

CHRIST IS VICTOR
1 PETER 3:18-22
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Main Idea: Christ conquered death by death, bringing us to God, and He will vindicate us.

1. Jesus' Road to Glory

A. Christ's Suffering

- i. The Righteous for the Unrighteous
- ii. Put to death in the flesh, made alive in the spirit

B. Christ's Vindication

- i. Proclamation in prison
- ii. Resurrected at God's Right Hand

2. With Jesus on the Road to Glory

A. Our Baptism

- i. Rescued from judgment
- ii. Cleansed Conscience

B. Our Communion

- i. Brought to God
- ii. Vindicated in Christ

Questions for Discussion:

1. These verses give a reason for why it is better to suffer for doing good. Reflect on the last time you suffered for doing good. When you failed to do good, fearing man rather than God, repent and ask God to help you trust and obey.
2. Peter continues to direct our attention to Christ's suffering. Take time this week to meditate and consider Christ's humility and suffering.
3. Only one person is righteous, and it isn't you or me. How should this affect the way we think of and interact with those around us, especially those we struggle with?
4. Jesus has defeated the powers of the evil one. Go and do good today, not fearing man or any power of evil. Who is one person you can bless and do good to today?
5. Reflect on your own baptism. When tempted to sin or avoid doing good for fear of suffering, remind yourself that you have died with Christ and been raised with Christ to newness of life.
6. Christ suffered to bring you to God. Are you daily abiding in Christ? Some practical ways: Read God's Word, Pray and give thanks to God, Give generously to others, Love your enemies.
7. Look forward to glory and your future vindication. Pray the Maranatha prayer: "Come, Lord Jesus, come!"