



Part 1 - What Happened To Jesus Between the Cross and Resurrection? (I Peter 3:13-22)

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I. CHRIST PAID THE ULTIMATE **SACRIFICE** ON THE CROSS. (1 Peter 3:18)

Hebrews 7:27 “Unlike the other high priests, Christ does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when He offered Himself.”

Hebrews 10:10 “And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

- A. On the cross, Christ was the **victor** over all sin once and for all.
- B. When Christ died for all sin, He then made it possible for us to have a **relationship** with God.
- C. Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice for us that has now brought us into the **presence** of God.

II. CHRIST HAD A SPECIFIC **PURPOSE** TO ACCOMPLISH DURING HIS THREE DAYS IN THE GRAVE. (1 Peter 3:18-20)

- A. “In His human body, Jesus was put to death, but Christ’s spirit was still alive. His spirit went and proclaimed to the spirits in **prison**. The spirits were those who were alive during the days of Noah.”
- B. Jesus had some particular tasks to perform during the three days in the grave.
(1 Peter 3:19)

1. When the Old Testament talks about a place called **Sheol** (the place of the dead), it is referring to one single place that houses all departed spirits.
2. There are **two** compartments in Sheol, one for the believers called Paradise and one for the unbelievers, called hell.
3. When Jesus died, His spirit went to **Sheol** just like every other person.
4. Part of what Jesus accomplished during those three days was to go to the side of paradise which housed the **believers** and bring them into the presence of God in what we know today to be heaven.

Ephesians 4:8-9 "Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." 9 (Now this {expression} "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?"

5. Part of what Jesus accomplished during those three days was to also descend into the area where fallen angels were imprisoned, the place called **hell**. (*1 Peter 3:19*)
 - a. Who in the world are these "spirits" in prison? Here are the possibilities:
 1. Just the lost people during the time of **Noah**.
 2. All the lost people of the **Old Testament**, represented in this passage by the ones who lived during the time of Noah simply because Peter is about to say more about Noah in just a minute.
 3. Just the **fallen angels** who were behind the rebellion of the whole world against God during the time of Noah.
 4. Or, **both** fallen angels and lost people.
 - b. What was the reason for Christ going into the place called hell?
 1. It was **not** in order to give these people a second chance. There are no second chances to be saved.
 2. It was **not** so that He could be tormented in hell like those who are lost. I don't find anything in the Bible that suggests that.

