

Noah's Ark - Cont.

Christ's Church

- A universal need because all have sinned (Romans 3:23)
- Saved from sin by God's grace and man's faith (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- Universal judgment upon all (2 Peter 3:1-13)
- The divine pattern is given in the church (Matthew 16:18).
- There is one way to be saved in one church (Ephesians 4:4-6; 5:23)
- There is one light of truth (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- There is one entrance into heaven (John 10:9; 14:6)
- Obedience is necessary (Hebrews 5:9; 11:7)
- An invitation is offered to all (Revelation 22:17).
- Salvation is in the church (Ac. 2:47; Gal. 3:26-27)
- Destruction is outside the church (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)
- Salvation involves the water of baptism (1 Peter 3:21)
- Few will be saved (Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:23ff)

Friend, Noah acted righteously to save himself and his family (Ezekiel 14:14,20). Will you act the same way to save yourself and your family in the Lord's church? - *Chris Reeves*

- Scripture of the Week -

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, "

- 2 Thessalonians 2:16 -

I will remember this week that I serve a God who loves me and gives me eternal comfort, hope and grace. Thank you!

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Noah's Ark and Christ's Church

New Testament Lessons from Noah's Ark

Jesus referred to Noah's ark. He said,

"And as were the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of man.³⁸ For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,³⁹ and they knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall be the coming of the Son of man" (Matthew 24:37-39; see also Luke 17:26-27).

The key lesson that Jesus was trying to teach using Noah's ark was a lesson in preparation. We need to be prepared for the coming of Jesus just like Noah was prepared for the coming flood.

The author of Hebrews referred to Noah's ark. He wrote,

"By faith Noah, being warned of God concerning things not seen as yet, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith" (Hebrews 11:7).

The key lesson that the author of Hebrews was trying to make was a lesson on obedient faith. It takes an obedient faith in God's word and warning to be saved.

The apostle Peter referred to Noah's ark. He wrote,

"in which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison,²⁰ that aforesome were disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in



the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water" (1 Peter 3:20-21).

"and spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah with seven others, a preacher of righteousness, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly" (2 Peter 2:5).

The key lesson that Peter was trying to make was a lesson in the few people

who are saved. Few are travelling the narrow road to salvation and many are travelling the broad road to damnation.

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There are many comparisons that could be made between Noah and his family in the ark and Christians in the Lord's church. The ark was the way that Noah and his family could be saved from coming judgement and the New Testament church of Christ is the way that all can be saved today from coming judgment. Consider a few comparisons here:

Noah's Ark

- A universal need for salvation
- Saved by grace through faith
- Universal judgment
- A divine pattern was given
- One means of salvation - the ark
- One light
- One entrance
- Obedience was necessary
- An invitation was offered
- Salvation was found inside
- Destruction was found outside
- Saved by water
- Few saved