

APRIL 16, 2023

# LIVING STONES

## THE RIGHTEOUS FOR THE UNRIGHTEOUS 1 PETER 3:18-22

### The plain things are the main things ...

- 1) Christ's one sacrifice on the cross covers all our sins.
- 2) God gave His righteous Son to redeem unrighteous People.
- 3) Suffering is overshadowed by the resurrection

2 Corinthians 4:17–18 ... *"For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."*

- 4) Jesus Christ is sovereign.

## How to study a hard passage of the Bible

- **Start with Prayer** - Don't miss this.
- **Immediate Context** - Study the verses around the primary verse
- **Book Context** - Study the whole book. Look for related passages and know the genre, author, recipients, and purpose for which the book was written.
- **Biblical Context** - Study related passages in the Bible.
- **Historical Context** - Study other works outside of the Bible which can enlighten understanding.
- **Commentaries** - Study what others have discovered about the passage.

## Memory Verse for April

*"The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.'"*

**Exodus 34:6-7**

## From the Resources

"Here we have the need (our sins), the complete payment (Christ's death in our place), the all-sufficiency of that payment (once for all), and the outcome (our access to God). It doesn't get any clearer than this. These are the facts of the gospel, the message of good news for lost sinners.

- Charles Swindoll,  
*Living Insights Commentary*  
*1 Peter (221)*