

August 21, 2016  
**THE IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM**  
**1 PETER 3:13-22**  
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**1. The possibility of our suffering.**

- Don't be afraid. Worship Christ as Lord.
- Don't be silent. Share the hope you have in Christ.

**2. The power of Jesus' death.**

- He was a sinless sacrifice.
- He was the perfect sacrifice.

**3. The proclamation of victory.**

- God is patient with sinners.

BUT . . .

- God's judgment is final with sinners.

**4. The picture of baptism.**

- Baptism is a vital part of the Christian life.
- Baptism is our response to God's grace.
- Baptism is effective because of Christ's resurrection.