

April 6

1 Peter 1:1-12 Our Inheritance - **Living Hope**
1 Peter 1:13-25 Our Mandate - **Be Holy**
1 Peter 2:1-10 Our Cornerstone - **Chosen People**
1 Peter 2:11-25 Our Witness - **Living as Strangers**
1 Peter 3:1-12 Wives, Husbands, ALL - **LOVE**
1 Peter 3:13-22 Our Defense - *Always Ready* →

1 Peter 4:1-11 Our Faith - Equipped to Live

Mark 15 & 16 – Happy Easter

1 Peter 4:12-19 Be Prepared - When Ridiculed

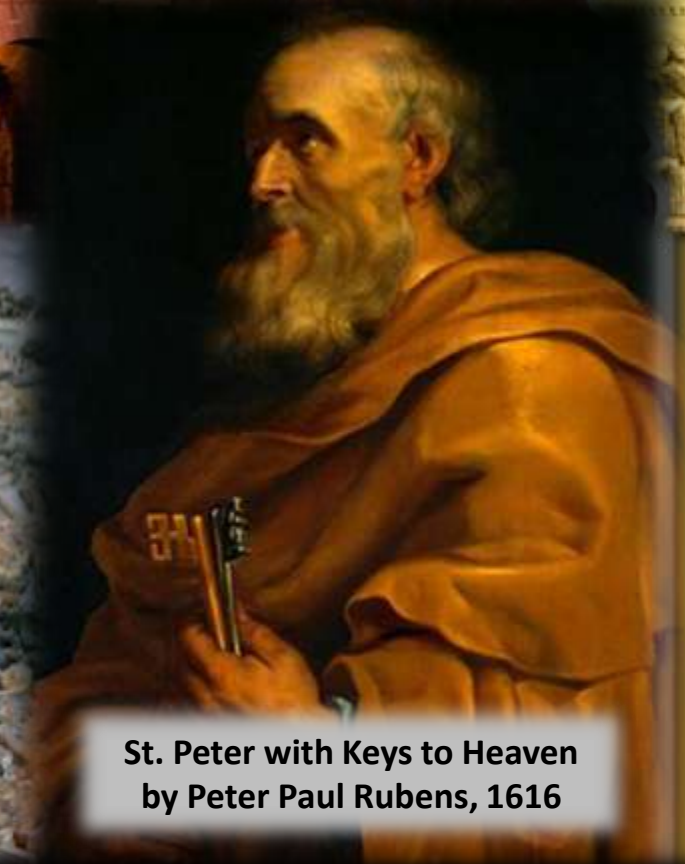
1 Peter 5:1-14 Be Humble - Alert Living

2 Peter 1 Be Equipped - Being Useful

2 Peter 2 & Jude Be Alert - On Guard

2 Peter 3 Be Encouraged - With Anti

Rome



St. Peter with Keys to Heaven
by Peter Paul Rubens, 1616

1 Peter 3:22

Now that He has gone into heaven,
He is at God's *Right Hand*
with Angels, Authorities &
Powers subject to him.



1 Peter 3:13-22

13-17 Our Defense –

Be Ready to Defend Living Hope

18-20a Point to Christ's Work –

Christ Made Alive

... Preached to Spirits in Prison

20b-22 Display Your Faith –

Baptism a Pledge of Resurrection



Key Verse 1 Peter 3:15 & 3:22

Always be *prepared* to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the HOPE that you have.

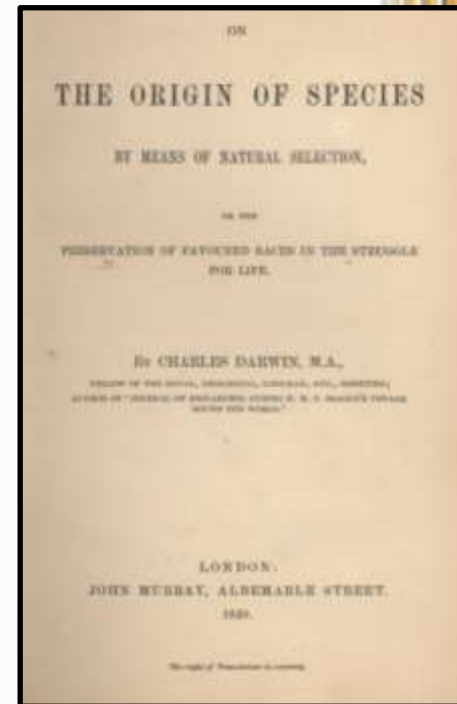
Confident *because* of 3:22

**Now that He has gone into heaven,
He is at God's Right Hand with Angels,
Authorities & Powers *subject* to HIM**



3:19—After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits.

Even Genesis 1—controversy over CREATION has been on ***FIRE*** since **Charles Darwin** published ***Origin of the Species*** in 1859



After the controversial passage, the section closes
with a reaffirmation of our Living Hope in the crowning
achievement of Christ at God's right hand—OVER ALL!

3:21 by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

3:22 Now that He has gone into heaven,
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Authorities & Powers subject to HIM

