

SERMON RECAP: DID JESUS DESCEND INTO HELL? – 1 PETER 3:18-22

Have you ever wondered when you repeat the Apostles' Creed why it says, "He descended into Hell"? How could Jesus go to Hell? To whom was He preaching? Much of the theology that comes from today's text is there to confess this important part of Jesus' exultation - His victory over sin and death. Peter's brief statement about Jesus preaching to the spirits, and the efficacy of baptism are one of the most difficult passages to understand in all of the Bible.

For reflection:

1. Jesus' Suffering is a Major Part of Our Salvation Process (v.18)
 - a. Our salvation is through Christ alone
 - b. The Righteous for the unrighteous (Hebrews 9:28-29)
 - c. Proclaiming victory
2. Jesus' descent into hell (v.19-20a)
 - a. Made alive in the spirit
 - b. In the days of Noah (Genesis 6:1-8, 2 Peter 2:4-10a; Jude 6-7)
 - c. Who did the preaching? (v.20, Jude 14-16)
3. The place of baptism in our salvation (v.20b-22)
 - a. The vehicle not the cause
 - b. The connection to circumcision (Colossians 2:9-15)

THIS WEEK

LORD'S SUPPER THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH:

We will come to the Lord's Supper this Sunday during worship. To help prepare, read John 20:24-29. Have you ever thought about what Jesus' resurrected body is like? It isn't the same body as He had before His death. It is a body that is transformed and glorified. There are things His new body can do now – He appeared and disappeared. It is a body that is deathless, that does not age or wear out. In His resurrected body we get a sneak peek of what heaven is. We might think such a body is unrecognizable. But – one thing that remains in His body are the marks of the nails and the spear that pierced Him. Wouldn't those marks be removed in His glorified body? We might think so – but no, they aren't. They are the marks of His victory over your sin, and your bondage, and your death. And they glorify Him forever. When we come to His table, we see the symbols of His body and blood given for our sin, but also point us forward to what we will see.

REMINDER OF SPECIAL OFFERING FOR BAHAMAS RELIEF:

Our offering following the Lord's Supper will go to Mission to the World's efforts in providing relief in the Bahamas. We will continue to receive offerings through October – remember that anything given will be matched (up to \$20,000). You can mark your special offerings to "Hurricane relief" (or something similar) and it will go directly to this effort. The devastation on Grand Bahama and Abacos Islands is great – MTW says that in most disasters it is a short trip from unaffected areas to the disaster zone. But in this case, the entire island is the zone. There is also a tremendous need for trauma care for victims and first responders, and the church being planted in Nassau by the MTW missionary is strategically located across the street from a major evacuation center. This is going to be a long-term, multi-year effort that needs our prayers and our resources.

ASPIRE – WOMEN’S CONFERENCE THIS SUNDAY NIGHT:

If you purchased a ticket for the Aspire conference on Sunday night you should have received information from Beth Jackson on travel and what to do when you arrive. If you have any questions, please call Beth (518-365-2174).

DISCOVERY WEEKEND – HELP NEEDED WITH MEALS:

The Pastor Search Committee (PSC) is providing meals for those involved with the upcoming Discovery Weekend and the McGowan Group. They need help with food prep, serving and clean up. We will be serving dinner on Friday night, continental breakfast Saturday morning and lunch on Saturday. If one or all of these time slots fits your schedule, please contact Eleanor DeLong (ellieg20@aol.com OR 717-786-7910 OR the church office) or if you have questions

VOICES CONFERENCE:

On November 2, 2019, Providence PCA will host their fourth annual, **Voices Conference: Helping Survivors of Abuse Find Their Voice**. The conference is co-hosted by their Refuge Ministry and is designed to reach women who have experienced abuse sometime in their life. This year, Darby Strickland, a Christian Counselor and author from Philadelphia, will be speaking. The conference will meet from 8:00 am-4:00 pm (lunch is provided). The cost is \$15.00, and scholarships are available. If you have survived abuse, or are a woman with a heart to serve survivors, you can benefit from this conference. For more information, or to register, go to <http://www.yorkpca.org/voices-conference>. You can also contact Providence PCA at 717-767-4772 or Joann Rineer (717-917-2297).

SOLID ROCK YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Solid Rock would like to invite you to their Annual Auction & Ham Dinner Tuesday, October 22, 2019. Doors and Silent Auction Open at 5:30pm and dinner is at 6:00pm. The event will be at Wesley Church 1104 Kirkwood Pk. Quarryville, PA 17566. They will be auctioning off a wide variety of items though silent and live auctions. Previous years' selection included gift certificates, tickets, vacation get-aways, themed baskets, and more. The Mission of Solid Rock Youth Ministries is to earn trust through authentic relationships so lives can be changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The money raised at the 2019 Auction will help continue the work of Solid Rock and provide opportunities with our expanding after school and summer programs for children of all ages in the Quarryville area. Tickets for the dinner are \$12 for ages 13 & up and \$6 for Children 6-12 (5 and under are free). To purchase tickets, go online to www.solidrockquarryville.com or call 717-786-8007 by October 11, 2019.