

Discussion questions for I Peter 3:18-22: "Christ's suffering ... for our sake"

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1.) Shall we all commit verse 18 to memory? Let's work on this.

2.) (v.18) What has Christ done for us? How do we get to God? What is our role in this process? (This is a very tricky passage, with many divergent interpretations.)

3.) (v.19-20) What does the "in which" or "through whom" refer to? Discuss some alternatives as to what this means.

4.) What are some of the feelings we might share that Noah and believers in Peter's day had? How can we respond to the coldness of the masses?

5.) How does II Peter 2:5 describe Noah's ministry? How did the people respond to his proclamation? How can we imitate him?

6.) Let's get honest. How did God respond to those who didn't listen to Noah?

7.) How is Noah's experience a foreshadowing of baptism?

8.) What then saves us? What is the proper attitude toward believer's baptism highlighted here? What does this say of the state of the heart of a believer who hasn't been baptized?

9.) What comfort can we receive from verse 22?