

**With the Master in the Fiery Furnace—Questions to Consider—Lesson 16—1 Peter 3:18-22—
The Suffering and Long Suffering of Christ and God**

1. (a) Read the first three chapters of 1 Peter and list all the verses which refer to the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (b) Also make note of any observations you see on the death and resurrection. For example: Christ's death was once in 1 Peter 3:18. (c) Why do you think Peter keeps emphasizing the death and resurrection of Christ?

2. Memorize 1 Peter 3:18.

3. (a) Why did God want to destroy mankind in the days of Noah, according to Genesis 6:5-13? (b) How long did He wait for mankind to repent while Noah built the ark, according to Genesis 6:3? (c) What does this teach you about God's patience with mankind? (d) Has mankind changed, according to Matthew 24:36-39?

4. (a) What do you notice about those being baptized, according to Matthew 3:6; Acts 2:38, 41; 8:36-38; 10:47 and 18:8? (b) Who was one of the first individuals to be baptized in Matthew 3:13-17? (c) What did God say about Him in verse 17? (d) Why do you think God was pleased? (e) Have you been baptized since your conversion? If not, why not?

5. (a) What is Jesus doing at the right hand of God, according to Romans 8:34 and 1 Peter 3:22? (b) How long will He be there, according to Psalm 110:1? (c) When will this happen, according to what John records for us in Revelation 20:7-15?

6. What do *you* think 1 Peter 3:19 means?

7. (a) What do *you* think Peter means in 1 Peter 3:21 where he states, "even baptism does also now save us?" (KJV) (b) How do you personally deal with portions of God's Word that are difficult for you to understand?

8. (a) Would you say that you have a clear conscience before God and others? (b) Is there anything that you need to make right with God or another individual? If so, do so today!

9. In considering question three, how has God shown patience towards you? Put your words into a prayer of thanksgiving to God.