

## **With Hope, Pete - Week 10**

### **“Blessing from Suffering”**

Peter tells us; let’s look at it together!

The part of Peter’s letter that we will look at today really launches from verse 17 that says, *“For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.”* It is in these following five verses that we see four “victories” that Christ has! The main point these four “victories” make is that ***blessings follow suffering for well-doing.***

#### ***1 Peter 3:18-22 NAS***

#### **Jesus Bearing our Sin---A Victory for Us**

*18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God,*

- Jesus died for sins once for all.
- The just died for the unjust.
- He brought us to God. This describes someone’s being introduced or given access to another.

## **Jesus' Victory Sermon**

*having been put to death in the flesh,  
but made alive in the spirit;*

*19 in which also He went and made  
proclamation to the spirits now in prison,  
20 who once were disobedient,*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;

**he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the

Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

-After Christ died and His body was placed in the grave, His spirit descended into the bowels of the earth to Tartarus. There He proclaimed His victory over death, over sin, and over the power of Satan. This proclamation caused the demons to realize that their work had been in vain, and that all their attempts to sabotage our salvation through the cross were nullified.

### **Jesus' Victorious Salvation**

*when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.*

*21 Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you-not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good*

*conscience -through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

-This does not teach that water baptism saves a person; it teaches that God provides salvation when a sinner, by faith, is immersed into Christ's death and resurrection.

### **Jesus' Supremacy**

*22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after the angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.*

-The right hand of God is where Jesus went after He finished His work of redemption, and that is where He rules from today.

-Believers not only look to Christ as the example of triumph in unjust suffering, we also join fully and forever in that victory!

**Bottom Line – Keep perspective while suffering; blessings are coming.**