

HOW ARE WE SAVED

Gen 6:5-8

INTRODUCTION:

- A. In the salvation of Noah and our salvation there is a striking similarity
- B. In noticing how Noah was saved literally from physical death, we can see how we are saved from spiritual death
- C. For our study today we want to compare the two and draw some lessons from the comparison

DISCUSSION:

I. NOAH SAVED BY GRACE - SO ARE WE Gen 6:8

- A. God was going to destroy man from the face of the earth
 1. World was wicked even every thought of heart
 2. But Noah was just, perfect, upright Gen 6:9
 3. God had mercy on him - would not destroy him
- B. Not by grace alone
 1. If by grace alone, Noah would have had nothing to do
 2. God gave Noah something to do
 - a. Build an ark Gen 6:14
 - b. Preach to the people 2Pet 2:5
 3. He found favor with God because he did what God told him to do
- C. Man today is saved by grace Acts 15:11
 1. Man dying in sin Rom 3:23; 6:23
 2. Without God's grace man lost Tit 2:11
- D. Not by grace alone Tit 2:12
 1. What grace does - the gospel does
 - a. Stand in grace & gospel Rom 5:1,2; 1Cor 15:1
 - b. Saved by grace & gospel Eph 2:5; 1Cor 15:1,2
 2. When one is saved by grace, they are saved by obedience (to the good news), just as Noah was 2Thess 1:8

II. NOAH SAVED BY FAITH – SO ARE WE Heb 11:7

- A. Not by faith alone
 1. By faith Noah prepared an ark
 2. Not just mental assent to reality and power of God
 3. More than passive trust - a demonstrated faith
- B. Man today is saved by faith Acts 16:31; Eph 2:8
 1. Impossible to please God without faith Heb 11:6
 2. Justified by faith Rom 5:1
- C. Not faith only today any more than Noah
 1. Many things said to justify or save:
 - a. Blood Rom 5:9 - b. Hope Rom 8:24

- c. Washing of regeneration Tit 3:5
- d. Baptism 1Pet 3:21 - e. Gospel 1Cor 15:1,2
2. "Faith only" mentioned only once Jas 2:24 "not by"

- D. Saved by all of the above mentioned as well as others not mentioned, when we demonstrate our faith by obeying the Gospel, God's power to save Rom 1:16
 1. A faith which causes one to repent Lk 13:3
 2. A faith willing to confess publicly Rom 10:9,10

III. NOAH SAVED BY WATER – SO ARE WE Gen 7:17,23; 1Pet 3:20,21

- A. Not by water only
 1. Water bore up the ark
 2. Faith caused him to build the ark according to Instructions
 3. Water the element of destruction to all others (Note: Acts 2:37 as opposed to Acts 7:54)
- B. Man today is saved by water 1Pet 3:20,21
 1. In the act of baptism there was:
 - a. Much water Jhn 3:23
 - b. A going down into the water Acts 8:38
 - c. A burial Rom 6:4
 2. This baptism was for the remission of sins Acts 2:38
- C. Not by water alone
 1. No saving power in the water
 2. A "like figure" 1Pet 3:21 Noah was saved by Water when he complied with (obeyed) God's will
 3. Likewise when we are buried in baptism we have shown our faith in God and thereby His grace is extended through the blood of Christ (which we contact through baptism Rom 6:3,4) in the forgiveness of our sins

CONCLUSION:

- A. The grace of God provided Noah with a plan and his faith in God caused him to obey, thereby obtaining salvation
- B. Even so, we today have the grace of God extended through the Blood of Christ. Our faith then causes us to obey the simple plan of God (gospel) and thereby become a saved individual
- C. Have you availed yourself of God's grace through obedience to His will Matt 7:21