

**Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?**

**Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).**

**If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.**

**We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.**

**Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?**

**Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.**

**LIVE WITH A WILLINGNESS TO SUFFER UNJUSTLY**  
**1 Peter 3:13-22**

**Main Thought:** We can find strength to suffer unjustly as we live for Christ in a hostile world from the teachings found in 1 Peter 3:13-22.

1. THERE IS A \_\_\_\_\_ WHEN WE SUFFER FOR DOING WHAT IS RIGHT. (v 14)
  
2. DON'T \_\_\_\_\_ UNJUST SUFFERING. (v 14)
  
3. SET APART CHRIST AS \_\_\_\_\_ IN YOUR HEART. (v 15)
  
4. ALWAYS BE \_\_\_\_\_ TO GIVE A REASON FOR YOUR HOPE IN CHRIST. (vv 15-16)
  
5. REMEMBER THE EXAMPLE OF \_\_\_\_\_. (vv 17-18, 22)
  
6. REMEMBER THE EXAMPLE OF \_\_\_\_\_. (vv 19-21)
  - 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ preached thru Noah.
  - 2) The "spirits in prison" are \_\_\_\_\_ human beings alive when Noah preached to them but who died in the flood.
  - 3) The Spirit of Christ, preaching thru Noah, called them to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4) Noah's example makes sense in relation to the \_\_\_\_\_ of 1 Peter.

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. In prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and reveal God's truth to you as you read 1 Peter 3:13-22.

2. In a couple of sentences, describe the focus of this passage? What's it about?

3. What do you learn about God in these verses?

4. What do you learn about yourself, believers, or humanity in general in these verses?

5. What verse(s) did you find to be the most meaningful? Why?

6. Was there a command in the verses that you need to obey? What was it? How will you respond to the command?

7. What verse(s) were difficult for you to understand? Were you able to research the verse and find an answer to your question? If so, what answer did you find?

8. What is the Holy Spirit encouraging you to do as a result of studying this passage?

Digging Deeper:

9. What do the following verses tell us about persecution for our faith and the blessing associated with it?

2 Timothy 3:12

Matthew 5:10-12

John 15:18, 20

Romans 8:35-39

1 Peter 4:12-16

10. To what is Peter referring when he talks about Christ preaching in the Spirit to the "spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago in the days of Noah" (v 19)? When did this happen? (See 1 Peter 1:10-12) How does this fit as an example within the larger context of 1 Peter?