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- 1 Peter 3:18-22 (NLT) Christ also suffered
When He died for our sins once for all time.
He never sinned,
But He died for sinners that he might bring us safely home to God.
He suffered physical death,
But He was raised to life in the Spirit.
- [19] So He went and preached to the spirits in prison—
- [20] Those that disobeyed God long ago
When God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat.
Only eight people were saved from drowning
In that terrible flood.
- [21] And this is a picture of baptism,
This now saves you by the power of Jesus Christ's resurrection.
Baptism is not a removal of dirt from your body;
It is an appeal to God
From a clean conscience.
- [22] Now Christ has gone to Heaven.
He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels
And authorities and powers
Are bowing before Him.
- 1 Peter 4:5-6 (NLT) But just remember that they will have to face God,
Who will judge everyone,
Both the living and the dead.
- [6] That is why the Good News
Was preached even to those who have died—
So that although their bodies were punished with death,
They could still live in the Spirit as God does.
- Genesis 6:5-8 (KJV) And God saw that the wickedness of man
Was great in the earth,
And that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart
Was only evil continually.
- [6] And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth,
And it grieved Him at his heart.
- [7] And the Lord said,
I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth;
Both man, and beast, and the creeping thing,
And the fowls of the air;
For I regret and am sorry that I have made them.
- [8] But Noah found grace
In the eyes of the Lord.

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Joshua 9:14-27 (NLT) So the Israelite leaders **examined their bread,**

But they **did not** consult the Lord.

[15] Then Joshua **went ahead**

And signed a peace treaty with them,

And the **leaders** of Israel **ratified** their agreement **with a binding oath.**

[16] Three days **later, the facts came out**—

These people of Gibeon lived **nearby!**

[17] The Israelites **set out** at once **to investigate**

And **reached** their towns **in** three days. The names of these towns were Gibeon, Kephirah, Beeroth, And Kiriath-jearim.

[18] But the Israelites **did not** attack the towns, **for their leaders had made a vow**

To the Lord, the God of Israel.

The people of Israel **grumbled against** their leaders

Because of the treaty.

[19] **But the leaders replied,**

"We have **sworn** an oath in the presence of the Lord,

The God of Israel.

We **cannot** touch them.

[20] We **must let** them **live, for God would be angry with** us if we **broke** our **oath.**

[21] Let them **live. But we will make them**

Chop the wood

And **carry** the water **for** the entire community."

So the Israelites **kept** their promise to the Gibeonites.

[22] But Joshua called together the Gibeonite leaders

And said, "**Why did you lie to us?**

Why did you say that you **live in** a distant land **when** you live

Right here among us?

[23] **May you be cursed!** From now on you **will chop** wood

And **carry** water **for** the house of my God."

[24] They **replied, "We did it because**

We were **told** that the Lord your God instructed his servant Moses

To conquer this entire land

And **destroy** all the people living **in it.**

So we **feared** for our lives **because of** you.

That is why we have done it.

[25] **Now we are at** your **mercy—do whatever** you **think is right."**

[26] Joshua **did not** allow

The people of Israel **to kill** them.

[27] But **that day** he **made** the Gibeonites **the woodchoppers and water carriers**

For the people of Israel **and for** the altar of the Lord—

Wherever the Lord would choose to build it.

That arrangement continues to this day.

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Genesis 11:1-9 (KJV) **And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.**

[2] **And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east,**
That they **found a plain** in the **land** of Shinar; **and they dwelt there.**

[3] **And they said** one to another, **Go to, let us make brick,**
And burn them thoroughly.
And they **had brick** for stone, **and slime** had they for mortar.

[4] **And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower,**
Whose **top may reach** unto **Heaven;**
And let us **make us a name,**
Lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

[5] **And the Lord came down to see** the city and the tower,
Which the children of men **builded.**

[6] **And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one,** and they **have all one** language;
And this they **begin to do:**
And **now nothing** will be restrained from them,
Which they have imagined to do.

[7] **Go to, let Us go down, and there confound** their language,
That they **may not** understand one another's speech.

[8] **So the Lord scattered** them **abroad from there** **upon the face of all the earth:**
And they **left off** building the city.

[9] Therefore **is the name** of it called **Babel;**
Because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth:
And from there did the Lord scatter them **abroad**
Upon the face of all the earth.

