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Scripture: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Main Idea

This section of scripture continues both the overall theme of the book that “There’s Joy Ahead,” and it also continues the thought of 1 Peter 2:21.

1 Peter 2:21 (ESV)

²¹For to this you have been called,
because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

This verse teaches what is called a “Conformity Pattern.” That is, Christ’s experience and activity are prototypical for believers.¹ We see this in many of the “*Even as*” statements of scripture... For example - “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)

The idea is that once we are united to Christ via the indwelling Holy Spirit, He swaps us, His righteousness for our sin. He gives us His life for our death. His life becomes our own. And when we get Jesus’ life, it means we begin to live like Jesus. When we live like Jesus, we suffer like Jesus. Like Jesus we learn obedience through suffering. We suffer on behalf of others. Forgiving them as Christ forgave us. Exchanging their sin against us for righteousness in return. But when we suffer like Jesus, like Jesus, we too will be vindicated, rewarded, and resurrected to Glory (1 Corinthians 15).

¹ Lincoln, A. T. (2002). *Vol. 42: Word Biblical Commentary : Ephesians*. Word Biblical Commentary (309). Dallas: Word, Incorporated.



Questions:

These questions naturally arise as one reads the text. That said, one must keep in mind the main idea, but while doing so let us address some of the common questions asked.

Baptism

- What is water Baptism?
- What is the relationship of Water Baptism to Salvation?
- What is Spirit-Baptism?
- What's the difference between Water-Baptism and Spirit-Baptism?
- When does Spirit Baptism occur?
 - For more discussion see further –
 - Evangelical Convictions,
by EFCA (Author), Greg Strand (Editor), Bill Kynes (Editor), William Hamel (Foreword)

Article 7: The Church, pp 169-175
 - See also – Videos of Pastor Jeremy's Teaching Seminar on Baptism here... <https://mefchurch.org/teaching-seminars.html>
 - Scroll down to the Fall of 2016
- Given the theme of Wonderful Joy ahead why is water baptism so special?
- Given the conformity pattern, what does water Baptism communicate and require?
- When do you think Water Baptism should occur?
- Please feel free to share your baptism story with your group.
- If you do not have one, would you consider being baptized? Why or Why not?



Resurrection: (1 Peter 3:21-22)

- Why is Jesus' resurrection so important?
- What does it prove about Jesus?
- What does it prove about God the Father?
- What does it show us about how the Father feels about the Son?
- What does it show us about the Son's relationship to the rest of Creation?
- What does it tell us about the future?
- How does it encourage us today?
- What does Christ's resurrection do for us in the future (1 Cor 15)?
- In what ways might water-baptism and our coming resurrection be connected?