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved...

- **Door wide open now...but not forever**

Genesis 7:16 ... those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and **the Lord shut him in.**

Q. How do we enter?

A. By Grace alone through Faith alone in Jesus alone. By the Cross Alone

Titus 3:5 ... **not by works of righteousness** which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of **regeneration** and renewing of the Holy Spirit...

22 [Jesus] who has **gone into heaven** and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made **subject to Him.**

John 17:4b... I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the **glory which I had** with You before the world was.

- **Jesus Ruler of All:** From the Cross to the Throne

Philippians 2:6 [Jesus submitted to death on a Cross] Therefore, God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth...

**That Every Tongue Should Confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
To the Glory of God the Father**

Importance of Keeping a Good Conscience

If you really want to walk with Christ...Stop Shooting Yourself in the Foot