Always, *ALWAYS* be prepared to give an answer for your

LIVING HOPE



Alternative Title

To Hades and Back for *YOU*



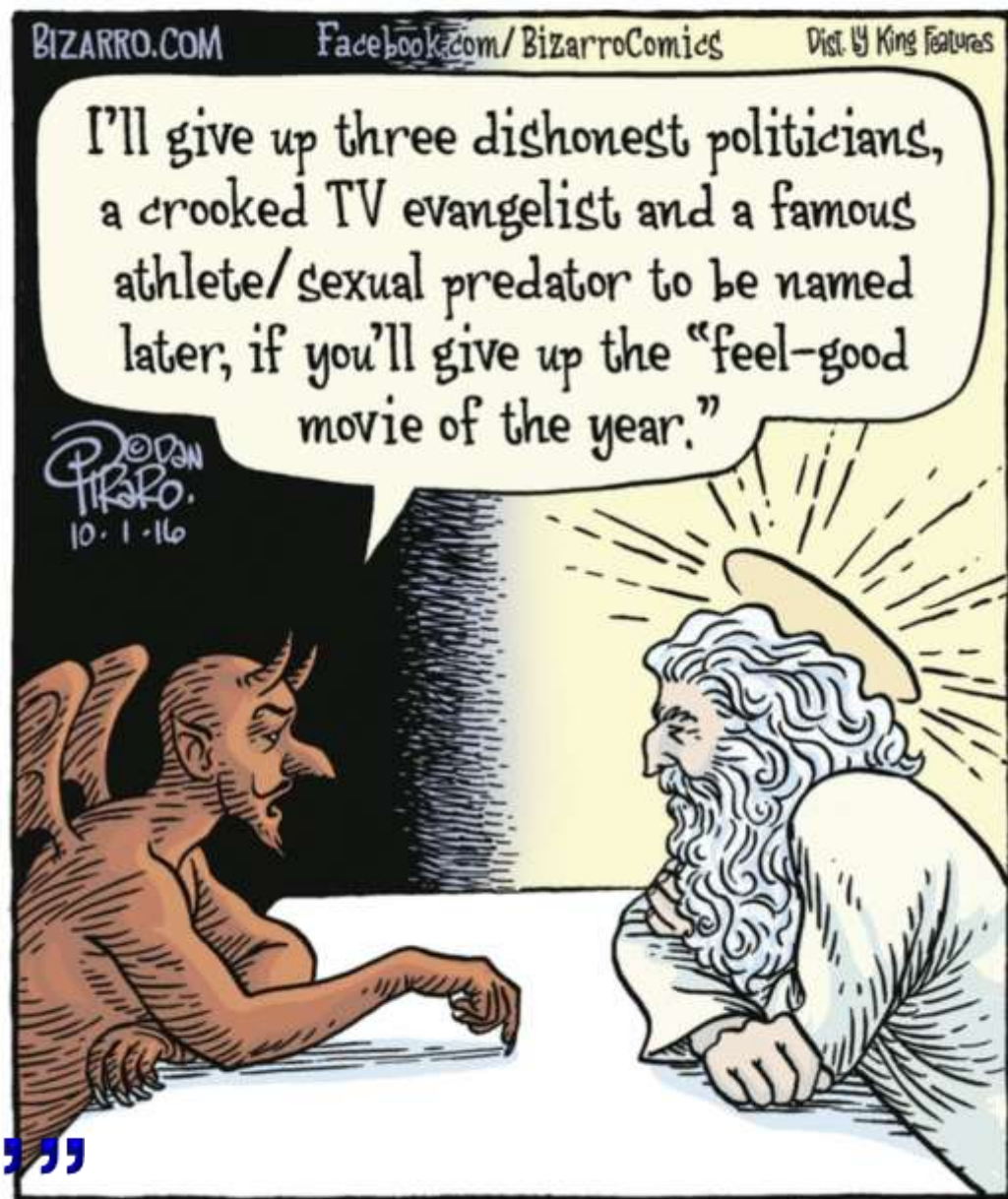
The Art of the Deal

Think of poor, rich Job
and the **DEAL** the Devil
made with God . . .

Think of Jude v. 9, “**Even**
the archangel Michael,
when he was disputing
with the devil about the
body of Moses,

did not himself dare to
condemn him but said,

‘The Lord rebuke you!’”



13-17 Ready to Defend – Ready to Defend Living Hope

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?

For the most part ... TRUE

And, truly, how sweet life would be if ALL just DID GOOD DEEDS!

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.

“Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”

Here, Peter cuts us deep.

Have you or loved one done a GOOD DEED & *SUFFERED* for it!

The stories ... sometimes ...

Occasionally ... our pride brings us around

Causing some to say ...

You probably deserved it

New Definition of S.O.S.

C-130 was lumbering along when a cocky F-16 flashed by.

The jet jockey decided to show off.

The fighter jock told the C-130 pilot,
“**Watch This!**” and promptly went into a barrel roll followed by a steep climb.

He then finished with a **Sonic Boom** as he broke the sound barrier.

The F-16 pilot asked the C-130 pilot,
“**Well, what do you think of THAT?**”



The C-130 pilot said,
“That’s impressive but watch this!”

The C-130 droned along for about 5 minutes
C-130 pilot came back on & asked,
“What did you think of that?”

Puzzled, the F-16 pilot asked,
“What the heck did you do?”

The C-130 pilot chuckled, “I stood up,
stretched my legs, walked to the back,
used the restroom,
then got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon roll.”

