

THE VICARIOUS AND VICTORIOUS SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST

(1 Peter 3:18)

L. An ENCOURAGING REASON to SUFFER for DOING GOOD – CHRIST’S SUFFERING FOR US and TRIUMPH. (3:18-22)

1. The CHARACTER of CHRIST’S SUFFERING (3:18)

a. It was _____ suffering... “*For Christ also suffered...*”

* What does “*For*” indicate?

* What does “*also*” highlight?

* What is the point?

b. It was a _____ suffering... “*for sins,*”

* How is Christ’s death unique?

* What was it for?

* How is this phrase used in the Septuagint?

c. It was a _____ suffering... “*once*”

* What does “*once*” mean?

* Why did Christ need to suffer/die only once?

* What does this mean practically?

d. It was a _____ suffering... “*the just for the unjust,*”

*What does this mean to you?

e. It was a _____ suffering... “*that He might bring us to God,*”

* What is the implication of this purpose clause?

* Does this mean that everyone will one day go to Heaven?

* What is necessary for Christ to do this for you?

f. It was a _____ suffering... “*being put to death in the flesh*”

* How is “*death*” used in Scripture?

g. It was a _____ suffering... “*but made alive by the Spirit.*”

* Summary: What does “*made alive in spirit*” refer to?

* What does all of this mean to you?