

The Vindicated and Victorious Jesus

1 Peter 3:19-22



1 Peter: *Holy Living in a Hostile Land*

Casual:

1. Happening by chance
2. Without definite or serious intention; careless or offhand
3. Seeming or tending to be indifferent to what is happening; unconcerned

Synonyms: unplanned, chance, unintentional, unintended, off the cuff, accidental

The cross life is a calculated, well-considered, measured, and intentional life of striving in God's grace to make the most of Jesus' sacrifice to bring you to God.

The Bible calls that a **thankful** life.

In **1 Peter 3:18-22**, Peter focuses our hearts on how Jesus' unjust suffering, death, and victorious resurrection secured meaning and purpose in all our suffering for His sake.

I. Jesus' Physical Death

- **Suffering:** “...*For Christ also died...*”
- **Sacrifice:** “...*for sins once for all...*”
- **Substitute:** “...*the just for the unjust...*”
- **Sufficient:** “...*so that He might bring us to God...*”
- **Spiritual:** “...*having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.*”

The **question** we most need to answer:

How does this material relate to Peter's **main idea** of our need to **sanctify** Christ as Lord in our hearts and keep a good **conscience** before both God and man, so that we *suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong?*

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We need to keep in mind that Peter is trying to **instruct** us in **spiritual realities** to **encourage** our hearts in a life of suffering for doing right for Jesus' sake.

Jesus is our **example** and **Champion**.

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“When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.” (Colossians 2:13-14)

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“Heavenly spirits are being contrasted with earthly women. These, then, are fallen angels who acted perversely, overstepping the boundaries of their realm. They defied God by leaving their spirit world to enter the human realm (as Satan had entered the animal world in Eden). This is the first biblical record of demon-possession, demons indwelling people.”

John MacArthur

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God used the **wood of the cross** to sacrifice His Son to bring us to Himself and preserve His promise of salvation to all who would believe on Him.

- I. Jesus' Physical Death
- II. Jesus' Spiritual Life
- III. Jesus' Triumphal Resurrection**

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