New Definition of S.O.S.—
Slower, Older & Smarter

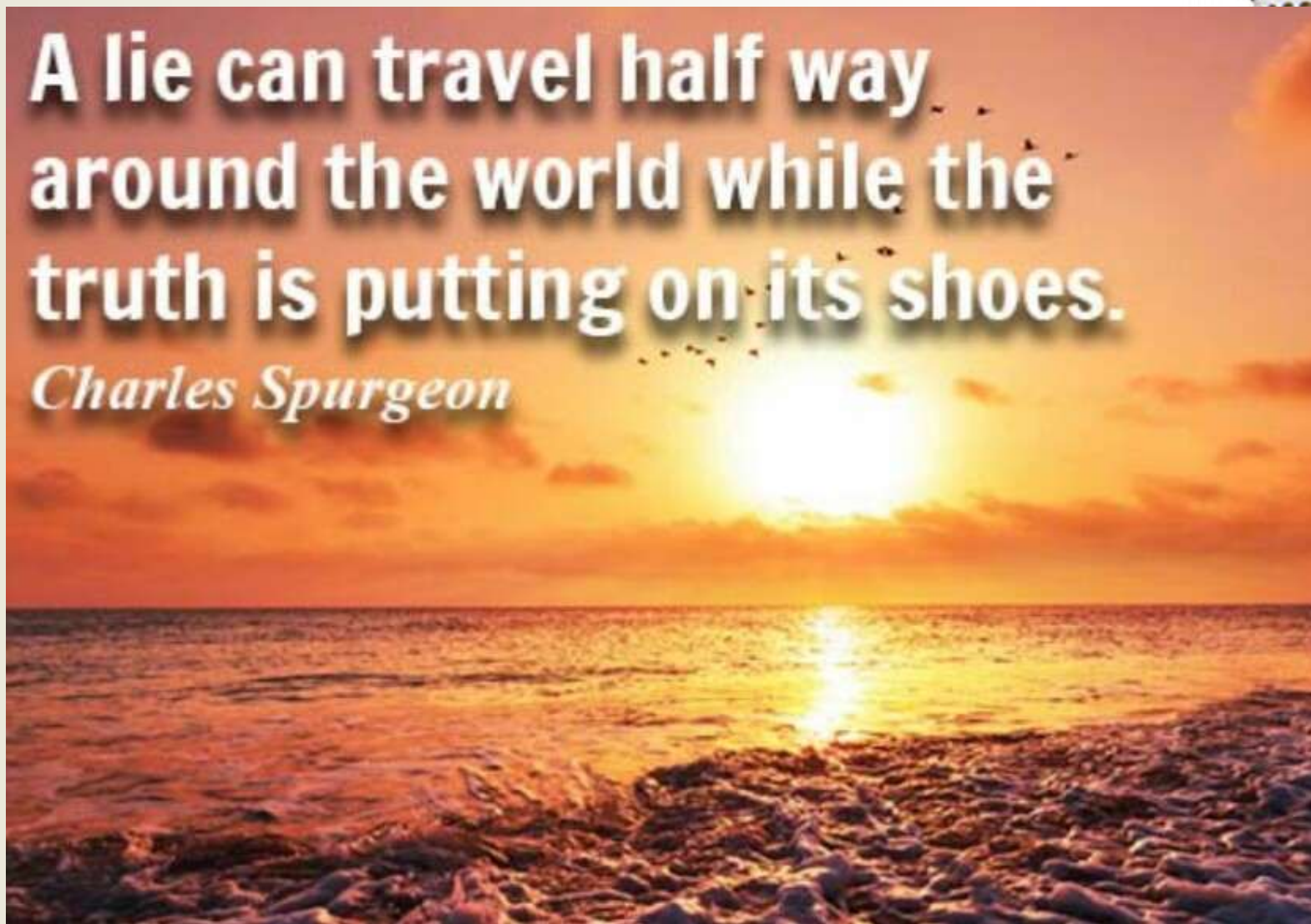


**14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.
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Peter cuts us deep.

**A lie can travel half way
around the world while the
truth is putting on its shoes.**

Charles Spurgeon



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Take a look at www.Persecution.com



The **Voice** of the **Martyrs**

We do NOT like to *think* this ... or *talk* about it ... or *feel* about it
Very sadly—we DON'T want to hear much about it
Much easier to watch a hurricane on the TV

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Tortured for Christ (1967)

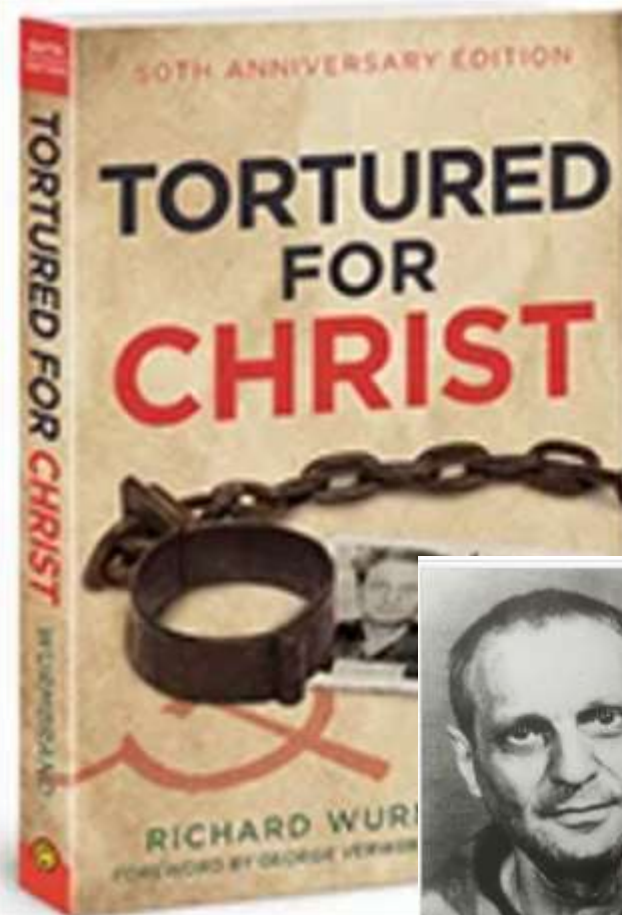
by Pastor Richard Wurmbrand

2017 50th Anniversary Edition

1948 he had been a Christian 10 years
Romanian Lutheran Priest

Said Christianity & Communism incompatible
imprisoned & tortured 14 years by the
atheist Communist regime of Romania

Wrote 18 books, with ***Tortured for Christ***
translated in 65 languages



Wurmbrand in prison

In suffering, do not fear ... and Peter continues:

15 But honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts.

NIV: **But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.**

ASV & KJV & Douay-Rheims Catholic Bible:

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:

Message Bible: **Through thick and thin, keep your hearts
at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master.**

If you face persecution for doing good ... **HOW DO YOU COPE?**

How **CAN** you cope? ...

Honor Christ in your hearts!

Certainly, several would say, "Easy for you, Peter."

Truth be told—

Peter was *LIVING IT!*



Very much like the author of Hebrews, Peter continues\ without fluff or excuses, but with a verse we all know:

15-16 Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the HOPE that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

ALWAYS be Prepared to give an answer!

Are you prepared?

After Hurricane Rita in 2005

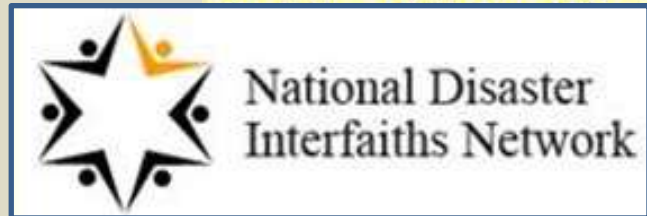
As for me & my house, I WILL RESPECT

ALL Category 5 Hurricanes hitting our coast!



