

Victory Over Fear

1 Peter 3:18-22

We do not need to fear because...

- Jesus has forever SECURED our salvation.

1 Peter 3:18

- Jesus has won a COSMIC VICTORY.

1 Peter 3:19-20

- We are INCLUDED in Jesus' saving victory as BAPTISM pictures.

1 Peter 3:20-22

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What are some things that Christians often fear today? In your own life, what are some fears or anxieties that come up again and again?
2. Read the context of the passage in 1 Peter 3:14-17. What does Peter say about how we can respond to fear in this section? How does fear relate to suffering in this passage?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:18. Taking the verse phrase-by-phrase, what does this communicate about the gospel?
4. How can you practically remind yourself of these truths when you are anxious or fearful? How can these truths silence your fears? What are some verses that you look to when you're fearful?
5. Read 1 Peter 3:18-20. How do you understand Jesus' proclaiming to the spirits in prison? (see Gen 6:1-4; Luke 8:30-31; Jude 1:6; 2 Pet 2:4-5; Col 2:15)
6. How does it encourage you practically to know that Jesus has won a cosmic victory? How do you think our anti-supernatural worldview affects this encouragement? How can we change this?
7. Read 1 Peter 3:20-22. How does the story of Noah relate to baptism? What other biblical stories/pictures does baptism point to?
8. How does your baptism encourage you?

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