

I Peter

(12) The Unseen Victory of Christ

...made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water... 1 Peter 3:19-20, NIV

The unseen Victory of Christ...IPet.3:19-20

After being 'made alive in/by the Spirit', what did Jesus do? 3:19

He went (from one place to another) and heralded to the spirits in prison...

Who are these unseen (by men) *spirits in prison* (cage, i.e. location, not a state)? 3:20

They are spirits (fallen angels) who disobeyed God in the days of Noah's ark building.

What was the purpose for this heralding to these imprisoned demons? 3:22; Col.2:13-15

He had disarmed powers/authorities (Satan/demons). Public spectacle/triumph over them.

What else does Peter tell us about these imprisoned demons? IPet.2:4-5

God did not spare them (judgment), committed them to pits of darkness (bottomless pit).

What else do we know about these imprisoned demons? Jude 6-7

They did not keep their own domain/abode. Now in eternal bonds/darkness->judgment.

What does Peter point out about Noah and his family? 3:20b (Noah's 120 yrs of preaching...)

Only these 8 were saved (from the flood waters of judgment/death), in the ark.

...and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. 1 Peter 3:21, NIV

Now, about those days of Noah...IPet.3:20-22

What did Jesus tell us about the last days (before His return)? Mt.24:37-39; see Gen.6:1-8

The last days will be like the days of Noah. Eating/drinking/marrying. Normal...

How does Peter tie the flood waters to the baptismal waters? 3:21

They are a type/symbol. Waters=judgment/death. Baptism= death/burial/resurrection.

What is the meaning of '*baptism that now saves you...*'? 3:21; **Rom.6:1-5**

This is the true spiritual baptism of salvation. Water baptism is a wet picture of dry event!

What's his point in 3:21b? see 3:16 (NOT teaching baptismal regeneration)

Baptism is the pledge (commitment) of a good conscience. Saves by resurrection of Jesus.

What (unseen by men) victory does Christ obtain? 3:22; see Heb.2:14

In heaven, Father's right hand, angels (holy), authorities/powers (Satan/demons) submit!

And the point/admonition to us? 4:1, 12-16

When you're in unjust suffering, remember Christ! Have His attitude! Glory in the end!

What other beautiful picture is in the ark? Gen.8:1-4; Ex.12:1-6;

Jesus was crucified on 14th day, arose on the 17th day. The ark rested on the 17th day!