

THE TRIUMPH OF CHRIST'S SUFFERING
(1 Peter 3:18-22)

- I. His Triumph over SIN (1 Pet. 3:18)
 - A. The INJUSTICE of His suffering (3:18*a*)
 - 1. ENCOURAGEMENT for the READER when suffering
 - 2. More SEVERE than any Christian's suffering
 - 3. More SIGNIFICANT than any Christian's suffering
 - a. Christian suffering CANNOT atone for SIN
 - b. Christ's death was SUFFICIENT and FINAL ...
 - 4. Less DESERVED than any Christian's suffering
 - a. Christ is "the JUST (One)"
 - b. He died for "the UNJUST" (cf. 2 Cor. 5:21)
 - B. The PURPOSE of His suffering (3:18*b*)
 - 1. The one performing the ACTION is CHRIST
 - a. On His own INITIATIVE
 - b. By His own POWER
 - c. On the basis of His own AUTHORITY

2. The action performed is EFFECTIVE (cf. John 17:1-4, 10-12)
 3. The ones BROUGHT are SPECIFIC
 4. The ones brought are RECONCILED to God
- C. The CONCLUSION of His suffering (3:18*c*)
1. Jesus' BODY really DIED on the cross
 2. Jesus suffered SPIRITUAL DEATH when He bore the PENALTY for SIN
 3. Jesus was "made ALIVE in SPIRIT" when His body DIED
- II. His Triumph before SPIRITS (1 Pet. 3:19-20*a*)
- III. His Triumph in SALVATION (1 Pet. 3:20*b*-21)
- IV. His Triumph as SUPREME (1 Pet. 3:22)