1 Peter 3:18-22 (ESV) **For Christ also suffered once for sins,**

The Righteous for the unrighteous,

That He might bring us to God,

Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit,

¹⁹ **In which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,**

²⁰ **Because they formerly did not obey,**

When God's patience waited in the days of Noah,

While the ark was being prepared,

In which a few, that is, eight persons, **were brought safely** through water.

²¹ **Baptism,** which **corresponds to this,**

Now saves you,

Not as a removal of dirt from the body

But as an appeal to God for a good conscience,

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

²² **Who has gone into Heaven**

And is at the right hand of God,

With angels, authorities, and powers **having been subjected to Him.**

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Genesis 11:1-9 (NLT) At one time the whole world **spoke a single language**
And **used the same words.**

[2] **As the people migrated eastward,**

They **found a plain** in the land of Babylonia and **settled there.**

[3] They **began to talk about construction projects.**

"Come," they **said, "let's make great piles of burnt brick**
And **collect natural asphalt to use as mortar.**

[4] **Let's build** a great city with a **tower that reaches to the skies—**

A monument to our greatness! This will bring us together
And keep us from scattering all over the world."

[5] **But the Lord came down to see** the city

And the **tower** the people were **building.**

[6] **"Look!" He said. "If** they can **accomplish this** when they have **just begun**

To **take advantage** of their **common language** And **political unity,**
Just **think of what** they will **do later.**

Nothing will be impossible for them!

[7] **Come, let's go down** and **give them different languages.**

Then they **won't be able** to understand each other."

[8] **In that way, the Lord scattered** them all over the earth; And that **ended**
The **building** of the city.

[9] That is why the city **was called Babel,**

Because it was there that the Lord confused the people

By giving them **many languages,**

Thus scattering them across the earth.

1 Peter 4: 5-6 (ESV) **But they will give account to Him who is ready**

To judge the living and the dead.

⁶ For **this is why the Gospel was preached even to those who are dead,**

That though **judged in the flesh** the **way people are,**

They **might live in the Spirit**

The way God does.

Genesis 6:5-8 (NLT) **Now the Lord observed** the extent of the people's **wickedness,**

And He saw

That **all their thoughts were consistently** and **totally evil.**

[6] **So the Lord was sorry he had ever made** them.

It broke His heart.

[7] **And the Lord said, "I will completely wipe out** this human race

That I have created.

Yes, and I will destroy all the animals and birds, too.

I am sorry I ever made them."

[8] **But** Noah found **favor with the Lord.**

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Genesis 6:5-14 (ESV) The Lord saw that the wickedness of man

Was great in the earth,

And that every intention of the thoughts of his heart

Was only evil continually.

⁶ And the Lord was sorry that he had made man on the earth,

And it grieved Him to his heart.

⁷ So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land,

Man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens,

For I am sorry that I have made them."

⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

⁹ These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man,

Blameless in his generation.

Noah walked with God.

¹⁰ And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence.

¹² And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt,

For all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

¹³ And God said to Noah,

"I have determined to make an end of all flesh,

For the earth is filled with violence through them.

Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of gopher wood.

Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch.

1 Peter 3:17-22 (KJV) For it is better, if the will of God be so,

That you suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

[18] For Christ also has 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 (brought to life) 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 (this is a picture of Baptism) or (Baptism, which corresponds to this)

Even baptism does 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:

[22] Who is gone into Heaven, And is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities

And powers being made subject unto Him.

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- 1 Peter 4:1-6 (KJV) Forasmuch then as Christ has suffered for us in the flesh,
Arm yourselves likewise with the same mind:
For he that **has suffered** in the flesh **has ceased** from sin;
- [2] That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men,
But to the will of God.
- [3] For the **time past** of our life may suffice us **to have done**
The **will of** the Gentiles, **when** we walked in lasciviousness,
Lusts, excess of wine, reveling, banqueting, and abominable idolatries:
- [4] Wherein they think it strange that you run not with them
To the same excess of riot,
Speaking evil of you:
- [5] Who shall **give account to** Him
That is ready to judge the quick (living) and the dead.
- [6] For this cause was the Gospel preached also to them that are dead,
That they **might be judged**
According **to men in the flesh**, but live according to God in the Spirit.