

## Tidings From Timothy

**R**epentance: This is such a common theme in scripture that it's hard to think of a speaker in Bible days who DIDN'T focus on it. This morning we will revisit the basic idea of repentance.

**In Need of Prayer:** Keith is out of the hospital. Mack Harlan is in the local hospital. Ila Mae Harrison is in the local hospital and is in very poor condition. I will be making special mention this morning about how you can pray for and help the Head family in Clay County in the loss of their daughter Tamara Head.

**VBS:** It's here! Make sure you come tonight at 7pm and not 6. Tonight will be conducted as a class for the most part. We have advertisements out front. Also, there will be refreshments tonight after we're done in the fellowship area. We need cookies, cool-aide, and workers to get it ready. Make sure that anybody who needs a ride gets one, just call 487-5342 if you need assistance. The speaker tonight for the adult class is John Pippin from Baxter, TN where my parents and other family go to church.

**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 text says: "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:" (I Pet. 3:18-21).

Let us consider the passage in depth. If this verse 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.

--Paul Sain

*What must I do?*

- **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**

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Lois	Cornwell	07/23
Garmon	Rhoton	07/23
Betty	Emberton	07/24
Charlene	Geralds	07/24
Hollie	Harlan	07/24
Greta	Bartley	07/25
John Payton	Hammer	07/26
Christie	Lyons	07/27
Matthew	Walker	07/27

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**Verses for the Lord's Supper: 1 Timothy 3:16** <sup>16</sup>And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit,

Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles,

Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

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9:30am  
Morning Worship...  
10:05am  
Evening Worship...  
6pm

**Wednesday:**  
7pm

Bible Study...

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