

**STANDING STRONG IN OUR LIVING HOPE | 1 PETER**  
**1 PETER 3:18-22**

The Christian is to remain strong even while he or she faces opposition. It is necessary to realize we cannot rely on our own power to remain strong. Real spiritual power comes from Jesus Christ and His work on the cross as the Holy Spirit works through us. How do you remain resolved in the face of opposition, rejection, ridicule, etc.? Peter suggests we look at the perfect example of our triumphant Lord Jesus. If our confidence is in Him, we will remain strong, because He has obtained victory. When we step out while trusting Him, our faith grows stronger. Our passage today is difficult to interpret, but answers the question: How can suffering or opposition be the context for triumph?

1. As we look at the example of Jesus, we see that the greatest victory ever came through His unjust \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and His victorious \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. As we look at the example of Noah, we see that Christ spoke through Noah to the most \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ in history, and then saved Him from God's \_\_\_\_\_ as they refused to \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. As we look at baptism, it is a sign of a person \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus, and its \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ strengthens the faith of a believer in the \_\_\_\_\_ of opposition.