

1 Peter 3:18 - 4:6 Just for the Unjust

8/2/09 - The Exchange

- I. Review
- II. Intro concepts
 - A. Some passages contain things that can derail from point being made. This is one of them.
 - B. Hades/Sheol. Abraham's Bosom.
 - C. Pre Christ / post Christ. A change occurred when Jesus died/rose.
 - D. Part of an illustration, don't get derailed!
- III. 3:18-22 Mini narrative of Jesus death, post death, resurrection, exaltation.
 - A. 3:18
 - i. just for the unjust
 - a) Showing grace. Giving without deserving, expecting nothing. Ephesians 2:8-9
 - b) The more we appreciate how much we deserve to go to Hell, the more we will appreciate what Jesus has done and provided for us.
 2. bring - Can we bring ourselves? Do we expect from God as if He owes us? Not a spiritual bank of deposits and withdrawals. John 14:6.
 - B. 3:19
 1. Jesus in a spiritual, disembodied state.
 2. went - implies a geographic "here to there" reference.
 3. preached - to herald, declare, announce. Generic. Not evangelize.
 4. spirits - pneuma as opposed to psuche (soul). Created spirit beings, the Holy Spirit, angels/demons. Souls get saved. Peter's own semantic range. Souls for ppl.
 5. prison - never used figuratively for Hades or Hell. Alludes to abyss where Satan is kept, possible connection to Tartarus.
 - C. 3:20
 1. who formerly were disobedient when - Peter refers to a specific time and disobedience. Ppl have always been disobedient, so it doesn't seem to be specific to people.
 2. ark - the mechanism of salvation through the judgment
 3. water - the mechanism of judgment
 - D. 3:21
 1. antitype - model, comparison, replacement of ideas
 2. Romans 6.
 3. water - the mechanism of judgment
 4. resurrection of Jesus Christ - the mechanism of salvation through the judgment
 5. We are carried through judgment in the resurrection of Jesus.
 - E. 3:22 End of narrative.
- IV. 4:1-6 Application
 - A. 4:1

- I. **suffered in the flesh** - not in Hades. Jesus didn't go to Hell and suffer at the hands of Satan and the demons like Ken Copeland says.
2. **arm** - just as it sounds. Take up arms,
3. **ceased from sin** - relaxed, rested. sin is noun, not verb. SO busy doing the "do's" that there is no time to do the "don'ts". Suffering in flesh = living for Jesus means no chance to sin.
- B. **4:2 explains ceased from sin**
 1. **rest of his time** - we've spent enough time before Christ living for self apart from God. Don't waste any more time doing that when you could be living in Christ.
 2. **lusts of men / will of God** contrast the two
 - a) passions, out of control, being driving by feeling.
 - b) will, intention and means of execution, driven by taking pleasure in the thing willed. **Revelation 4:11 (will or pleasure), Ephesians 2:10.**
- C. **4:1-4** This is the exchanged life! Have you died? Which life are you living? Whose will? Don't have an exchanged life? Gospel.
- D. **4:6**
 1. **gospel was preached** - evangelized, different word than **3:19**.
 2. Those that live according to God in the Spirit are those who were looking forward by faith, not even sure what/how God was going to do. Jesus went there and announced "this is it!"
- V. **Wrap up**
 - A. How about you? Post Christ, looking back. Been on the ark? Been saved through judgement? What kind of life are you living now; the old one, or the exchanged one?