

Exiles: A Study in 1 Peter

Week 9: Victorious | Teacher: Libin Abraham

Sermon Questions for 11.14.2021

Opener

How would you describe your understanding of God's will for your life?

Read

1 Peter 3:18-4:6; 1 Peter 1:11; 2 Peter 2:4-5; Eph 4:8-9; Col 2:14-15; 2 Timothy 2:11-12

Main Points

1. There are three main views on the text in 1 Peter 3:18-20 - (a) Decent into Hell, (b) Pre-Incarnate Christ, (c) Triumphant Proclamation
2. Regardless of which view you embrace personally, the point of all three is that it point to a the glorious and victorious Christ!
3. Legalism forbids what God allows, license allows what God forbids, the gospel is about a whole new sphere of life called grace. It's not somewhere in the middle between legalism and license, it's entirely different.
4. There are two definitions of grace in the New Testament: (a) forgiveness, acceptance, unmerited favor and (b) divine enablement. The same grace that saves us is the same grace that enables us to live a transformed life!

Engage with God in a Group

- Which view of what Peter was describing in 1 Peter 3:18-20 makes the most sense to you?
- How have you thought of the differences between legalism, license, and grace?
- What does it mean to you, that grace is not only for salvation, but the divine enablement to live a transformed life?
- When you look at how you live and think on a regular basis, would you say it's marked by an understanding of grace or more aligned with legalistic mentality or embracing license?

Bottom Line

We are not walking *to* victory, we are walking *in* victory.