

“Victory in Suffering”

1 Peter 3:17-22

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A. The Suffering of Christ

B. The Reason for His Suffering

1. What It Was

2. How It Was Accomplished

II. The Victory Proclaimed

A. The Timing of this Proclamation

B. His Audience

Jude 6

And angels who did not keep their own domain but abandoned their proper dwelling place, these He has kept in eternal restraints under darkness for the judgment of the great day (NAS)

And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. (NIV)

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Genesis 6:5,6

Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. So the Lord was sorry that He had made mankind on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

Then the Lord said, “I will wipe out mankind whom I have created from the face of the land; mankind, and animals as well, and crawling things, and the birds of the sky. For I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

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Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Hebrews 11:39,40

And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

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IV. The Victory Experienced at Baptism

V. The Victory Sealed at the Ascension

Ephesians 2:5-7

even when we were dead in our
wrongdoings, made us alive together with
Christ (by grace you have been saved), and
raised us up with Him, and seated us with
Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
so that in the ages to come He might show
the boundless riches of His grace in
kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:35-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will tribulation, or trouble, or persecution, or
famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36
Just as it is written: “For Your sake we are
killed all day long; We were regarded as sheep
to be slaughtered.” 37 But in all these things
we overwhelmingly conquer through Him
who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death,
nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor
things present, nor things to come, nor
powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any
other created thing will be able to separate
us from the love of God that is in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

“It is good to learn early enough that suffering and God are not a contradiction but rather a unity, for the idea that God himself is suffering is one that has always been one of the most convincing teachings of Christianity. I think God is nearer to suffering than to happiness, and to find God in this way gives peace and rest and a strong and courageous heart.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

