



HOPE

An Encouraging Example

1 Peter 3:18-22

* persecution - opposition we experience simply because we follow Jesus

1. Christ's suffering was purposeful. (v.17)

2. Christ's triumph was proclaimed. (v. 18-20)

2 Peter 2:4

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

Jude 1:6

And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

Luke 8:31

They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss.

Colossians 2:15

When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

3. Christ's victory secures ours. (vv.20-22)

Psalms 110:1

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

Philippians 2:8-11

Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 24:37-39

For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.



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