Truths to Remember While Enduring

I Peter 3:18-22

Five truths to remember during the difficult days—

1. Our sufferings identify us with Christ. v. 18a

2. Because of Christ we are \underline{united} with \underline{God} and no difficulty can undo that. v. 18 a,b

3. Christ is eternally present and powerful. vv. 19-20

Who were the "spirits in prison"?

View #1 - Christ preached through <u>Noah</u> to the people of his day.

View #2 - Jesus descended into the <u>abode</u> of the <u>dead</u> and preached to those who lived in the days of Noah.

View #3 - Christ descended into <u>abode</u> of the <u>dead</u> and proclaimed His <u>victory</u> to demons who cohabited with women in Noah's day.

View #4 - "I don't know what Peter means here." Martin Luther

Regardless of what is meant here Peter is helping us to suffer well by:

...assuring us of the greatness of Christ.

...reminding us that the it is ok to be a part of the rejected minority.

4. Our baptism is an event to $\underline{remember}$ and $\underline{cherish}. \ v.$ 21