

SERMON TEXT - 1 PETER 3:18-22

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, 20 because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. 21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

SCANDAL!

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Theme: *Jesus enters into the scandal of our sin*

#1 The Ugliness of Scandal

- A. We're More Sinful Than We Think
- B. There is Nothing We Can Do About It
- C. We're Responsible For The Greatest Injustice of All

#2 An Example of Scandal

- A. Imprisoned Spirits
- B. The Promise of Baptism

#3 A Beautiful Scandal

- A. The Resurrection
- B. The Ascension

Other Passages

Genesis 6:5, 9; 7:1 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually

9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

7:1 Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation.

Luke 17:26 Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 27 They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.