Christ and Noah - Part I 1 Peter 3:18-22

- I. SUFFERING TRIUMPHED IN THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST (v. 18).
 - A. The cross-work of Christ offers us the assurance of our triumph over evil.
 - The word "for" is an open door to a room full of encouragement to those who are up to their ears in affliction.

- B. The cross work of Christ is anticipated in the sacrificial system of the Old Covenant ("Christ also died for sins once for all").
 - Christ died for us not because there was something wonderful about us, but because there is something wonderful about Him.

• Christ's sacrifice for sin was complete and final.

- C. The cross-work of Christ was a substitutionary death ("just for the unjust").
 - Jesus' death was one of absolute injustice, but with a spectacularly wonderful outcome.

- D. The cross-work of Christ made reconciliation with God possible ("in order that He might bring us to God").
 - We who were estranged from God can now enjoy eternal fellowship with Him.

- E. The cross-work of Christ became a triumph over death.
 - The dark hole of death and separation from God has been turned into a door into the presence of God forever.