

Evening Service
March 15, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Victorious Suffering
1Pet. 3:18-20

WELCOME AND INVOCATION TO WORSHIP

SINGING TOGETHER (Congregation Stands)

"I Exalt Thee"
"Only Trust Him"
"Now I Belong to Jesus"

PRAYER FOR THE GATHERING

GOD'S GREETING AND GREETING EACH OTHER

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE READING: 1Pet. 3:18-20

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: "Victorious Suffering"

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSE SONG (Congregation stands)

"Lead Me, Lord"

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Only Trust Him"

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I. Introduction
II. Exposition of the text, 1Pet. 3:18-20.

A. Context

B. Suffering with a purpose.

1. Our Model of victorious suffering, vs. 18a.

a. Turning the focus to Christ.

b. The key to victorious suffering.

i. A continuing thought.

ii. Defining "suffered".

iii. The "once and for all" sacrifice, Heb. 7:27.

iv. A specific suffering.

v. The heart of the Gospel.

c. The undefiled sacrifice, 1Pet. 2:19-20, Rom. 3:26, 2Cor. 5:21.

d. The victory in suffering.

2. The victorious proclamation, vs. 18b-20a.

a. The Crucifixion of Christ, vs. 18b.

b. Celebrating the Life in the Spirit, vs. 18c.

i. Dueling translations.

ii. Dueling interpretations.

· A clearly incorrect view.

· The divine "inner-person" of Christ.

· Resurrected by the Holy Spirit.

c. The spirits in prison, vs. 19, 20a.

i. Dueling translations, vs. 19.

ii. The heart of the problem.

iii. What is not being said.

· Preaching to the lost souls in Hell, Heb. 9:27.

· The confusion caused by the

Apostle's Creed, John 19:30, Luke 23:46.

iv. Analyzing the pieces of the puzzle.

· Determining what was "proclaimed".

· Struggling with "the spirits".

· Locating the prison, Rev. 9:2,11,

2Pet. 2:4,5, Luke 8:31.

v. The worst of the worst, vs. 20a, Gen. 6:2, Jude 6.

d. Solving the puzzle.

3. Victory in the time of Noah, vs. 20b, Gen. 6:3, 2Pet. 2:5.

4. Summation

III. Application

IV. Conclusion