

THE EXALTATION OF JESUS CHRIST

(1 Peter 3:22)

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)

2. The CONSEQUENCES of CHRIST’S SUFFERINGS (3:19-22)

a. There was the past VICTORIOUS PROCLAMATION of Jesus Christ to the spirits in prison. (3:19-20)

b. There is a present VISUAL PICTURE of salvation through Jesus Christ. (3:21)

c. There is a permanent VICTORIOUS POSITION OF SUPREMACY by Jesus Christ over ANGELIC BEINGS. (3:22)

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

* What are some verses that teach the bodily ascension of Jesus Christ into Heaven?

* Why is the Ascension of Christ So Significant?

— Because it _____ the _____. of Christ (Acts 2:22-32)

— Because it _____ His _____. (John 17:5)

— Because it _____ God’s approval of His _____ work. (Heb. 1:3)

— Because it _____ the _____ ministry of Christ. (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25)

— Because it allowed the _____ to come into the world to _____ believers and _____ the lost. (John 14:16-17, 16:7-11)

— Because it afforded Christ the opportunity to _____ a _____ for believers “in Him” and to come _____. (John 14:1-3)

— Because it allows Jesus Christ to act as the “Living Head” over _____ generally and to _____ specifically to _____ believers. (Eph. 1:19-23, 4:7-12; Heb. 4:14-16)

* What does this mean positionally?

* What does this mean practically?

* What does this mean to you personally?