

Baptism Now Saves You

Genesis 6:5-8

⁵Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

How did God save Noah?

Genesis 6:13-14 – ¹³And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴Make for yourself an ark..."

Genesis 7:1 – Then the LORD said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation."

Genesis 7:17 – Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

Genesis 7:21-23 – ²¹And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. ²²All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. ²³So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.

Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord when God instructed Him what to do to be saved. Noah responded in faith by obeying the instructions of God.

Genesis 6:22 – Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

Hebrews 11:7 – By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

What does the story of Noah's salvation have to do with your salvation?

1 Peter 3:18-22 – ¹⁸For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; ¹⁹in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, ²⁰who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. ²¹Corresponding to that, **baptism now saves you**--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

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Noah was saved by grace through faith just as we are.

Ephesians 2:8 – For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Noah was instructed to build an ark, but we are told to be baptized into Christ. By faith, Noah obeyed God's grace. Will you?

“He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned” (Jesus, Mark 16:16).