What was achieved by Christ's suffering? What happened after his sufferings?

How is Noah a further example of salvation occurring in the midst of judgment and difficulty?

Given that some parts of verses 18 - 22 are hard to understand, try to summarise how they encourage us to persevere in doing good and to endure suffering.

Conclude by praying for one another.

Study 5: Doing Good because of Grace

Reading: 1Peter 3:8 - 22

Bad things happen to good people - sometimes precisely because they are doing what is right and good. Why?

<u>Read 1Peter 3:8 - 22:</u>

In 1Peter 3:8, list the five commands and try to rephrase them in your own words.

In v9 -12 when responding to mistreatment or insult, what should they not do? Do instead?

What reasons or motivations does Peter provide for this sort of behavior?

Read Psalm 34 (part of which is quoted in v10 - 12). Who is it that God rescues and redeems? What sort of behavior does the psalmist therefore encourage his children to practice? How does this relate to what Peter is saying?

What do you find difficult about the way of life described in 1Peter 3:8 - 12? What do you find attractive?

Peter knew that in spite of godly living, Christians may encounter hardship. What counsel does Peter offer for coping with suffering vv 13 - 17?

How could setting apart Christ as Lord, as v15 commands, help you endure suffering?

Why might unbelievers be willing to listen to reasons for hope from a person who is living the way Peter describes (v15 - 17)?

What is the immediate reason Peter gives as to why it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil?

How is the suffering of Christ similar to ours? Different to ours?