

IN THE SAME BOAT WITH NOAH **I PETER 3:18-22**

Jesus died for sins (18)

- * KJV, NRSV have *suffered* (similar spelling to *died* and many manuscripts read that way). *Suffering* would still include the idea of death.
- * Third reference to the atoning death of Christ--1:18, 2:21, 3:18--each offers motivational actions of Jesus for our specific acts of obedience.
- * *made alive in spirit (by Spirit)* = syn. for resurrection in Rom. 8:11

Jesus' journey to make victorious proclamation to the spirits (19-20)

- * Lots of questions here!
Went (2x) = Jesus Himself traveled, not speaking through Noah.
Spirits = typical NT usage is angelics. See Gen.6, 2 Pt.2:4,5, Jude 6
Proclamation = Rev. 5:2, Rom. 2:21 (fits w/3:22, Col. 2:15)
Prison = Rev. 18:2, 20:7, 2 Pt. 2:4, Jude 6
- * Why focus on Noah: see 4:7, Mtt. 24:38,39, 2 Pt. 2:2-9, 3:3-7.

Jesus' resurrection and our baptism (21)

- * Not teaching baptismal regeneration, recall 1:5,9, salvation is by faith.
- * *Baptism saves* in symbolic way (*anti-type*) akin to the *eight brought safely through water*. Note ark--not water--saved Noah in 20, and Heb. 11:7. Baptismal waters picture erasing our old lifestyle as Noahic flood waters erased old lifestyle. Thus baptism doesn't remove *fleshly filth* (magically make us morally better) but is an *appeal* for a fresh new conscience (3:16, Heb. 10:22, I Tim. 1:5).

Jesus' journey to heaven (22)

- * After proclamation of victory over angelics Jesus goes to the Father's right hand (Col. 2:15). 18-22 need not be an exhaustive explanation of Jesus' post-cross activities, but the only ones Peter sees as relevant for his point in our similarity to Noah.

Q: Are you in the same boat as Noah?