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**1 Peter 3:20-22**

Baptism saves you?

Intro

**A. PETER DOES NOT TEACH SALVATION BY WATER BAPTISM (1 Peter 3:20-21).**

 1. If Peter taught this, he would contradict himself many times. Contrast Acts 2:38 with Acts 3:19; 5:31; 8:22; 10:43; 11:17-18; 15:9; 1 Pet. 1:9.

2. It is not the water in baptism that saves (1 Peter 3:20-21).

a. The waters of the flood did not save but killed (1 Peter 3:20).

 b. Peter explicitly does not link salvation to the water (1 Peter 3:21).

**B. THE ARK IS A PICTURE OF CHRIST (1 Peter 3:18, 21).**

 1. Christ as the ark which saves is connected back to the cross (1 Peter 3:18).

 2. Christ as the ark is also connected to His resurrection in (1 Peter 3:21).

**C. SALVATION COMES THROUGH FAITH (1 Peter 3:21).**

 1. “the appeal to God for a good conscience.”

 2. “through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”.

**D. THE IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM (1 Peter 3:22).**

1. It is commanded (Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:38).

 2. Baptism often took place close to the time of conversion (Acts 2; 10).

 3. The risen and exalted Christ is our hope of final victory (1 Peter 3:22).

Conclusion