



“How to Suffer Victoriously”

Holiness Amidst Suffering: An Exposition of First Peter
1 Peter 3:18-22 – Message 18

Central Idea: In an effort to encourage believers to remain strong in times of unjust suffering, Peter displays Christ as the ultimate proof that there is victory in suffering for what is right.

I. His Victorious Atonement (3:18).

1. Christ’s atonement is substitutionary and available to all.
2. Christ’s atonement makes reconciliation with God possible.

II. His Victorious Announcement (3:19-20).

1. Christ’s announcement was made to rebellious and fallen angels.

III. His Victorious Ascension (3:21-22).

1. The ark was simply a picture of Christ’s coming victory.
2. The ascension shows Jesus is both our Mediator and our Lord.

Application:

- 1) The Believer is to expect suffering.
- 2) Suffering is not an indication of disfavor.
- 3) Righteous Suffering is not eternal.
- 4) God has a purpose in suffering.
- 5) God understands one's suffering.

Scripture of the Week:

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let's hold firmly to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things just as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let's approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for help at the time of our need.

Hebrews 4:14-16