

## Salvation

### *The Foreshadowing of Christ in Noah's Ark*

Genesis 6:11-7:7

**I. God's Plan (Genesis 6:11-14)** God planned the ark, just as he planned salvation in Christ. The word "pitch" in Genesis 6:14 is translated as "atonement" in the rest of the Bible. Christ is the atonement for sin, and no judgment can reach those who are in him. Salvation and communion with God and mankind has always been plan A and there is no plan B. Salvation is found in Christ alone. Jesus is the Ark! In the Old Testament salvation was found in Christ, but in faith looking forward to His coming. Today it is in faith that He came, dead on the cross for our sin, and rose from the grave.

**II. God's Instructions (Genesis 6:15-22)** God provided instructions to Noah to build the ark for sinners, just as he provides instructions for salvation in Christ today through His Word for sinners. Look at the diagram of the ark in comparison to a football field. God was specific in His instructions to Noah. God is specific in His instructions today. Listen to John 14:6 ***"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*** How are these instructions carried out for us today? Romans 10:9-10 is very clear. Listen to the instructions that are for us to enter into salvation: ***"because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."***

**III. God's Provision (Genesis 6:18)** God's covenant of salvation was established upon their entering the ark. God's provision is the same today, if we come to Christ by grace through faith, we too have His covenant. In Chapter 8, God continued to seal this covenant with a promise to never destroy the earth in the way He had done previously. Listen to Ephesians 2:4-5 ***"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved."***

**IV. God's Security (Genesis 7:6-7)** The ark was a place of safety for Noah and his family, just as Christ is a place of security for all who place faith in Him. God's Requirement: The call to enter the ark was a limited-time offer, just as God's call to come to Christ is a limited-time offer. Christ offers security, but it must be accepted will you still have the breath of life! Jesus is telling us that the only eternal security is through a saving relationship with Him. He alone provides eternal security. Listen to John 10:28: ***"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."*** Also, listen to this promise of security found in Isaiah 41:10 ***"fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."***

- I. **God's Plan** is for us to be rescued! He rescued Noah and his family. He will rescue you today from eternal separation from God. He will give you peace, joy, and spiritual fruit that will not be gained anywhere, but through Christ! His plan has always been to have communion with mankind! His plan today is for us to receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.
- II. **God's Instructions** were specific. Noah was to build an ark. God's instructions are in His Word today. His instructions are for us to come to Him by placing faith in Jesus Christ. Romans 10:17 "Faith comes through hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ."
- III. **God's Provision** was salvation from the flood and a new covenant recorded in Genesis 8 and 9. Our salvation, God's provision, is found in Christ alone.
- IV. **God's Security** they were secure from the rain, flood, storm, and drowning. Our security is found in Jesus Christ.