

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

First Peter Bible Study — I Peter 3:20-22 Lesson #13

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in First Peter before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word.

20-21 Who formerly were disobedient, **when once the LONGSUFFERING of GOD waited in the DAYS of NOAH, while the ARK was being PREPARED**, in which a few, that is, **eight souls, were SAVED through WATER**. There is also an **ANTITYPE** which now **SAVES us, namely BAPTISM** (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but **the ANSWER of a GOOD CONSCIENCE** toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

• **Genesis 6:14-17** “Make yourself an _____ of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. And this is how you shall make it: the length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. You shall make a window for the _____, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. And behold, I Myself am bringing flood _____ on the earth, to _____ from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall _____.”

• **Hebrews 11:7** “By faith _____, being divinely _____ of things _____ yet seen, moved with godly fear, _____ an _____ for the _____ of his _____, by which he condemned the _____ and became heir of the _____ which is according to _____.”

• **I Peter 2:5** “And did not spare the ancient world, but saved _____, one of _____ people, a _____ of righteousness, bringing in the _____ on the _____ of the _____.”

Definition: “GOD waited in the DAYS of NOAH, while the ARK was being PREPARED” – This goes back to the previous verse, speaking of the spirits who were in prison, and Jesus went into their spiritual “prison” **to DECLARE (“preach”) and SHOW Himself as the VICTOR and CONQUEROR over sin, death, hell and the grave**. As we see from these verses, these spirits are NOT human spirits (people who have died), as **the word of God is VERY PARTICULAR to say they are EVIL SPIRITS, demons, who did their most evil and wicked work DURING the TIME of Noah**. **Noah preached for 120 years, while he was building the ark**, and no one except his own family (a total of eight people) believed in him or in God. These demons had influenced the people of Noah’s time so effectively, that no one believed in God. The punishment for these demons was that they should be imprisoned in the “abyss” (a deep pit) until the time of the Final Judgment, and then they (along with Satan and all the demons, and also unsaved people) will be thrown into hell, the lake of fire.

• **Jude 6** “And the _____ who did _____ keep their _____ domain, but _____ their own _____, He has _____ in everlasting _____ under _____ for the _____ of the great day.”

• **Revelation 20:10-15** “And the _____, who deceived them, was _____ into the _____ of _____ and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be _____ day and night _____ and ever. Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the _____, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the _____ were _____ according to their _____, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead [*bodies*] who were in it, and Death

(the grave) and Hades delivered up the _____ who were in them. And they were _____, each one according to his works. Then death and Hades were cast into the _____ of _____. This is the second death. And anyone who was _____ found written in the _____ of _____ was cast (thrown) into the _____ of _____.”

Definition: “An ANTITYPE which now SAVES us, namely BAPTISM” – The dictionary definition of “antitype” means “something represented or foreshadowed by an earlier type or symbol, **especially an opposite type.**” **The reason this antitype of WATER is the OPPOSITE of water baptism is because WATER in the worldwide FLOOD of Noah’s time was GOD’S JUDGMENT on sin!** So when Peter says this is an antitype to baptism, he is NOT saying that water baptism is what saves a person. **Noah and his family did not GO INTO the water (as we do in water baptism), they passed over it, SAFE in the ARK.** What is pictured here is that **when we are BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST** (a spiritual baptism that happens the moment we are saved, not water baptism that happens to us later) it is like Noah and his family being SAFE in the ARK - the Believer is SAFE IN CHRIST. **We are SAFE in Christ, and we will PASS OVER the time of God’s JUDGMENT**, because we are in Jesus Christ. Does that mean the Christian is never judged by God for his or her life here on earth? Not at all. After our resurrection, we as **Believers in Christ must appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ**, in order to be judged on our works. This judgment for Believers, however, is ONLY to see whether we will receive rewards or not. **Remember, the Believer’s judgment for SIN has already fallen on Jesus Christ**, Jesus has already taken our punishment, and we will not have to suffer the wrath of God (see II Cor. 5:18-21, I Thess. 5:9, I Thess. 1:10, and Isaiah 53:5-6 & 10-12).

• **II Corinthians 5:10** “For we must _____ appear before the _____ seat of _____, that each one may receive [*rewards or judgment for*] the things _____ in the _____, according to what he has _____, whether _____ or _____.”

• **Romans 14:10-12** “But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For _____ shall _____ stand before the _____ seat of _____. For it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.’ So then _____ of _____ shall give _____ of himself to God.”

• **I Corinthians 3:11 & 14-15** “For _____ other _____ can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is _____.” (Verses 14-15) “If anyone’s _____ which he has _____ on it (*on the foundation of Christ*) endures, he will _____ a _____. If anyone’s _____ is burned, he will suffer loss; but he _____ will be _____, yet so as through fire.”

Definition: “The ANSWER of a GOOD CONSCIENCE toward God” – There is only one way we can have “**a good conscience before God**” and that is when our heart, mind and conscience is **WASHED in the BLOOD of Jesus Christ** the moment we have faith in Him and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. For the Christian, the Bible seems to indicate that our conscience is now working together with the Holy Spirit speaking to us. We **MUST** stay in close communion with the Holy Spirit in order to have “**The ANSWER of a GOOD CONSCIENCE toward God.**”

• **Romans 9:1** “I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my _____ also bearing me witness in the _____.”

• **Psalm 51:1-2, 10** “Have _____ on me, O God, according to Your loving kindness, according to the multitude of Your tender mercies _____ my transgressions; _____ thoroughly from my iniquity, and _____ me from my _____. _____ in _____ a _____ heart, O God, and renew a right _____ in me.”

