

SUBJECTED TO GOD

1Peter 3:18-22

Intro – To subject oneself is to put yourself under another's authority. When it comes to biblical matters the old saying is, "if God said it I believe it". That is the attitude of one who subjects himself to God and His word.

I. Concerning Grace.

- A. Payment has been made for sin. Heb.9:28, Jn.19:30
- B. His resurrection is proof of payment. Is.53:10-11
- C. Christ brings us to God. (grace) Rom.3:24, Eph.2:8

II. Concerning His mission.

- A. He was to proclaim the gospel. Acts 26:23, Lk.19:10
- B. He proclaimed who He was to those in hell. 2Pet.2:4-5
- C. We proclaim His death and resurrection. 1Cor.11:26

III. Concerning what He does in baptism.

- A. He tells us that baptism saves us. (21), Titus 3:5, Acts 22:16
- B. He tells us that baptism replaces circumcision. Col.2:11-12
 - 1. God instituted both rituals. Gen.17:10, Matt.28:19
 - 2. Both started with adults but continued with children. Gen.17:12, Acts 2:38-39, Acts 16:15, 33
 - 3. Both bring us into a covenant relationship with God. Gen.17:7, 13-14, vs 21
- C. Without faith neither is effectual. Heb.11:6, Col.2:12, Mark 16:16, Matt.18:6
- D. Not just faith in Jesus but in His atonement and resurrection. Rom.10:9

Con. – Don't let human reason prevent you from subjecting yourself to God's word.