At my domain, www.PreciousHeart.net ... bottom of home page

Links to disaster guidelines by National Disaster Interfaiths Network



[01 - Disaster Basics for Faith Communities](#)

[02 - The Disaster Lifecycle: Where Do Religious Leaders Fit In?](#)

[Disaster Service Organizations](#)

[Faith Communities in Disasters](#)

[Worship in a Disaster](#)

[06 - Disaster Backlash: Bias Crimes & Mitigation](#)

[07 - Active Shooter in a House of Worship](#)

[08 - Continuity of Operations Planning](#)

[14 - Faith Communities & Risk Communication](#)

[15 - Faith Communities & Evacuation Planning](#)

[16 - Faith Communities & Disaster Sheltering](#)

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[19 - Faith Communities & Cold Weather Hazards](#)

[20 - Faith Communities & Hot Weather Hazards](#)

[21 - Faith Communities & Disaster Volunteerism](#)

[22 - Faith Communities & Donations Management](#)

[23 - Faith Communities & Disaster Assistance](#)

Added years ago from Ammo.com

[Terrorism Preparation Guide: How To Survive a Terrorist Attack - by Ammo.com](#)
articles on Active Shooter, Explosives, Chemical, Nuclear, Dirty Bombs, Talking to Children

[13 - Faith Communities & Trauma Resilience](#)

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3:15-16 **But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.**

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the HOPE that you have.

Prepared? ... Are YOU Prepared?

I suspect MOST of us feel we are ...

We save money, have spare FOOD

We have a spare TIRE ...

Most of us have a GUN

Some of us have a GENERATOR

**Some have gone to SEMINARS
on disaster training**

We go to church, read BIBLE

We have several Bibles

We grip tight the shield of FAITH

Some MEMORIZE the Bible

Some go to Sunday School



3:15-16 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the HOPE that you have.

Notice Peter did not "ASK" them?

Peter TOLD them ... *and us*

"Always be Prepared"

Listen up! STORM is *coming*

As a Christian, you have HOPE

If you are a NORMAL Christian,

you WANT others, too, to have that HOPE.

cause a STORM was coming!



But when you do give an answer ...

3:15-16 ... do this with **GENTLENESS** and **RESPECT**, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

Remember the story of the two pilots?

Young pilot of F-16 – older pilot of C-130?

I suspect the older C-130 pilot *sounded* GENTLE

As he said, “*cup of coffee & a cinnamon roll.*”

Prov. 15:1, “**A soft answer turneth away wrath**”

No matter what you are going through,

whether or not you have the power to avoid it—

but especially if you **DO NOT** have the power—

Gentle Respect will WIN more souls



1 Peter 3:13-17 Ready to Defend – Ready to Defend Living Hope

Are you ready to give an answer for YOUR Living Hope ???

A Gentle Respect will WIN more souls IN EVERY Pathway of life!

Regardless of your lot in life ... Peter then says,

**¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will,
to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.**

Don't know what the future holds.

But as far as is in your power, don't suffer for doing evil!

**In God's economy—just FACT—if you have to suffer,
it is FAR, FAR, **FAR better to suffer for doing good ...****

Whether you like it or not, I think even GOD DOES NOT LIKE IT.

Why . . . Why . . . Why – we will NEVER know this side of heaven.

Peter has now encouraged the Christians in Asia Minor & Galatia regarding evil & various kinds of suffering ...

Having stated in several ways that suffering for doing good
CARRIES with it an **EXTRA** Blessing from God.

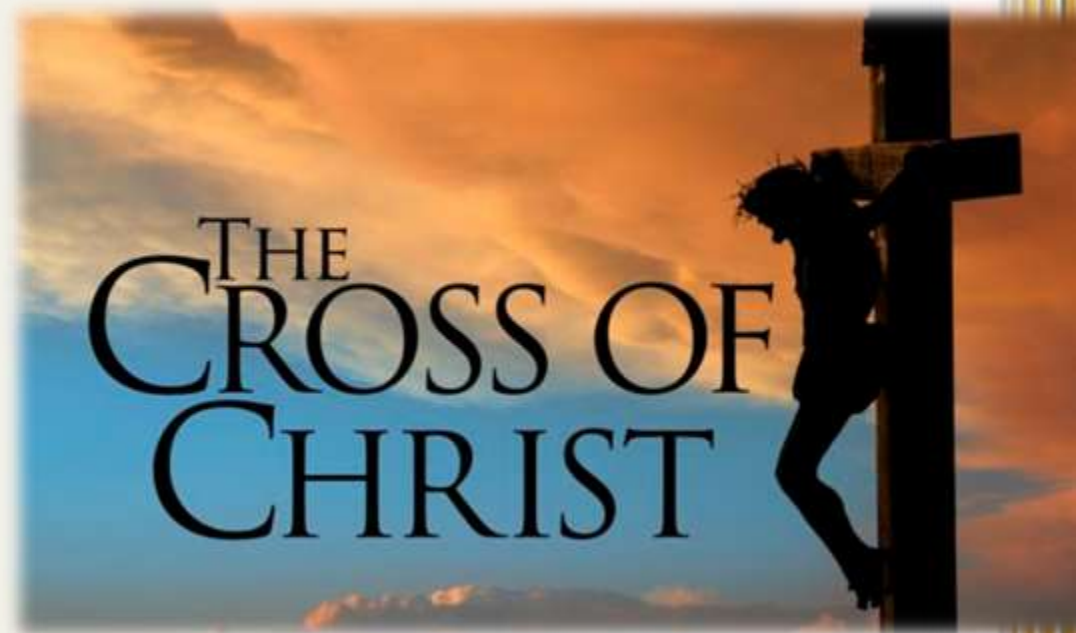
Peter then spells out precisely how Christ was the pioneer

How Christ was the trailblazer

How Christ was the example!

A pioneer-trailblazer in *WHAT*

God did *THROUGH* Christ!



18-20a Point to Christ's Work – Christ Alive ... Preached to Spirits

**1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered for sins for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
that He might bring you to God,
after being put to death in the fleshly realm
but made alive in the SPIRITUAL REALM.**

SUFFERED ... the RIGHTEOUS for the UNRIGHTEOUS

WHY? ... so that "He might bring you to God."

How do you get to God?

**Peter takes us on a journey that opens our understanding
into the NATURE of the WORLD unlike few passages in
ALL OF THE BIBLE!**

Yet, please, do NOT miss the most important part!

