

1 Peter

3:17-22) When did Christ go and “make an announcement” to the “spirits in prison” and why is that translation in the EHV so important to understand properly?

How does one speak to spirits?

How does Noah’s story foreshadow baptism? (compare Galatians 4:22)

How can baptism do such great things – according to this Scripture?

Noah’s flood is viewed by many as either a myth or at most a local flood. Discuss why it is important that what the Bible teaches regarding the world-wide nature of the flood is both understood by Christians and maintained within their Christian witness.

More and more people and more and more religious bodies deny the existence of heaven and hell, but especially hell. Discuss why this is the case and why it is imperative that we uphold Biblical teaching in this area.

4:1-6) This section again makes plain why we should live the sort of lives described in chapter 3. What is the motivation for our action and what is the likely response in this world?

When was the gospel preached to those who are dead? (verse 6)

What does it mean to live the way God lives? (verse 6)

4:7-11) What does being “self-controlled” have to do with your prayers? (verse 7)

How could the phrase “love covers a multitude of sins” be misunderstood out of context? What does it actually mean – who’s sins are covered by who’s love? (verse 9)

How do verses 10-11 compare with Romans 12:3-8?

4:12-19) “‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD.” (Is. 55:8) A Christian’s life often involves taking up the cross and sharing in Jesus’ suffering (cf. Mt. 16:24-25). How can a person “rejoice” in the midst of fiery trials? (See Acts 5:41)

Why will we be willing to suffer even death in this life for following Jesus? (see Mt. 10:28-33; 16:25-27)

Some today preach a “prosperity gospel,” saying that if you have sufficient faith God will richly bless you. The inference is that if you are not richly blessed, then the problem is simply that you have insufficient faith. How does that connect to this word from God?

If God does not abide sin in the lives of His children, who confess them and mourn over them, how much more will He not abide sin in those who reject Him and refuse to believe? (See Jeremiah 25:29 & 2 Thessalonians 2:2)

Judgment Day is not a popular topic in our day. How can we be prepared?