• **I Timothy 4:1-2** “....some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and

doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own _____ seared with a hot iron.”

• **John 8:8-9** “And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being _____ by their _____, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.”

• **Titus 1:15** “To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their _____ and _____ are _____.”

• **Hebrews 9:14** “How much more shall the _____ of _____, who through the eternal _____ offered Himself without spot to God, purge (cleanse) your _____ from _____ works to serve the _____ God?”

Definition: “Purge your CONSCIENCE from DEAD WORKS to serve the LIVING GOD?” – DEAD WORKS are religious works or good deeds done in the power of the flesh, and a person who is operating in their FLESH, and not in FAITH and the power of the Holy Spirit, CANNOT do ANYTHING that will be pleasing to God (Rom. 8:8). Before we are born again by faith in Jesus Christ, we are all DEAD in our sins, and all our works are DEAD works. This is why there is no salvation apart from Jesus Christ, because it is NOT the keeping of laws, commandments, rules, ordinances, or ANY OUTWARD CONDUCT that makes a person RIGHTEOUS. There must be an INWARD CHANGE, a NEW BIRTH, a CREATION by GOD of a completely NEW PERSON, for someone to be a part of His Kingdom (John 3:3, Ephesians 2:4-5 & 8-9).

• **Romans 8:8** “So then, those who are in the flesh _____ please _____.”

• **Hebrews 11:6** “But without _____ it is _____ to _____ Him (God), for he who comes to God must _____ that He is, and that He is a _____ of those who diligently _____ Him.”

• **Hebrews 6:1** “Therefore, leaving [*behind*] the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection (maturity), not laying again the _____ of _____ from _____ works and of _____ toward God.”

22 Who has GONE into HEAVEN and is at the RIGHT HAND of GOD, ANGELS and authorities and POWERS having been MADE SUBJECT to HIM.

• **Romans 8:34** “Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the _____ of _____, who also makes _____ for us.”

• **Hebrews 12:2** “Looking unto _____, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him _____ the _____, despising the shame, and has _____ at the _____ of the throne of God.”

• **Hebrews 1:13** “But to which of the angels has He ever said, ‘_____ at My _____, till I make Your enemies Your footstool?’”

• **Ephesians 1:20-21** “Which He wrought in Christ when He _____ Him from the _____, and set Him at His own _____ in the _____ places, far _____ all principality, and _____, and _____, and dominion, and every _____ that is _____ not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.”

• **Psalms 110:1** “The Lord (God the Father) said to my Lord (Jesus), ‘Sit at My _____, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’”

Definition: “Who has GONE into HEAVEN and is at the RIGHT HAND of GOD” – “At the right hand of God the Father” signifies Jesus’ place of authority and power, as He is seated next to His Father in heaven. Also, Jesus has a most important “job” to do in heaven, as God’s word says He is our High

Priest and intercessor, which means he prays for us constantly, and stands up for us when Satan comes to accuse us. **JESUS is our HIGH PRIEST**, which means we COME to GOD THROUGH HIM, but we do NOT need a human priest of any kind. **Jesus is our ADVOCATE**, which means DEFENSE LAWYER. **JESUS defends us** against the **ACCUSATIONS of Satan**. **Jesus' work as INTERCESSOR** is different than the Holy Spirit's work in prayer. The Holy Spirit "comes along side to help", but Jesus is DEFENDING and PROTECTING US by His intercessory PRAYER for us, and as our MEDIATOR, He has opened the way for us to come directly into God's presence.

• **Hebrews 4:14** "Seeing then that we have a great _____ who has passed through the heavens, _____ the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession."

• **Romans 8:27** "Now He who _____ the _____ knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes _____ for the saints according to the _____ of _____."

• **Hebrews 7:25-26** "Therefore He (Jesus) is also able to save to the uttermost (completely) those who _____ to _____ through _____, since He ever (always) lives to make _____ for them. For such a High _____ was fitting for us, who is _____, harmless (sinless), undefiled, _____ from _____, and has become higher than the heavens."

• **I John 2:1** "My little _____, these things I write to you, that you may not _____."

And if any _____, we have an Advocate with the Father, _____ the righteous."

• **Isaiah 59:16** "He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no _____; therefore His own arm (strength) brought _____ for Him, and His own _____, it sustained Him."

• **Luke 22:31-32** "And the Lord said, 'Simon, Simon! Indeed, _____ has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have _____ for you, that your _____ should not _____; and when you have _____ to Me, strengthen your brethren.'"

Definition: "ANGELS and authorities and POWERS having been MADE SUBJECT to HIM" -

"MADE SUBJECT to HIM" means Jesus has AUTHORITY OVER them. "Angels" obviously refers to God's angels, but "authorities and POWERS" refers to "PRINCIPALITIES" and "RULERS of the Darkness of this Age", meaning Satan and his demons and their system of power over the nations and governments of this world. When it says "**We WRESTLE not against FLESH and BLOOD**" it means our struggle and warfare is NOT against HUMAN ENEMIES, but against the spiritual forces of EVIL (demons) that are INFLUENCING those people.

• **Ephesians 6:12** "For we do _____ wrestle against flesh and blood, but against _____, against _____, against the _____ of the _____ of this age, against _____ hosts of _____ in the heavenly places."

• **Colossians 1:16** "For in Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, _____ and _____, whether thrones or dominions, or _____ or _____, ALL THINGS were created by Him, and for Him."

• **Romans 8:38-39** "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor _____ nor _____ nor _____, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor _____ created thing, shall be able to separate us from the _____ of _____ which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

• **Matthew 28:18** "Then _____ came and spoke to them, saying, ' _____ has been given to _____ in heaven and on earth.'"