

# **The Love of Christ**

1 Peter 3:18-22

## **Ways Jesus showed us He loved us:**

- He left Heaven for us. (v. 18a, Gen. 1:26, John 1:1-14, 10:30, 14:9, Col. 1:15-17)
- He lived a sinless life amongst us. (Ex. 29:1, Lev. 4:32, 5:18, 6:6, 9:3, 1 Pet. 1:18-19, Heb. 4:15)
- He died for us. (Heb. 10:1-18)
- He resurrected from the grave for us. (v. 18b, Matt. 28:6, Mark 16:6, Luke 24:6)
- He has interceded on our behalf. (vv. 19-21)

## **Things to glean from these verses:**

- God's desire has always been to make Himself known to people. (Rom. 1:18-24a, Heb. 1:1-3)
- People have always done evil things. (Gen. 6:5, Jer. 17:9)
- God is patient with us. (2 Cor. 6:2, 2 Pet. 3:9, **why** – v.10a)
- Our salvation from the curse of sin is only found in Jesus Christ. (John 14:6, Acts 4:12, 1 Tim. 2:5)
- He is preparing a future Heavenly home for us. (v. 22, John 14:1-3)

## **Points to Ponder:**

- Jesus's existence did not begin in Bethlehem, He always was!
- Jesus, though born in human flesh, did not commit sin!
- Jesus just didn't die for us, He volunteered to offer Himself up for us as the once and for all sacrifice for our sins!
- Jesus's physical body might have been buried after His crucifixion, but His glorified body is now sitting at the right hand of God in Heaven!
- Jesus has always been, and will always be, our intercessor between us and God!
- Jesus has a place prepared for us so that when we die on this earth we will live in His heaven forever!