3:18 **For Christ also suffered for sins for all, the
righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God,
after being put to death in the fleshly realm but
made alive in the SPIRITUAL REALM.**

THE MOST IMPORTANT PART ... is

***Christ WILLING suffered* ... to get you and me Eternal Life!**

**Remember Peter saying that if YOU SUFFER for doing Good,
you are BLESSED! ...**

Remember OUR point earlier ...

- 1. BLESSED if you have NO CHOICE in suffering for good**
- 2. *Double*-BLESSED if you HAVE A CHOICE & suffer for good**

True, all true. Now then, think of Christ.

Christ had a CHOICE & he was ALL POWERFUL

3:18 **For Christ also suffered for sins for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, after being put to death in the fleshly realm but made alive in the SPIRITUAL REALM.**

Of ALL people who **EVER *lived*** in the past, ***live*** in the present, and ***will live*** in the future before God pulls the curtain

Christ “**the righteous for the unrighteous**” was ALL POWERFUL

I ***might*** have the power to avoid some suffering.

I’m an American ... I have rights. Call the cops. Hire a lawyer.

If I’m kidnapped ...

I hope our local sheriff will find me!

He’ll try ... FEDS will help too!

I’ll supply the donuts



**But if our U.S. PRESIDENT is kidnapped ...
Secret Service kicks into overdrive
FBI cancels leave – ALL agents on duty
CIA taps every resource abroad
NSA pulls phones of entire U.S. population
Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corp ... EVERYONE
Aircraft Carriers & Submarines line up**



THREATEN to harm the President—

YOU ARE TOAST!

To have NO CHOICE,
no power and suffer for good—Blessed!

To have a CHOICE and
CHOOSE to suffer for good—supremely BLESSED!

What about You and ME?!?

Point to drill in is THIS

To have a CHOICE and have GREAT POWER
and still CHOOSE to suffer
that is a BLESSING *near* what Christ did



Yet, Christ was ABOVE ALL
Christ was in Heaven, innocent ...
Came to earth & endured the worst ...
Christ could have chosen to *NOT to Suffer*
Christ & God the Father
COULD have ended the
whole show in a millisecond.
Christ patiently ENDURED
taking the humiliation kindly
Taking the whip and CROSS
with no complaint

WHY?



Peter is crystal clear:

3:18 For Christ also suffered ... the righteous for the unrighteous,
that He might bring you to God



Christ suffered on
EARTH to bring us
to God


Rest of verses
take us OFFROAD



I mean **WAY** off road ...



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**What you already know ... and know very well
Jesus Christ's journey on earth was the SHORT JOURNEY
Christ's 33 years on earth were TOO SHORT *by even our standard*
Yet Christ was with the Father from the beginning.
After Christ was killed, he was made alive in the**

Spiritual Realm

Spiritual Realm?
Ghost Hunting
Oh yeah ...

on the
Travel Channel

They started with
how **dangerous**
it was to HUNT
ghosts ...

Well, you **KNOW**
my position!



Fri 10/07 3:09pm

Ghost Adventures

3:00pm-4:00pm
196 TRV, Fri 10/07

HD

Edinburgh Manor Series/Special. Zak Bagans.
Aaron Goodwin, (2015) A 150-year-old
Edinburgh manor; an entity terrorizes and
violently chokes people as they enter the
manor. (HD) (CC)
TV Listings (c) Gracenote

Episode: 198 Original Air
Rating: PG,TV-PG



Spiritual Realm today –
more corrupted than **EVER**

Happy Halloween ... I give out candy **TOO!**
NOT the worst—Peter and I have *already*
talked about Paganism

Movies are numbing us to **ALL** things spiritual
Exorcist came out in 1973, & I saw it in 1974 on
my HS Senior trip as a non-Christian—*scary!*

Within the bloody Horror genre, there is a class of
“*spiritual*” horror—demons slaughter people

NOBODY SHOULD WATCH THOSE!!

Magician Houdini devoted a lot of time to
DEBUNKING Mediums



Spiritual Realm IS REAL ...

Satan loves few things MORE than to convince
people he is a suave horned goffer

Or, better yet, some fiery-eyed KING of Hell

As in Milton's *Paradise Lost*

Quoting Satan: **"Better to Rule in Hell
than to Serve in Heaven"**

GOOGLE "Deal with the Devil" and
see the stories ... no end in site

1979, Charlie Daniels Band released
"The Devil Went Down to Georgia"

A foot-stomping romp where ...

Johnny wages his soul for Satan's fiddle made of GOLD

tell me you've NOT tapped your foot to it ... *shame on me, too*



Peter is crystal clear:

Spiritual Realm IS REAL

3:18 For Christ also suffered

made alive in the SPIRITUAL REALM.

19-20 In that state He also went and made a PROCLAMATION TO THE SPIRITS IN PRISON who in the past were disobedient, when God patiently waited in the days of Noah while an ark was being prepared.

Gospel is *also* a Tale of *Three* Roads ...

1. Heaven to Earth ... 2. Earth to Hades ... 3. Earth to Heaven

Though a lot of guides, NO ONE questions the "Spiritual Realm"

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- Quarterly
1. Unbelievers who Died?
 2. O.T. persons Died waiting on return of Christ?
 3. Sinful Angels imprisoned until their time of judgment?

Quarterly favors “3”

2 Peter 2:4 & Jude 6 - Angels chained in darkness for judgment

Genesis 6 is often used here, too - where some think angels took women

I gave 6 theological articles on “Nephilim” a year or so ago

“Nephilim” & “Sons of God” in Genesis 6:1–4 ~ *Six Articles*

www.PreciousHeart.net/SS/Nephilim-Articles.pdf (75 pp.) - *prefer* Sethite Line



Since the 2nd Century A.D. — for the last 1,900 years —

Criswell Study Bible notes said there are over **NINETY (90)**

variations of interpretations on this verse

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Here are FIVE Views ...

1. Christ descended to Hades (place of dead) to preach condemnation to those in O.T. period

We'll look at these four

2. Christ descended to **Tartarus** (realm below Hades in Greek mythology) to preach judgment to fallen angels
3. Christ descended to realm of Hades called **Paradise** where Saints of O.T. were held until atonement was finished on Golgotha
4. Preexistent Christ preached to disobedient **through Noah**
5. Christ proclaimed victory to **disobedient "spirits"** in the past who were **STILL** operating in A.D. 33 after crucifixion

2. Christ descended to Tartarus to preach to fallen angels

Charles Swindoll ...

