

# 1 Peter 3:18-22

God is glorified by/will vindicate believers who suffer unfairly in this world

## **Context (1 Peter 3:13-17): The WHAT**

### **A Key Principle to Apply in Our Christian Lives**

For it is better...that you suffer for doing what is right rather doing what is wrong

## **Content (1 Peter 3:18-22): The WHY**

### **The Foundational Truth Underlying the Principle**

For Christ also died for sins-once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, to bring us to God

having been put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit  
in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison  
who once were disobedient...during the construction of the ark  
in which (HE ARK) eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water.

Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you  
NOT: the removal of dirt/but as an appeal to God for a good conscience  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Who is at the right hand of God, having gone into Heaven  
after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

## **Suffering Now in Faith (for a “Little While”) Followed by Superlative Blessing Afterwards and Forever?!? This Should Sound Familiar!**

- 1: Blessed are those who've been persecuted-theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven Matt 5:10
- 2: For I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with  
the glory that is to be revealed to us. Romans 8:18
- 3: In this (our certain heavenly destiny) you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little  
while...you have been distressed by various trials. 1 Peter 1:6

1 Peter 3:13-22 Overall: In the Midst of the Worst Kind of Unfair Suffering, Believers Can  
Choose Stability of Character Knowing That God is Glorified By and Will Vindicate  
Believers Who Suffer Unfairly (But in Faith) in This World (1 Peter 3:13-22)

