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Following Jesus' death?

What did Jesus do after His death?**(I Peter 3:18 - 20)**

Intro: This time frame in Christ's life remains a mystery to many folks. However, there are enough Scriptures to give us an idea as to Christ's activities following His death, burial and resurrection. And Christ is not on vacation in heaven idle or taking a breather. Christ is busy and active on behalf of the Redeemed of the Lord.

Some of the things the Bible shares on this subject.

I. In our source text we see that Jesus _____ to those who died during the flood in the days of Noah!

- A. Those who died in the flood, died because they chose not to believe God's messenger, Noah. (**Genesis 6:1 – 3**)
- B. Let's unwrap these Bible verses:
1. In **Genesis 6:3**, God was warning earth's inhabitants of a _____ judgment.
 2. In **I Peter 3:18 – 20**, the word 'sometime' means afore time or _____,
 3. Let this sink in – only _____ of the earth's population survived that judgment.
 4. We know from other passages that once an individual dies there is a _____ of the soul and spirit from the body.
 - a. The body goes to the grave and _____ Christ's return if one is saved, those not saved will be resurrected at the time of the Great White Throne judgment – **Revelations. 20:11 – 15**.
 - b. Depending on the decision of an individual concerning accepting Christ, those who _____ Christ, before they die, their soul and spirit goes to be with Christ.
Those who _____ Christ as Savior, when they die, their soul and spirit goes to hell.
 - c. Christ did not preach to those in prison to give them a _____ chance, rather to vindicate Noah who preached through obedience, that the known world then had both a chance and the message of hope.
 - e. **Hebrews 9:27** – is clear that whatever _____ we make in our life time is going to determine which judgment seat we appear before.

(1). Christians – **II Corinthians 5:5 – 10.**

(2). Unsaved – **Revelation 20:11 – 15.**

C. Another passage that will give us some more insight knowing that prior to the death and resurrection of Christ, hell, known also in the Bible as ‘sheol’ was _____ into two parts.

1. There was _____ to which we have insight from **Luke 16:19 – 31** – **(verse 26)**

2. Then there was the place of _____ also depicted in **Luke 16:21 – 24.**

3. In **Ephesians 4:8 – 10**, Jesus following His resurrection _____ paradise.

4. Those who died in faith believing prior to the cross and resurrection of Jesus went to paradise and are now in _____.

D. Jesus also carried His shed blood from _____ to His heavenly Father –

John 20:17 – (P/M/I); Hebrews 9:11 – 12.

1. The theme of the book of Hebrews is ‘_____ than’ bring to light that Jesus is better than or superior to, angels, Melchizedek, animal sacrifices, superior to the blood offerings, and superior to the Mosaic priest just name a few things.

2. There are people who tend to _____ things God has created whether of angels, heavenly bodies and even assign false deities to them and even the seasons.

3. The book of Hebrews dispels all that foolishness; all we need is Jesus!

E. Prior to His resurrection, approximately 40 days, Jesus met with His disciples.

1. He appeared first to Mary Magdeline – **John 20:11- 18.**

2. Then to the disciples – **John 20 19 – 25.**

3. Eight days later, to the disciples, this time Thomas was present – **John 20:26 – 31.**

4. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus – **Luke 24:13 – 33.**

5. Appearing to above five hundred – **I Corinthians 15:1 – 6.**

6. Appeared by the sea shore in **John 21:1 – 24.**

7. There was a meeting in Galilee foretold – **Matthew 28:16 – 18.**

8. A meeting with His half-brother James – **I Corinthians 15:5 – 7.**

9. Jesus’ ascension to heaven – **Matthew 28:18 – 20; Acts 1:4 – 5.**

F. He is presently advocating for the Redeemed of the Lord – **I John 2:1 – 2.**

G. One might say that Jesus was tying up lose-ends before He ascended.