

**HOW SHOULD A SOJOURNER RESPOND TO SUFFERING?
REMEMBERING WHAT CHRIST'S PURPOSEFUL SUFFERING DID
1PETER 3:18-22**

- I. *REVIEW: UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN IF YOU SHOULD SUFFER, YOU ARE BLESSED, (3:13-14a)*
- II. *REVIEW: MAKE CHRIST LORD OF YOUR HEART RATHER THAN YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES, knowing that He might just use your right responses and obvious hope as the foundation for redemptive opportunities, as you keep a good conscience (14b-17)*
- III. **REMEMBER WHAT CHRIST'S EXAMPLE OF PURPOSEFUL SUFFERING BROUGHT ABOUT FOR US: Sins forgiven and Satan defeated (18-22)**
 - A. **CHRIST PURPOSEFULLY SUFFERED** for our sins, on our behalf, once for all, to bring us to God and defeat Satan and his minions (18-20)
 1. **SINS FORGIVEN: Christ suffering brought about our salvation** (18)
 - a) Also, suffered (died)
 - b) For our sins
 - c) Once for all
 - d) The Just (Jesus Christ) for the unjust (us)
 - e) To bring us to God
 2. **VICTORY PROCLAIMED: Christ's suffering culminated in victory over sin and death and thus Satan** (19-20)
 - B. **Noah's example of purposeful suffering and salvation by the ark is a type of our salvation in Christ** (20-22)
 1. The very thing Noah suffered for (the ark) was the means he was saved from the flood judgement (20)
 2. Likewise, **the very suffering Christ endured was the means in which we are saved from God's judgment for sin** (21-22)
 - a) We were saved when we cried out to God for salvation and were placed into Christ (spiritually baptized) (21a)
 - b) We were saved through the resurrection of Jesus Christ the Victor (21b-22)