

The Great Rescue

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Are you saved? Saved from what?

You must be saved from God's coming judgment.

A command was given. A mode of rescue was given.

Genesis 7:1-16

The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. **2** Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, **3** and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. **4** Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made." **5** And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him. **6** Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. **7** And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. **8** Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, **9** male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah. **10** And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth. **11** In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. **12** And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. **13** On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. **14** They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. **15** Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. **16** The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.

Flood waters = God's judgment

There is none who does good, not even one (Ps. 14:3) (Ps 53:3)

None is righteous, no, not one (Rom. 3:10).

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone." (Mk 10:18)

Goodness is defined by God.

"Why do bad things happen to good people?"—misunderstands goodness.

Our definition of goodness is skewed by our comparison with the things we see around us.

Isaiah chapter 6: Holy holy holy -

WOAH IS ME! I'm doomed, I'm a dead man because I am sinful!

SAVED BY A VESSEL

God commands Noah to enter the ark.

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Trust Requires Movement –

Entering the ark meant saying goodbye to everything Noah knew.

Entering the ark was better than staying outside the ark.

Mark 8: Jesus said to his disciples 34 "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **35** For whoever wants to save **their** life, will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. **36** What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. **16** For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. **17** The world and its desires pass away, but **whoever does the will of God** lives forever.

SYMBOLISM OF OUR SALVATION

Exodus chapter 12 The Judgment – Firstborn sons, not floodwaters.

The Rescue Plan – Shed blood of a spotless lamb, painted on the doorposts.

this would be a sign that they had put their faith in God's command for rescue.

Romans 3 **25** God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement (covering), through the shedding of his blood—to be received **by faith**. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness (justice), because in his forbearance (patience) he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— **26** he did it to demonstrate his righteousness (justice) at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

ISAIAH 53: 5 "But He was pierced for our offenses, He was crushed for our wrongdoings; The punishment for our well-being was laid upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed. (NASB) Isaiah 53:6...and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Isaiah 53:10 "Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer..."

Acts 17:30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. **31** For **he has set a day** when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

1 Peter 3:20-21

20 to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, **21** and **this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you** also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the **pledge of a clear conscience toward God**. It saves you by the **resurrection of Jesus Christ**,

Galatians 3:26-28: "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Colossians 2:12

...having been **buried with him in baptism**, in which you were **also raised with him** through **your faith** in the **working of God**, who **raised him from the dead**.

Colossians 3:1 "Since, then, you have been **raised with Christ**, set your **hearts on things above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

1 Peter 3: "...not the removal of dirt from the body but the **pledge of a clear conscience toward God.**" **Baptism: pledging our minds to be conformed more and more toward God.**

Romans 6:4 "We were buried therefore **with him** by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in **newness of life.**"

Ephesians 4: old self vs new self

1 Peter 4:4 "Of course, your former friends are surprised when you no longer **plunge** into the **flood** of wild and destructive things they do. So they slander you."

"Then the Lord shut him in."

V. 7 "Noah and his family entered the ark.

V. 8-9 the animals came to the ark.

V.10 after 7 days the flood waters came.

V. 11 springs of the the great deep burst forth.

V. 12 rain falls for 40 days and nights. And as that happens. The Lord shut them in.

And Jesus picks up that exact theme in **Matthew 25**, when He tells the **parable of the ten virgins**. The bridegroom arrived unexpectedly, and those who were ready **went in with him to the wedding feast... and the door was shut**. Later, the others came knocking: "*Lord, Lord, open the door!*" But He replied, "*Truly, I tell you, I don't know you.*" Jesus ends the parable by saying, "**Therefore, stay alert, for you do not know the day or the hour.**" **Matthew 25: 36 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son,¹⁹ but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.**

Will you be inside when it does?

The Great Rescue: The command has been given: repent, believe and be baptized.

"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that has the Son has life; He that does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:11-12).

