

Tidings From Timothy

Last Sunday I preached on Heaven. This Sunday I will preach on Hell. I believe that there should be balance in the teaching from the pulpit. That is why if your going to preach about Heaven, then you should also preach on Hell. Jesus had a lot to say about both places. I think you will find the approach that I take to this morning's lesson to be refreshing and challenging.

Nursing Home Service: Today at 2pm is the worship service at the nursing home. All are welcome to attend and the residents enjoy our visits.

Egg Hunt: The yearly egg hunt will be at Brad and Angie Harlan's on the 31st.

4th Sunday Evening Worship We are once again privileged to have several young men who will be leading us in worship tonight. I hope that you can come and be with us at 6pm.

Sick: Jean Copas is to start Chemo treatments soon. Kenneth Billingsley and Ruby Casey got to come home.

Birthdays

Bobby Garmon	25 th
Sandra Copas	25 th
Cindy Proffitt	25 th
Heather Gerald	26 th
Jeff Gerald	26 th
Sue Ann Walker	30 th
MacShane Bartley	27 th



OUR SPRING GOSPEL MEETING STARTS IN 2 WEEKS!!!

Question: What does I Peter 3:18-21 mean? Did Jesus go and preach to spirits who were dead and in Hell?

No, He did not. The passage says, "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water."

Let us consider the passage in depth. If these verses taught, as some seem to think that it does, that Christ went and preached to a select group of people in Hell, while they were there, then how can we make sense of it? You see, if Jesus went and preached to those already in Hell, then what would he say? There is a great gulf fixed (Luke 16:26) between the sinner and Paradise (Abraham's bosom). Why would Jesus just preach to them and not to all those in torment, or prison? Is God a respecter of persons (Acts 10:34)?

Notice that it does **not** say Jesus went *in person* and preached to them, but rather that He went "by Spirit" (the word which refers to Spirit in verse 18). Is it possible to preach to others by sending your servants with a message? Yes! God has done this before with the Gentiles in sending out the Apostles (Eph. 2:17).

Notice that it does not say that these spirits were preached to while in prison, but rather that they were in prison. What is the difference? Well, we know they were living and disobedient "when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah" (verse 20). It is my contention that Christ preached unto them through Noah (by spirit) in Noah's day, when they were living: not later on when they were dead and in Hell.

The message of the whole passage is that there was a message that was given to the people through Noah back then, and only eight were saved, separated from that sinful world by the waters of the flood. Today, the gospel is preached to people, and all who obey it are saved by baptism.

--Tim--

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Isaiah 57:19 - 21 "Peace, peace to *him who is far off* and to *him who is near*," Says the LORD, "And I will heal him."²⁰ But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.²¹ "There is no peace," Says my God, "for the wicked."

What Must I do to be saved?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

⇒ **Yes!** I want to learn more about the Holy Bible. Please enroll me in the eight lesson FREE Bible Correspondence Course (we even pay for the postage).

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday:	
Bible Study...	9:30am
Morning Worship...	10:05am
Evening Worship...	6pm
Wednesday:	
Bible Study...	7pm

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