

# The Vindicated and Victorious Jesus

1 Peter 3:18



*1 Peter: Holy Living in a Hostile Land*



In 1 Peter 3:18-22, Peter focuses our hearts on what Jesus **conquered on the cross** and **secured for us** as we face unjust suffering.

We'll look at **three ways** Jesus' victory in suffering helps us **overcome sin** and **remain faithful to Him** in times of unjust suffering.

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*Christ* (Greek) = *Messiah* (Hebrew) = anointed one

It's a **royal title** referring to Israel's long-awaited King of kings and Lord of lords, the One God **promised** would be Israel's future **Deliverer** and **Savior**.

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“Even with all the ceremonies and rituals, perfect cleansing from sin could not be accomplished. The old sacrifices were never meant to cleanse from sin, but only to symbolize such cleansing. The conscience of the person sacrificing was never freed from the *feeling* of guilt because the guilt itself was never removed. The cleansing was entirely external. Consequently, he could never have a clear conscience, a deep, abiding sense of forgiveness.”

*(John MacArthur)*

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*Hapax* (Greek) = once for all; **on a single occasion**; has the sense of **not requiring repetition**



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*“By [God’s] will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God... for by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified...” (Hebrews 10, 10-12, 14)*

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*tetelestai* (Greek, perfect tense) = it is finished, it stands completed.

Jesus' work on the cross stands forever finalized and the finished results remain.

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“The wonder of the New Testament revelation is that at last we see the glory of God’s eternal plan. He has Himself in Christ chosen to become the sacrifice through which humanity can be released from the grip of sin and death.”

*(Larry Richards)*



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*“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf...”*

**Why? For what purpose?**

*“...so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*

(2 Corinthians 5:21)



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Jesus' atonement = *at + onement*; the idea of bringing together or reconciling.

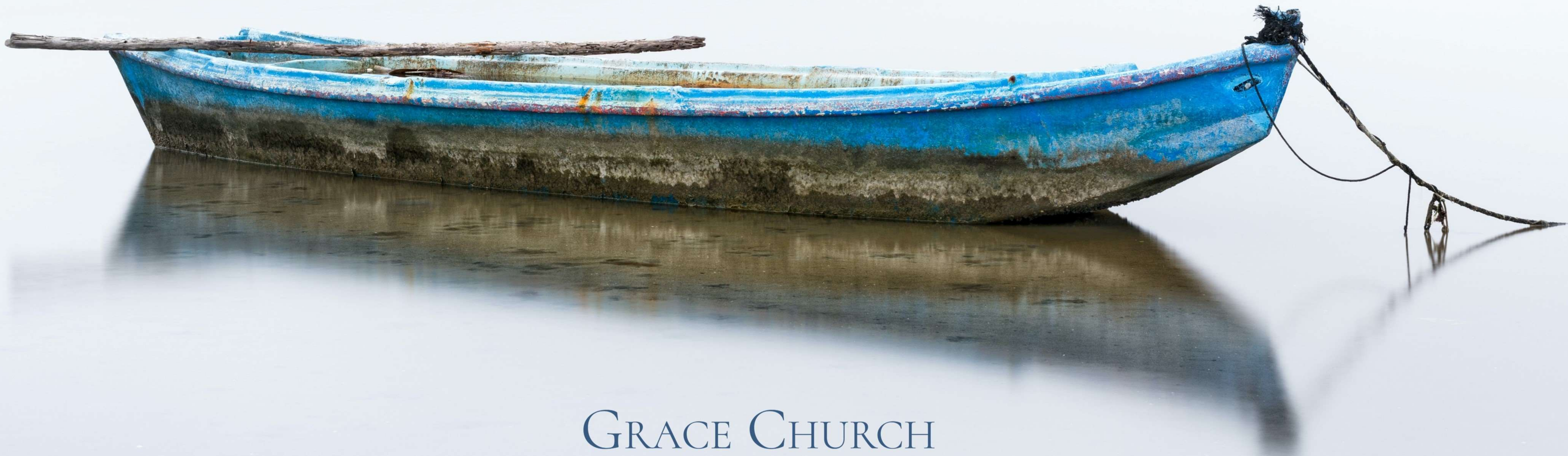
To “bring us to God” means that Jesus **reconciles** us with God.

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- **Spiritual:** “...*having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.*”



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