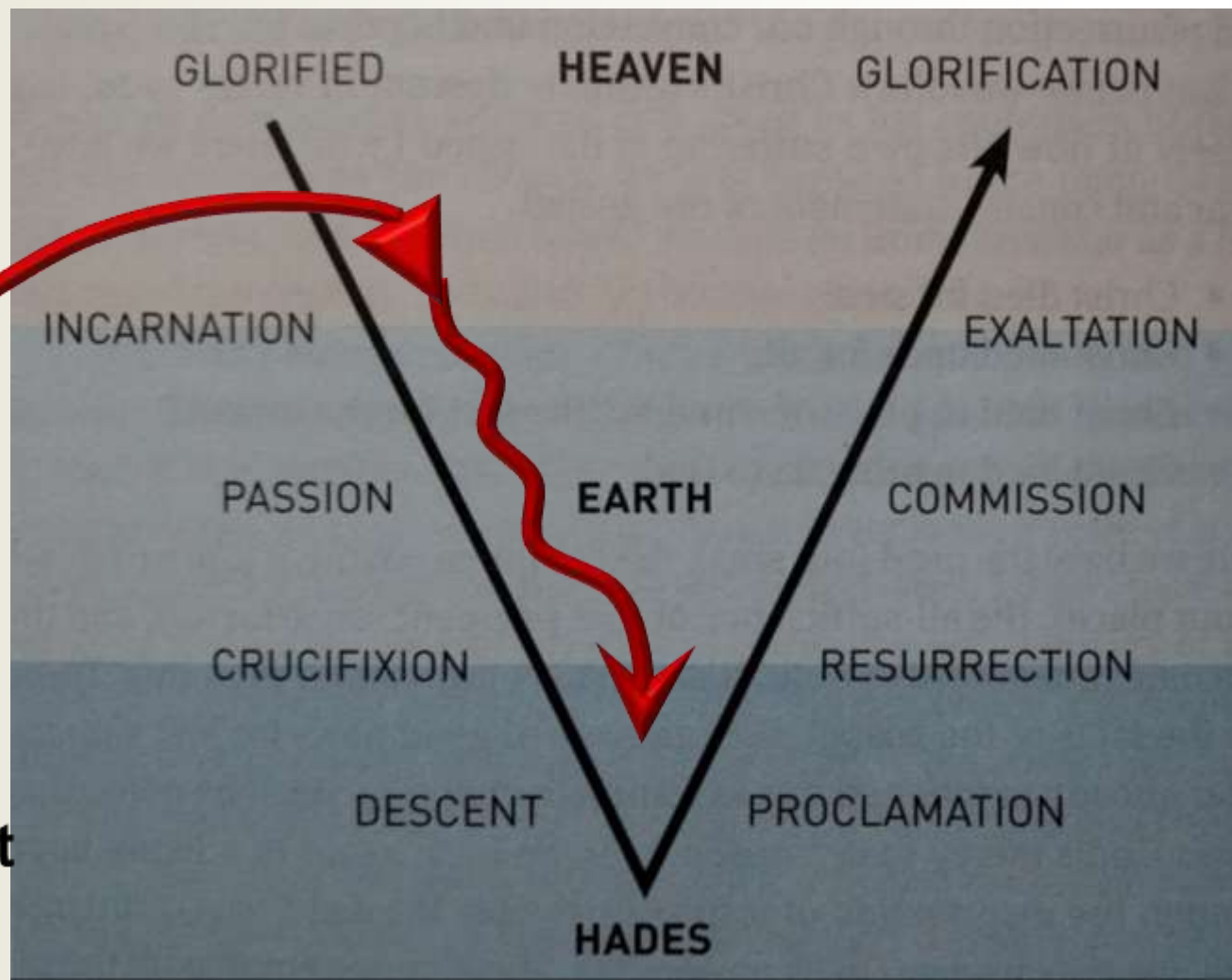
Between Christ's
death & resurrection

Christ takes a trip

Very popular view

Except that the verse
clearly refers to those
in the time of Noah

Unitarians/Universalists
use this view to support
that ALL will be saved.



Chuck Swindoll notes the **Apostle's Creed**, from c. A.D. 397

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

PLUS—lot of Jewish Tradition & Book of Enoch support this descent

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Swindoll's view & Jewish Tradition are tied—cosmologically—to Gen. 6:1-4

NIV Sons of God saw that the daughters ... and they married any of them they chose. LORD said, “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.” The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

Sons of God are Fallen Angels

Many hold this view ...

I do NOT for a host of reasons

“Nephilim” & “Sons of God” in Genesis 6:1–4 ~ *Sethite Line* www.PreciousHeart.net/SS/Nephilim-Articles.pdf (75 pp.)



**NOT
Real**



Hmmmm ... Swindoll's view, Jewish Tradition, Quarterly are tied—**cosmologically**—to Gen. 6:1-4 ... and 1 Enoch

One problem is: Sons of God & Nephillim in 1 Peter are **LIVING TOGETHER** in the times of **BOTH** Noah and Joshua!

Nephillim are BIG, but not angels in Numbers 13 when 12 spies felt like grasshoppers when they saw Sons of Anak, part of the Nephilim

1 Peter 3 and Gen. 6 brings into play the **Book of Enoch or 1 Enoch** ...

nearly ALL agree this 1 Enoch influenced Peter & 1st century Judaism (forget 2 & 3 Enoch—*blah, blah*)



