

“A Good Conscience and a New World Through Baptism” 1 Peter 3:21–22
GCC, Morning Worship, 12/9/18

Introduction: *The Context of Baptism*

- A. Peter is addressing Suffering Christians (3:13–16)
- B. Peter offers the Example of Jesus’ Sufferings (v. 18)
- C. Jesus Proclaims Victory over His Enemies (19–20)
- D. Jesus’ Victory Came through Judgment and Salvation
 - 1. Example of Noah’s Salvation (v. 20)
 - 2. Baptism as NT symbol of salvation (v. 21)
 - 3. Christians come into the story: *Jesus’ victorious new life becomes our victorious new life in the symbol of baptism*

Three Features of Christian Baptism

- I. **Baptism is an External Sign of an Internal Reality** (3:20c–21)
 - A. Baptism as an “antitype” to the ark’s salvation
 - B. Examples type and antitype:
 - i. Passover is the type, Lord’s Supper is the antitype
 - ii. Circumcision is the type, Baptism is the antitype
 - iii. The sacrifice of animals was the type, the sacrifice of Jesus is the antitype
 - C. Baptism as external sign of an inward reality
- II. **Baptism is a Promise from God** (3:18–22)
 - A. The ark was saved according to God’s Promise (v. 20)
 - B. Baptism is an objective declaration of God’s promise to save his people through the Greater Ark, Jesus Christ:
 - i. suffering of Jesus’ whole life, especially on the cross (v. 18),
 - ii. his substitutionary atonement (v. 18),
 - iii. his bringing us to God (v. 18),
 - iv. the resurrection of Jesus Christ (v. 21),
 - v. the ascension and rule of Jesus Christ (v. 22)
 - C. Water without Promise does not save
- III. **Baptism is the Christian’s Appeal for and Commitment to a Good Conscience** (3:21)
 - A. Baptism symbolizes your reception of salvation
 - i. Faith puts you in the ark
 - ii. Faith clears your conscience
 - iii. Gal 2:20 “I am crucified with Christ!”
 - B. Like Noah, through baptism you enter a new world
 - C. Like Noah and Jesus, you are a minority
 - D. Don’t waste your baptism!