

'...were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you...through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...' (vv. 21-22)

baptism

which corresponds to this

now saves you

not as...

but as...

#### **baptism functions as...**

- a public declaration of personal faith in Christ
- an identification with the death and resurrection of Christ
- a commitment to live in the new life of Christ
- an announcement of being right with God because of Christ

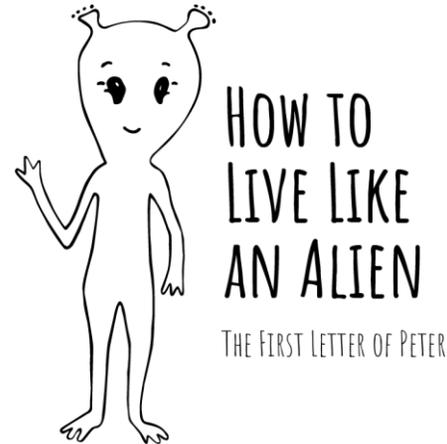
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

who has...

and is...

#### **My baptism reminds me that...**

- **I am right with and before God, and I am forever spared from His judgment.**
- **I am right with and before God, and those who remain disobedient to Him will not be spared from His forever judgment.**



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**How to Live Like an Alien**  
The First Letter of Peter

**No. 21 – Keeping Our Conduct Honorable as God's People, pt. 9**

**1 Peter 3:18-22**

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#### **Review**

The apostle Peter, writing to Christians who are both *elect* and *exiles*, encourages them to live faithfully...

- Praising God for Our Salvation (1:3-12)
- Setting Our Hope on God (1:13-21)
- Growing in God's Word (1:22-2:3)
- Being Built Up as a Spiritual House (2:4-8, 9-10)
- Keeping Our Conduct Honorable as God's People (2:9-10, 11-12)
  - Being Subject as Citizens to Human Authorities (2:13-17)
  - Being Subject as Servants to Our Masters (2:18-25)
  - Being Subject as Wives to Their Husbands (3:1-6)
  - Being Considerate as Husbands to Their Wives (3:7)
  - Being Considerate as Believers to Each Other (3:8-12)
  - Being Committed to Doing Good No Matter What (3:13-17)

**No. 21 – Keeping Our Conduct Honorable, pt. 9 (continued)**

**1 Peter 3:18-22**

ESV **1 Peter 3:** <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

## Keeping our conduct honorable as God's people...

**We must be committed to doing good no matter what (3:13-17)**

Why?  
How?

**So...face your suffering with confidence by identifying with Christ's suffering (3:18-22)**

**'For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered...'** (vv. 17-18)

**Because Christ also suffered, I can face my own suffering with confidence.**

How?

**By identifying with Christ's suffering.**

What is it about Christ's suffering with which we need to identify?

**His suffering guaranteed my future redemption.** (v. 18)

**His suffering guaranteed the judgment of those who are disobedient.**

**Christ proclaimed His victory...** (v. 19)

- **Christ's RESURRECTION represents His victory over those who are disobedient.**
- **My BAPTISM represents my participation in His victory over those who are disobedient.**

'...but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison...' (vv. 18-20)

made alive in the spirit

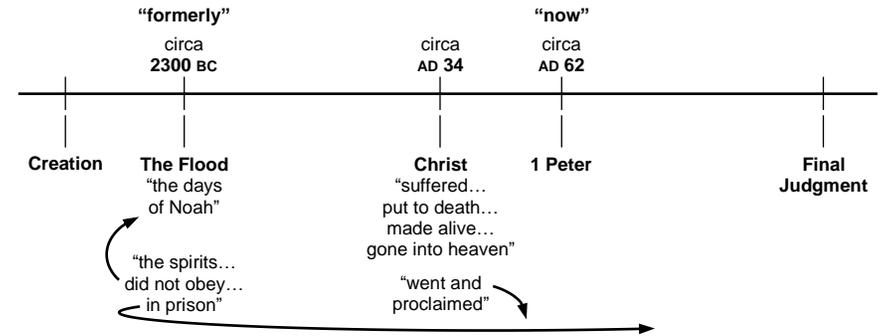
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and proclaimed

to the spirits in prison

**He...**

**suffered > was put to death > was made alive > has gone into heaven**



Who proclaimed?

How did He proclaim?

When did He proclaim?

Where and to whom did He proclaim?

Who are the spirits and what did they do during Noah's day?

What and why did He proclaim?

How does His proclaiming function in Peter's encouragement?

'...in the days of Noah...' (v. 20) > **the days of Peter's readers...**

- days of disobedience >

- days of God patiently waiting >

- days of salvation being provided >

- days of trusting and proclaiming  
God's word amidst opposition >