The Book of
ENOCH

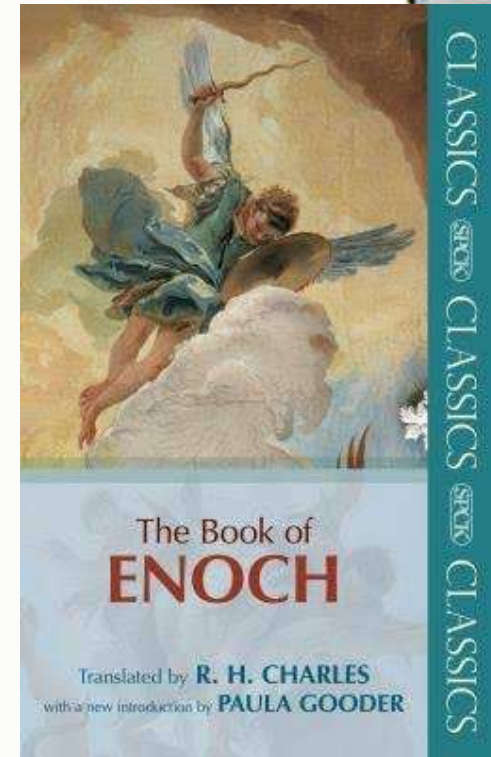
Translated by **R. H. CHARLES**
with a new introduction by **PAULA GOODER**

Book of Enoch – *FIVE SECTIONS*, after the first on the fall of the Watchers, remainder describes Enoch's visits to heaven in the form of travels, visions and dreams, and his revelations.

1. **Book of the Watchers**, vv. 1–36,
who fathered Nephilim, Giants in Gen. 6 !!!
2. **Parables of Enoch**, vv. 37–71
3. **Astronomical Book**, vv. 72–82, also called **Book of the Heavenly Luminaries** (frags. in **Dead Sea Scrolls**)
4. **Book of Dream Visions**, vv. 83–90
5. **Epistle of Enoch**, vv. 91–108

And to grapple with the Book of Enoch ...

We must look briefly at this extraordinary man of God



Lineage of Enoch ...

Gen. 4—God curses Cain who flees to Nod, builds city
Adam, at 130, has son, Seth, in Adam's "own image"

Gen. 5—Seth begets ... begets ... Enoch ...
Enoch "walked with God 300 years"

Enoch is taken up

Enoch > Methuselah > Lamech > Noah @ 500 has 3 sons

Gen. 6—Sons of God (Elohim) married daughters of men
intermarriage between Cainites & Sethites

Heb. 1:7—In speaking of the angels he says,
"He makes his angels spirits."

Matt. 22:30—**At resurrection ... neither marry nor are
given in marriage ... we shall be like angels in heaven.**



Figures de la Bible
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Gerard Hoet

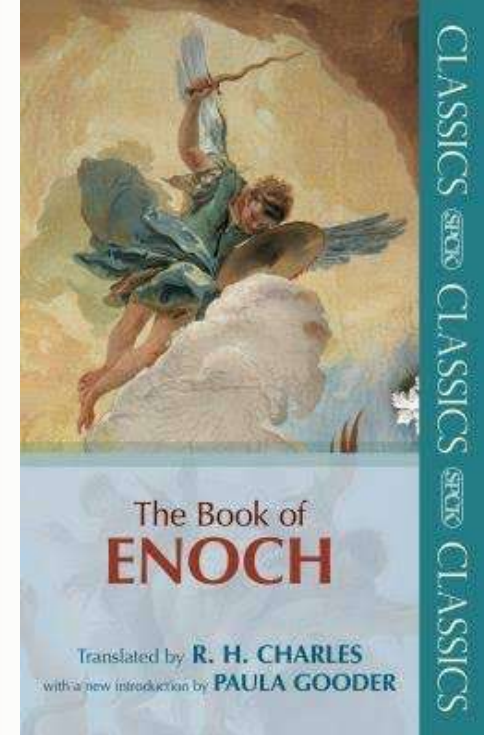
Book of Enoch was accepted in the
Ethiopian Orthodox Church and the
Eritrean Orthodox Church.

1 Enoch was **scripture** in Epistle of Barnabas (16:4) and
to several Church Fathers

- ✓ Athenagoras
- ✓ Clement of Alexandria
- ✓ Irenaeus
- ✓ Tertullian

c. A.D. 200

Later Church Fathers **denied** 1 Enoch
Some wanted to exclude Jude
because it quotes from 1 Enoch



Interestingly enough, 1 Enoch was excluded from the Jewish Canon, as seen in the LXX of 200 B.C.

A.D. 397, Council of Carthage *excluded*

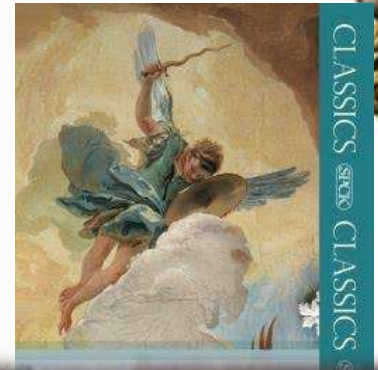
1 Enoch from the Christian Canon of inspired verse

St. Augustine argues
with Donatists in 411
another Council at Carthage

Donatists believed that priests
who renounced their faith during
persecutions of Diocletian
INVALIDATED their priesthood



Augustine arguing with Donatists
by Charles-André van Loo (1705-1765)



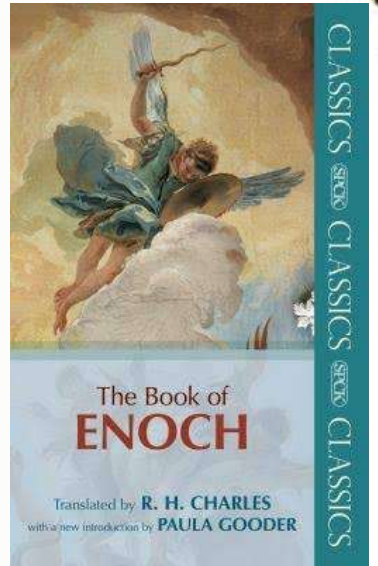
Book of Enoch (1 Enoch) traditionally written by Enoch, great-grandfather of Noah, itself dated to 300-100 B.C.

1 Enoch 15:8-10

⁸ Giants, who are produced from the spirits and flesh, shall be called evil spirits upon the earth....

⁹ Evil spirits have proceeded from their bodies; because they are born from men, from the holy Watchers is their beginning and primal origin; they shall be evil spirits on earth....

¹⁰ As for the spirits of heaven, in heaven shall be their dwelling, but as for the spirits of the earth which were born upon the earth, on the earth shall be their dwelling.



Whew! - odd Cosmology to think about!

