



LESSON SIX: ***The Salvation of a Christian***

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Text: I Peter 3:15-22

Introduction: We are currently studying through the book of I Peter. His theme is the encouragement of Christians in suffering. Rome was just starting to persecute the Christians, and Peter in his wisdom chose to prepare them for this spiritual battle. He wants to address some spiritual issues, provide an explanation for the “fiery trial” (**I Peter 4:12**), and lift up the community of believers. Peter views the suffering of Christians through the agonies of Jesus, and recognizes the divine purpose of Christian suffering in light of the atonement of Christ. I believe he wanted Christians to establish an unstoppable faith. Specifically, we will be looking at the salvation of a Christian in our lesson today. Let's study together

Discussion:

I. The Christian Hope (3:15-16)

- A. Christians should respect Christ, the Author of our hope.
- B. Christians should be ready to defend our hope.
- C. Christians should have a gentle spirit.
- D. Christians should keep their conscience clear.

II. The Christian Struggle (3:17-19)

- A. Christians will suffer for doing good.
- B. Christians look to Christ's great example.
- C. Christians should not forget the suffering of Christ.
- D. Christians can take ease in Christ's work.

III. The Christian Baptism (3:20-22)

- A. Christians should think about Noah's salvation.
- B. Christians can be saved, just like Noah.
- C. Christians are immersed in the blood of Christ.
- D. Christians are subject to Christ's authority.

Conclusion: Every Christian should have an unstoppable faith. You can run us over. You can hurt us. You can even kill us. But, you will NOT stop us. We are Jesus strong! We are filled with the Spirit of God! And, we have a hope that will keep us motivated to move forward. How's your faith? Have you committed your life to Christ?

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