



## Lesson 20: Christ's Suffering and Triumph: 1 Peter 3:18-22

*To do:* Look up the related links mentioned in the notes. Discuss each with your group, or reflect on them yourself.

**Christ suffered; the righteousness for the unrighteous:** Jesus paid the penalty for our sin as our substitute to reconcile us to God: 2 Cor. 5:21

**Put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit:** 1 Pet. 4:6

**Proclaimed to the spirits in prison:** uncertain if spirits refers to rebellious humans or arrogant angels awaiting final judgment: 2 Peter 2:4-5; Jude 5-7; Gen. 6:1-8

**Baptism:** *baptizma*: completed act of immersion: the flood waters of God's judgment destroyed all save those in the ark; Christ was baptized in God's judgment against our sin and we are saved by trusting in Him and His death, burial and resurrection: Mark 10:38; Luke 12:50; Rom. 6:3-4

**Triumph of Jesus Christ:** into heaven, at God's right hand, ruling over all powers

**Assignment:** Read Rom. 8:17-18 and 2 Corinthians 4:7-14. Reflect on how suffering is expected for believers before glory, as Christ suffered before His exaltation. Memorize 1 Peter 3:18.