

You're in the Army Now!

Message #1 in Series: "A Call to Arms"

1 Peter 3:18-22

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1 Peter 3:18–22 (ESV) - *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in*

the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

**1. We've all been
inducted into the
same army.**

1 Peter 3:18 (ESV) - *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ...*

**2. We all wear the
same uniform.**

1 Peter 3:19-21 (ESV) - ... *but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.*

21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ...

Genesis 6:1–3 (CSB) - *When mankind began to multiply on the earth and daughters were born to them, 2the sons of God saw that the daughters of mankind were beautiful, and they took any they chose as wives for themselves. ³And the LORD said, “My Spirit will not remain with mankind forever,*

because they are corrupt. Their days will be 120 years.”

Jude 6 (ESV) - *And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, He has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day.*

2 Peter 2:4 (ESV) - *God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment.*

Quotation from J. B. Gambrell:

“Baptism is both a separating and a unifying ordinance. Symbolically it separates from the old life and commits the baptized to the new life in Christ. Therefore, we are said to ‘put on Christ’ by baptism. As a common uniform unifies an army, because the uniform is a symbol

of obedience and service in the one army and under one flag, so does baptism separate from the old life symbolically and bring together those who are enlisted in Christ's army.”

**3. We all salute the
same general.**

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