

“1st Peter #10”

1st Peter 4:1- 12(Fervent in Love)

Review: 1st Peter 3:18-22 (NKJV)

- V 18... Jesus was put to death, but made alive in the Spirit.
- And now we too can be made alive in His Spirit...

****Ephesians 2:1,5** *“We were dead in trespasses and sin, He has made us alive in Christ.”*

Verse 19... *“He went and Proclaimed to the spirits in prison,”*

Ephesians 4:7-10 Read... *(Grace was given to us according to... Christ’s gift, which was His crucifixion and resurrection... and gave gifts to man!)*

Psalms 68:18 *“You have ascended on high; You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men, even from the rebellious, that the Lord God might dwell there.”*

- There is no contradiction here... between gave gifts and received gifts...
- Explanation from ESV study bible: *“The quotation in Eph. 4:8 does not quite match the Septuagint (which follows the Hebrew); Paul says that “He gave gifts to men” rather than receiving gifts among men. The difference is only superficial; however, the verb receive (Hebrew – laqakh) can have the idea of “receive in order to give” or “to fetch” after a conquest, the spoils were distributed among the leader’s men. Thus, the psalm focuses on the conqueror who acquired the spoils from the defeated, while Paul’s adaptation of the truth of the psalm focuses on how that conqueror distributed the spoils to His own.”*
- I. E. Gifts of service to members for the edification of the body. (Eph. 4:11...)

Verse 20... Peter connects the proclaiming to the spirits in prison to God’s Patience’s in the days of Noah

- 2nd Peter 2:4-5 (Read) *“Noah, a preacher of righteousness...”*
- 1st Peter 1:10-12 (Read) *“The Spirit of Christ within the prophets.” (as well as in Noah)*
- Last week I asked... why does Peter refer to Noah so much?...

Tonight: I believe God gave me a revelation and an understanding...

Text: 1st Peter 4:1-7 (NASB)...

- My revelation: ***"As it was in the days of Noah..."*** (5:30am, Thursday)
- I knew exactly what that meant... I thought, I need to study this out...

Matthew 24:1-14... 34-39, 44

- With this in mind...
- Look at Chapter 3:18-20 and tonight's text: Chapter 4:1-7 (Read)

So why does Peter reference Noah when talking about Christ's resurrection and His descent into hell or prison to preach to the spirits in prison?

- One thing, the early church, every commentator and every theologian I've studied, all agree on is...
- ***We have been living in the last days since the day of Pentecost and the Ascension.***

So, what is Peter trying to convey by referencing Noah... A couple of things.

#1 **Few were saved in Noah's day**, though Noah was a faithful preacher of righteousness... so it is today, the gospel is being faithfully preached, few are saved.
(Narrow is the gate that leads to salvation and few find it)

#2 Jesus' ascension: ushered in the last day's

- I believe that Peter is remembering what Jesus told them as recorded in Matthew 24
- The last days will be as they were in the days of Noah.

Lets read it again... 1st Peter 4:3-7

Matthew 24...