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## *1 Peter 3: 18-22 - Consequences of Christ's Suffering Part 2*

- *1 Peter 3:18-20 (NKJV) – “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when (once) the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.”*
- *1 Peter 3:20 (ILG) – “to disobeying ones then waited of God longsuffering to days of Noe being prepared an ark, in which a few, this is eight souls, was quite saved by water.”*
  - *Whoever these spirits (pneuma or presumably fallen angels) were in prison, they were disobeying ones.*



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- Wuest – ‘The sin of these angels was committed just previous to the flood.’
  - *2 Peter 2:4,5 - For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;*
  - *Jude 6 - And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*
- What *disobeying* or *sin* was this?
  - Fornication with women on earth before the ark is suggested.
    - » *Gen 6:1-4 - And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.*



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- » *Job 1:6 - Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them.*
- Wuest – ‘The principal objection to the view that the fallen angels committed fornication with evil women of the human race is that an angel is altogether spiritual and immaterial, and that such a thing is therefore impossible..... The large physical proportions, the superhuman strength, and evil dispositions of the offspring of the union between fallen angels and evil women, the giants, men of renown of *Gen 6:5*, would be accounted for by the power thus imparted by the former.’
  - » But can angels procreate?
  - » Also to be considered is that human bodies have been possessed by demons who have spiritual intelligences like but not of the same category as angels.
  - » Whatever, the waters that saved eight souls by the ark would have destroyed this unintended race.
- *when once the longsuffering of God waited (imperfect indicative),*
  - What kind of *longsuffering* of the Lord was this?
    - Is this same kind of *longsuffering* He gives all of us?
      - » *2 Peter 3:15 - and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as*



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*also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you.*

- *And this also occurred in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared.*
  - *And what motivated Noah to build an ark (Gen 6:14-22 - details)?*
    - *Heb 11:7 - **By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.***
- *Why were just eight souls saved (passive) through the water?*
  - *Saved is better interpreted were brought safely.*
  - *Why was Peter espousing all of this now?*
    - *This must have had important meaning to those to whom he was speaking and writing, and to us in the trials we face today.*
    - *Darby – ‘Now this is what the Jews had to learn. The Christ was gone up to heaven, all powers and principalities being made subject to Him. He is at the right hand of God. We have therefore not a Messiah on earth, but a good conscience and a heavenly Christ.’*



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***1 Peter 3:21 – “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”***

- So if *verse 20* indicates that the water brought them safely ashore, why does Peter extend this as *a like figure* to baptism?
  - *figure* - a thing formed after some pattern.
  - What kind of *baptism* is this; do you think Peter is referring to only water baptism or something more?
    - *Rom 6:3,4 - Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death**? Therefore we are **buried with him by baptism into death**: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*
      - » **Doesn't this without any doubt put away the filth of the flesh in exchange for a good conscience toward God!**
- Does water baptism save and if not, what does it indicate?



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- » *1 Cor 1:17 - For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.*
- » *Acts 10:47 (NLT) - "Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?"*
  - *answer or eperotama is a craving or an intense desire; pledge*
    - » Only NT use of this word.
- As we emphasized last week, notice again the importance of the *resurrection of Jesus Christ.*
- Jamieson-Fausset-Brown – ‘The flood was for Noah a baptism, as the passage through the Red Sea was for the Israelites; by baptism in the flood he and his family were transferred from the old world to the new: from immediate destruction to lengthened probation; from the companionship of the wicked to communion with God; from the severing of all bonds between the creature and the Creator to the privileges of the covenant: so we by spiritual baptism.’
- *1 Peter 3:22 – “Who is gone into heaven and is on the*





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*right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.”*

- Why do you think Peter states His heavenly position?
  - Of interest, who *is gone* is passive tense.
    - *Heb 6:20 - Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made a high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*
    - *Heb 12:2 - Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*
      - » An important reminder during these COVID-19 days.
- *angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him*
  - Do you think that this in part relates to the fallen angels from verse 19?
    - *Eph 1:21 - Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:*
  - And think about how we relate!
    - *Rom 8:38,39 - For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels*



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*– nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**–AMEN!**