



Home Group Questions:  
Sunday 17 November 2024  
Sermon Series: Aliens in This World  
Suffering for Doing Good! 1 Peter 3:8-22

To begin the sermon, we explored the 5 traits that the collective church and the individual believer should have:

- Live in Harmony
- Have Compassion
- Love and Brothers and Sisters
- Compassionate
- Humble

Discuss which of these attributes you see in our church community and reflect on areas that may be less visible.

Secondly, we looked at Peter's 3-fold response to the hostility we face in the world when it comes to living out our faith. J.I Packer writes:

'There is no peace like the peace of those whose minds are set and possessed with the full assurance that they have known God, and God has known them...'

Consider the following:

- Is there a difference between knowing God and Knowing of God?
- If so, what can we do to develop the way we think about God?

Verse 18-22 contain two very strange verses that lead Christian thinkers to draw various conclusions about what may have happened to Jesus in the time between the cross and resurrection. Firstly, read the passage, then discuss the following:

- Where did Jesus go to Preach?
- Who were the Spirits and when did they live?

To help, four main views come to the forefront of the discussion:

- 1) The Spirits in prison are those who Christ preached to during his earthly ministry, we know that Christ came to proclaim freedom to the captives (Luke 4:16-21).

- 2) Christ, by the Holy Spirit preached through Noah (2 Peter 2:5) to the people before the flood (Genesis 6-8). Noah called them to repentance, but they disobeyed and are now imprisoned.
- 3) Christ preached to the spirits by descending into hell. Then He announced victory to them and the fallen angels.
- 4) Christ proclaimed his victory to the fallen angels after his resurrection.

I would lean to a combination of 1 & 2. What do you think?

Finally, I spoke about 'Attraction and Promotion.' How can we become more aware of these two ideas and what can be done this week to ensure we are both attractive Christians that promote a clear message?

I hope your time together is blessed. Have a great week.

Ben