

**THE VINDICATION OF JESUS CHRIST
(1 Peter 3:21-22) pt 2**

III. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING AND TRIALS NEED TO BE RESPONDED TO WITH...

L. An On Going WILLINGNESS to SUFFER for RIGHTEOUSNESS Sake (3:13-17)

**M. An ENCOURAGING REASON to SUFFER While DOING GOOD — CHRIST’S SUFFERING
Has Resulted in TRIUMPH & VINDICATION For US (3:18-22)**

1. The CHARACTER of Christ’s suffering (3:18)

2. The CONSEQUENCES of Christ’s suffering (3:19-20)

a. There was a past _____ by Jesus Christ to the spirits
in prison (3:19-20)

b. There is a present _____ of salvation through Jesus Christ
we should grasp (3:21)

c. There is a permanent _____ of _____ by Jesus
Christ over _____ (3:22)

1) The *process* for supremacy over angelic beings involved Christ’s sacrificial _____
(3:18), His victorious _____ to the spirits in prison (3:19-20), His bodily
_____ (3:21), and His _____ into heaven (3:22)

• Satan’s sin & fall resulted in what we call “The _____ War”— “The
_____ Conflict”

• We need to understand that the war already has been _____ by Christ on the _____!
(Col 2:14-15; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8)

• We looked at other verses last time that speak of Christ’s ascension, but today let’s ask the
question... Why is the ascension of Christ important?

- It completes the _____ of Christ (Acts 2:22-33)

- It commences His _____ (John 17:5)

- It confirms God’s approval of His _____ work (Hebrews 1:3)

- It activates the _____ ministry of Christ (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25)
- It allowed the _____ to come into the world to _____ believers and to _____ the lost (John 14:16-17; 16:7-11)
- It afforded Christ the opportunity to _____ for believers in Him and to _____ (John 14:1-3)
- It allows Jesus Christ to act as _____ over the _____ generally, and to _____ specifically to _____ believers (Ephesians 1:19-23; 4:7-12; Hebrews 4:14-16)

2) The *place* of supremacy over angelic beings by Jesus Christ is in _____ at the _____.

* What is significant about “*the right hand of God*”?

- it is the place of _____ (Psalm 110:1a; Matthew 22:41-46)
- it is the place of _____ (Psalm 110:1b; Acts 2:33-36)
- it is the place of _____ (Romans 8:33-34)
- it is the place of _____ (Hebrews 1:3, 13:10:12)
- it will be the place of _____ (1 Corinthians 15:20-28)

3) The *position* of supremacy over angelic beings includes *groups* or *ranks* of _____, _____, and _____.

- What does this mean *positionally*?
- What does this *not mean*?
- What does this mean to you *personally*?