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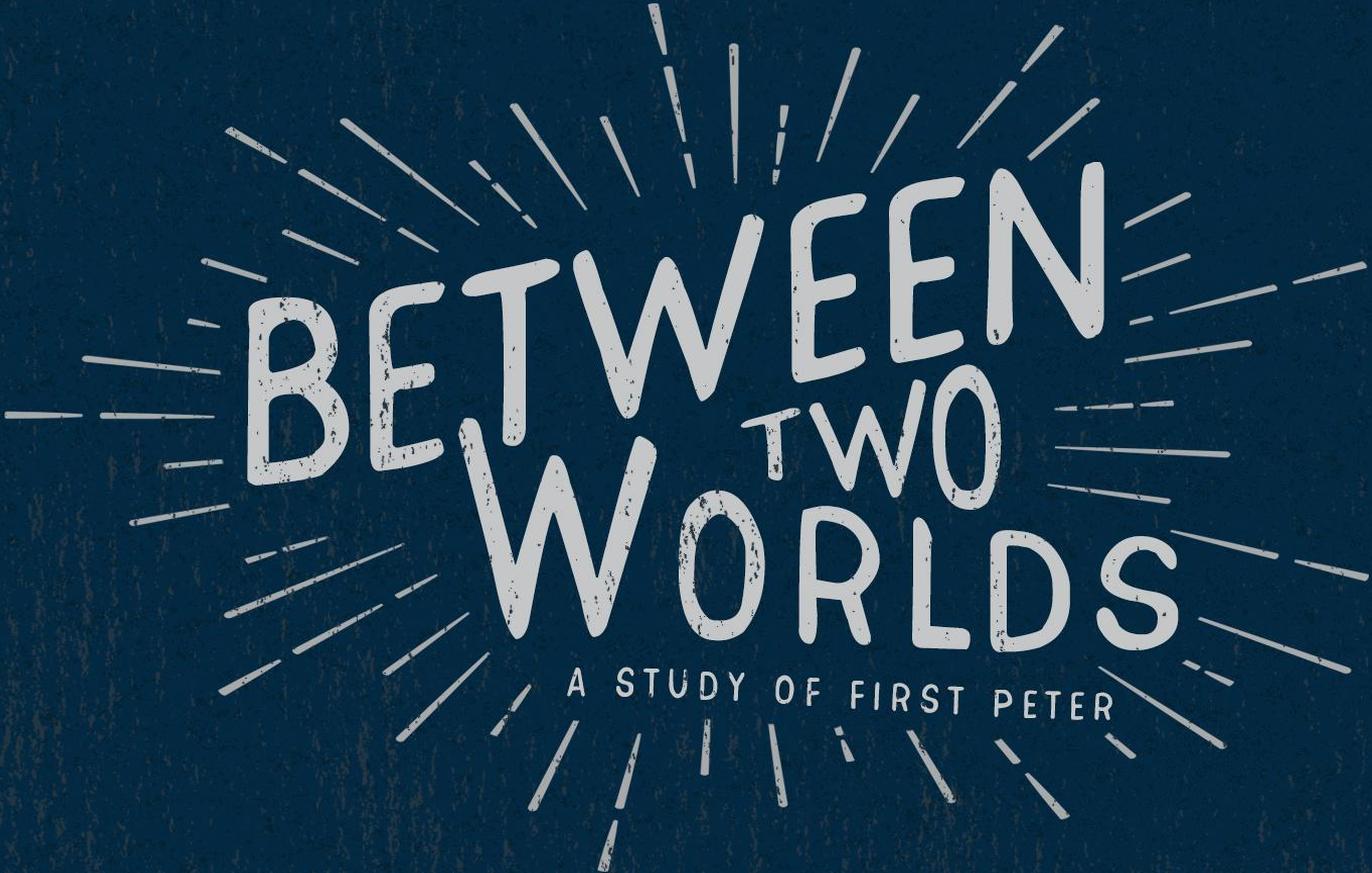
HOPE
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ST. PAUL

A Wonderful text is this, and a more obscure passage perhaps than any other in the New Testament, so that I do not know for certainty what Peter means.

This felt by me to be difficult



~St. Augustine

The title 'BETWEEN TWO WORLDS' is rendered in a white, hand-drawn, distressed font. The word 'BETWEEN' is on the top line, 'TWO' is smaller and positioned between 'BETWEEN' and 'WORLDS', and 'WORLDS' is on the bottom line. The text is surrounded by numerous white lines of varying lengths radiating outwards, creating a sunburst or starburst effect. The background is a dark blue with a subtle, grainy texture.

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A STUDY OF FIRST PETER

Previous Sermon in 1 Peter
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LOWERTOWN CLEAN-UP CREW: MAY

The Lowertown Clean Up Crew is made up of Lowertown business, resident, and other community member volunteers who strive to keep the Lowertown neighborhood of St. Paul a beautiful urban destination. Crew volunteers meet monthly to pick up trash in Mears Park and around the Lowertown neighborhood. All participants will receive a free Crew T-shirt!

After each Clean Up Crew event, participants are encouraged to stop by Lowertown's [Black Dog Cafe](#) for refreshments and conversation.

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¹⁰ For,

“Whoever would love life
and see good days

must keep their tongue from evil
and their lips from deceitful speech.

¹¹ They must turn from evil and do good;
they must seek peace and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

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This is what I call a 'moon' passage, versus a 'sun' passage – meaning, like God made the sun greater than the moon, so did he make some passages of the Bible greater than the others. In this passage there are sun elements, and there are moon elements. The sun of the explicit gospel is mentioned alongside the moon of some cryptic teaching about Jesus preaching to the spirits in prison, at some point, in some way, for some reason.

~Chris Wachter

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A Rhetorical Question

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The Gospel

God – Man – Jesus – Faith

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The Moon

Dark side



THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

The Moon

Wandering in Confusion for a very long time!

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

The Moon

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1 Enoch

First Enoch tells a similar but more elaborate tale. The Watchers were the fallen angels who had abandoned heaven (12.4), slept with human women (15.3), and produced children, referred to as “giants” from whose bodies “evil spirits” have come (15.9). These evil spirits have taught people “deeds of shame, injustice, and sin” (13.2) and will continue to corrupt the earth until “the day of the great conclusion, until the great age is consummated, until everything is concluded” (16.1). The Watchers appeal to Enoch to intercede with God on behalf of themselves and the evil progeny they have produced. Enoch obliges and returns with God’s proclamation to the Watchers: “[You will] not be able to ascend into heaven unto all eternity, but you shall remain inside the earth, imprisoned all the days of eternity.”

Moreover, the Watchers would see the destruction of their sons (referred to as “the spirits”) because the petitions for themselves and for their sons (the spirits) will not be heard by God (14.5–6). These “spirits” that came from the bodies of the giants fathered by the Watchers through human women were the cause of the human evil that led to the great flood during the time of Enoch’s grandson, Noah.

~ Jobes, K. H. (2005). [1 Peter](#) (p. 244). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

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Christ Preached through Noah

The second view sees the spirits in prison as human souls who were disobedient in Noah's day that Christ himself preached to through Noah, but who disobeyed nonetheless, and who are now in prison awaiting consignment to hell... So this view is focused more on the past. Christ, in the spirit, was present in Noah, thousands of years before his incarnation, death, resurrection. And so Peter's point isn't so much to describe what happened between his death and resurrection as it is to make a secondary point or example about a minority who suffered, but who were saved in the end.

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