19-20 In that state He also went and made a **PROCLAMATION TO THE SPIRITS IN PRISON** who in the past were disobedient, when God patiently waited in the days of Noah while an ark was being prepared.

3. Christ descended to PARADISE where Saints of O.T. were held

Eph. 4:8-10 This is why it says: “When he ascended on high,
He took many captives and gave gifts to his people.”

What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions ?

He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.

Luke 23:43 Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, today you will be
with me in paradise.”

Luke 23:46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

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Perhaps easiest to grasp, this does NOT DEFINE much cosmology, held by many as far back as St. Augustine (A.D. 354-430)

✓ Many Hold This View

1st Problem: “**SPIRITS**” used only one other place to refer to humans

Heb. 12:23, “**spirits of just people made perfect,**”

many like myself believe every person has a “spirit”

2nd Problem: Peter uses SOUL several times

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To the contrary of this view:

Many times in the N.T. we see

- ✓ *Unclean Spirits* at least 9x
- ✓ *Evil Spirits* at least 6x
- ✓ *Evil Spirit* at least 18x

Furthermore:

Rev. 16:13, Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs

Rev. 16:14, they are demonic spirits that perform signs

“Evil Spirits” have an independent personal existence

Though the above on “spirits” is inconsistent with “4”—they fit “5”



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5. Christ proclaimed victory to “disobedient spirits” in the past who were still operating in A.D. 33 AFTER Christ’s crucifixion

Consistent with N.T. cosmology RIDDLED with uses of “spirits”

Ephesian 6:11-12

Put on the FULL ARMOR OF GOD, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the RULERS, against the AUTHORITIES, against the POWERS OF THIS DARK WORLD and against the SPIRITUAL FORCES of evil in the HEAVENLY REALMS.

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See Luke 11:15-20 (also in Matt. 20 & Mark 3)

¹⁵ Some said, “By Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons.” ... ¹⁷ Jesus knew their thoughts and said: “Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined.... ¹⁸ If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand?...

¹⁹ Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your followers drive them out? ... ²⁰ But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.



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Perhaps the most remarkable and clearest HAVOC is that of the **Gadarene Demoniac** who lived in the tombs.

Their name was “Legion” who begged Jesus not to go the “Abyss.”

Luke 8:26-39 **ONE MAN**,
Matt. 8:28-34, **TWO MEN**

Into a herd of swine they went ...

Disobedient spirits UNDER
Christ’s full *jailing* control



8-20a Point to Christ's Work – Christ Alive ... Preached to Spirits

Professor J. Ramsey Michaels, *Word Biblical Commentary, 1 Peter*
(Waco, Texas: Word Publishers, 1988), p. 211, says:

Peter's "choice of words is **not accidental**, but suggests a close connection ... between the "spirits" and the flesh-and-blood opposition he and his readers faced.... Christ went and made proclamation, long after Noah's time, to these same "spirits"....

The "disobedient spirits" of long ago still exist ... Peter sees their influence behind the ridicule and slander of pagans actively opposed to the Christian movement in his day...."

Compare Eph. 2:2—"in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the **SPIRIT who is NOW AT WORK in those who are DISOBEDIENT.**"

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3:18-20a Point to Christ's Work – Christ Alive ... Preached to Spirits

Of 90+ variations—only ONE can be right ... GOD knows
RIGHT one will be the *MOST* consistent with the rest of Bible

2. **Preaching to Fallen Angels** seems to be the most
drastic COSMOLOGICAL element unique to Peter
3. **Preaching in Paradise** seems redundant, adding an
odd COSMOLOGICAL element unique to Peter
4. **Preaching THROUGH Noah** seems to be the easiest and
least COSMOLOGICAL element unique to Peter
5. **Preaching to “Disobedient Spirits”** seems to be consistent
with MORE scriptures, adding only a rather
small COSMOLOGICAL element unique to Peter
namely: disobedient spirits STILL active through ages

1 Peter 3:19-20 ... proclamation to the spirits in prison ... when God patiently waited in the days of Noah while an ark....

20-21 In it a few—that is eight—were saved through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the **PLEDGE OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE** toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**SAVED—by pledge of a good conscience
toward God *through* resurrection.**

Here our **Living Hope** gets a boost as Peter goes into
GREAT detail on the DEPTHS of Christ's work ...

Cosmological—How Our World Exists in Spirit and Truth

Now Peter closes with Christ's final victory

**3:22 Now that Christ has gone into heaven,
He is at the Right Hand of God with Angels,
Authorities and Powers *subject* to Him.**

Christ died, descended, rose, appeared to many ... ascended

In this world, Peter prepares them ... persecution coming

Though we will not understand all this side of heaven

We have this assurance:

**Christ is above ALL
ALL is subject to Him
even the evil spirits that cause much havoc**

Biblical Cosmology—Real Spiritual Realm

Be Warned . . .

- ✓ God gave us only a SMALL peak at the Spirit World
- ✓ Satan lurks like a Roaring Lion ... evil spirits exist, *harass*
- ✓ Christian may be oppressed, but NEVER POSSESSED
- ✓ Christians have NO detailed battle plan AGAINST the Satan
- ✓ If Michael the Archangel could not—NO rebuking Satan
- ✓ Our PLAN is to DRAW NEAR to God ... trust God
- ✓ 3:15, even “Revere God in our hearts and always be prepared to give a reason for the LIVING HOPE”
- ✓ We don’t attack Satan—NO—best way to fight Satan is

LOVE GOD & LOVE OTHERS

Biblical Cosmology—Real Spiritual Realm

HOW can you **ALWAYS** make it through the day?

How can you **ALWAYS** BE PREPARED to SHARE

- ✓ Knowing that if you **suffer for doing good, you're blessed**
- ✓ Knowing that Christ took a **beating for you willingly**
- ✓ Knowing that Christ went to **HADES and BACK for You**
- ✓ **Revering Christ in your heart of hearts**
- ✓ Knowing that Christ is now seated at the **Right Hand of God**
- ✓ Knowing that **ALL Angels, Authorities, Powers—**
ALL things in heaven and earth—
including disobedient spirits—are

Subjected to Christ



Pilgrims with a Living Hope

Be Prepared to Share

Christ Rules ALL

