

Series: Resident Aliens: A Study of 1 Peter
Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22: The Example of Christ
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1. Jesus did more _____ than any other, and yet people _____ him. We can expect the _____.
2. Jesus was _____ because of this.
 - a. He was made _____ in the _____.
 - b. He was _____.
 - c. We can expect the _____.
3. Noah was _____ in an _____ world... We experience the _____.
4. The righteous were _____ and the unrighteous were _____... We (and they) can expect the _____.
5. Christ suffered unjustly for _____. When we suffer unjustly we must do it with a view toward _____, because Jesus has shown that _____ conquers _____.
6. The key phrase that describes what Christians are all about is “_____”.
_____ thought produces _____ action. (see 2:19; 3:16, 21)
7. This discussion about conscience is sandwiched between two military metaphors:
 - a. We need to prepare (gird the loins of) our _____ for _____ (1:13).
 - b. We need to _____ ourselves with the same _____ or _____ (4:1).

Travel Tip #10:

Peter states in 4:6 that the good news was preached to the dead. Some strange ideas and even doctrines have been developed from a misunderstanding of this verse. One common view, combining this verse with 3:19, states that Jesus went to Hades after his death and preached the gospel to the people of Noah’s day. Peter does not even suggest this. First, the two words for “preaching” in these verses are quite different. Second, 3:19 speaks of spirits, not people (indeed, they cannot by definition be people, dead or alive), and 4:6-7 speaks of people not spirits.

Peter takes advantage of the phrase “the living and the dead” in 4:5 to provide more assurance to his persecuted readers. Death does not separate God’s people from God. Even if killed for doing good (“being judged according to men”), we will be made alive (“according to God”) in the Spirit. This verse just applies the story of Jesus to all believers who have suffered or will suffer unjustly: “He was put to death in the body but made alive in the spirit” (3:18).