

WHAT SAVED NOAH?

Introduction

- 1) God decided to destroy all life from the earth (Gen. 6:17)
- 2) The only human survivors were Noah and his family (Gen. 8:18)
- 3) What saved Noah from certain death? An ARK (1 Pet. 3:20)!
- 4) Of course, an ark didn't just magically appear – other important factors were involved in making this salvation possible. What were these factors?

I) **THE GRACE OF GOD**

- A) **Genesis 6:8**
- B) Noah found favor [delight] in God's eyes
- C) God is rich in grace, mercy, and compassion (Eph. 1:7; 2:4, 7; Psa. 86:15)
- D) God's grace provides salvation to those who are in danger (Titus 3:11; Eph. 2:8)

II) **THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD**

- A) **Genesis 6:14; 7:1**
- B) God's grace provides salvation with necessary conditions
- C) Noah was instructed/commanded to build an ark (Gen. 6:14-16)
 - 1) *Generic* – tools, hours of day
 - 2) *Specific* – gopher wood, dimensions
- D) Noah was instructed to come into the ark with the animals (Gen. 7:1-4)

III) **THE FAITH OF NOAH**

- A) **Genesis 6:9**
- B) Noah walked with God – agreement, fellowship (Amos 3:3)
- C) Noah's faith came by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17; Heb. 1:1)
- D) Noah's faith made it possible to access the saving grace of God (Rom. 5:1-2)

IV) **THE OBEDIENCE OF NOAH**

- A) **Genesis 6:22; 7:5; Hebrews 11:7**
- B) By faith Noah obeyed God's commandments – works of obedience
- C) Faith without works is dead (Jas. 2:17, 20, 26)
 - 1) Works that save = obedience to God's will (Jn. 6:28-29; Acts 2:37-38)

Conclusion

Noah was saved by an **Ark**, but that Ark existed because of the grace of God, the commandments of God, the faith of Noah, and the obedience of Noah. The ark did not exist by God's grace only, nor by God's commandments only, nor by the faith of Noah only, nor by the obedience of Noah only. All these factors worked together for Noah's salvation.

Our salvation is by the grace of God which reveals the commandments of God, and through our faith which obeys God's commands (1 Pet. 3:21)