

How Noah was Saved

1 Peter 3:18-22



John 16:13

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.



1 Peter 3:18-20

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

1 Peter 3:21-22

21 There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

What was Noah being saved from?

Genesis 6:5 “Then 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.”

From what do we need rescuing?

- From sin! “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” – Romans 3:23

We too are warned just as Noah was of impending doom

- **9** The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. **10** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. - [2 Peter 3:9-10](#)

Only in complete obedience to God
can we be saved

- **Ephesians 2:10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Noah was obedient to God, not partially but completely

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

Our salvation also requires action on our part - **Matthew 7:21 Not** everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Jesus saves those who obey

8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

Hebrews 5:8-9

Grace of God saved Noah

- Noah was saved by grace - [Genesis 6:8](#) “But Noah found **grace** in the eyes of the Lord.”

What does grace do? teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, [Titus 2:12](#) Grace teaches us the truth.

We too are saved by grace

- **Ephesians 2:5-7** **5** even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), **6** and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Noah was saved by faith

- Hebrews 11:7

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We cannot be saved without faith

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. – [Hebrews 11:6](#)

We are saved by grace through the means of faith - [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 saved by a faith that works

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Faith cannot be separated from works

- Faith and Works work together, a faith that works.

14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. - James 2:14-17

Faith cannot be separated from works

18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble! 20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? - [James 2:18-20](#)

Noah was saved through the water

- 1 Peter 3:20

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Romans 6:3-4

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

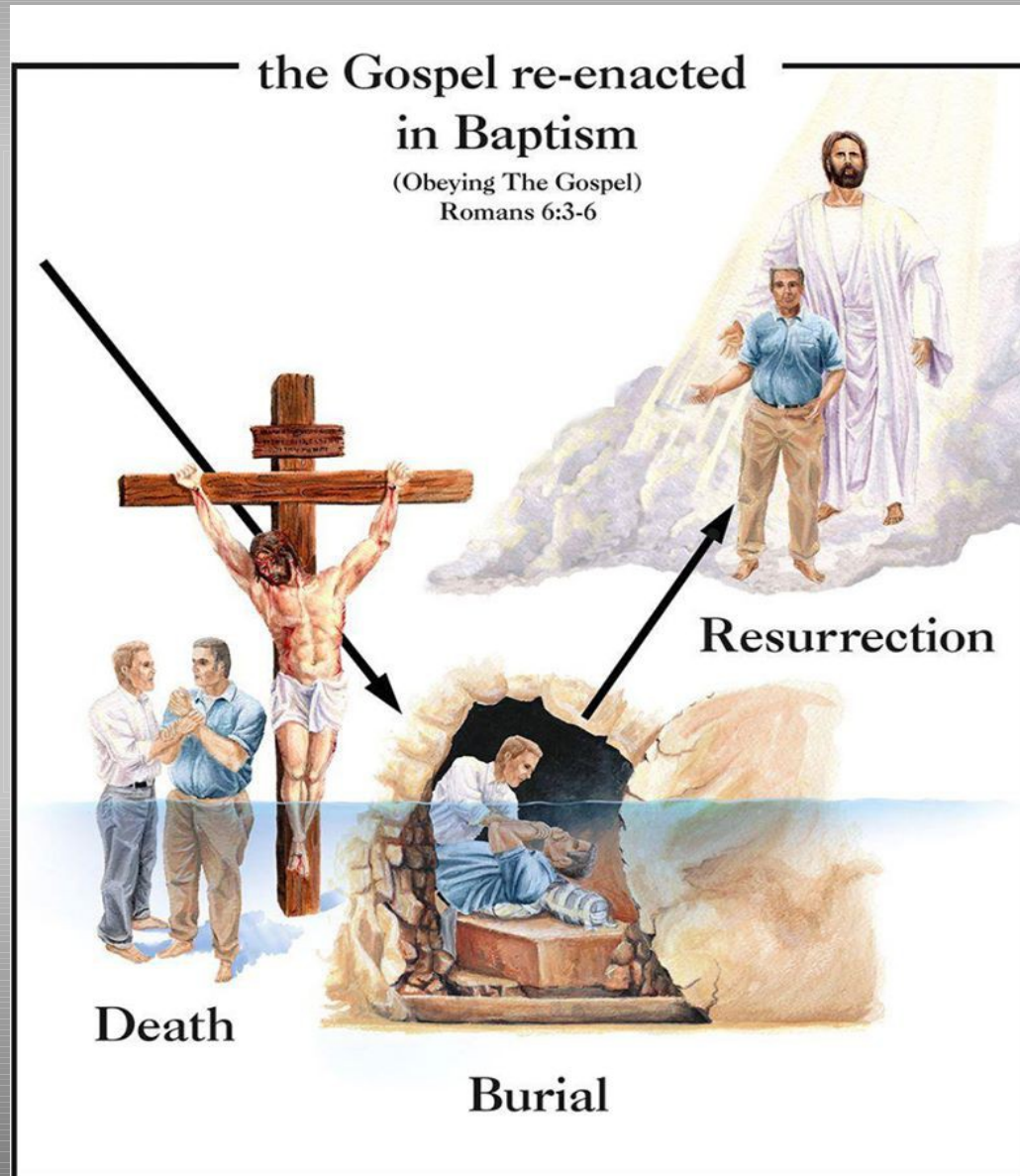
Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Colossians 2:12

buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

How are we saved?



Acts 2:40

And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

- The Ethiopian, and thousands of other souls in the NT, understood this gospel truth very well because his heart was honest and pure. That is why when he saw water along a desert road he immediately asked to be **baptized**. Acts 8.

What will you do?

- Remain in sin? Or trust and believe in Jesus

Christ when he says: “He who

→ believes and is baptized ←

will be saved; but he who

does not believe will be

condemned. – [Mark 16:16](#)