

STRANGERS & EXILES



CHRIST'S PEOPLE IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD

The Victory of Jesus – 1 Peter 3:18-22

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Grief as Christians is never without hope, and through the Spirit, never alone.

We turn to 1 Peter 3:18-22 and hear Lewis Roderick speak words of gospel comfort to a church hurting in sudden loss.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- Martin Luther famously wrote of these verses; “A wonderful text is this, and a more obscure passage perhaps than any other in the New Testament, so that I do not know for a certainty what Peter means.” How would you explain the logic of the passage? Try rewording them to grasp the flow of Peter’s thought.
- Of these verses, which aspect is most thrilling to your ears? What surprised you?
- Are you baptised? Why/why not?
- What significance has Christ’s present glory to the next time you’re mocked for following Jesus?
- Spend time in Isaiah 60 and prayerfully rejoice in our coming vindication.