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*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."* Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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Ping*

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# Noah Found Grace

By—Tony Hudson

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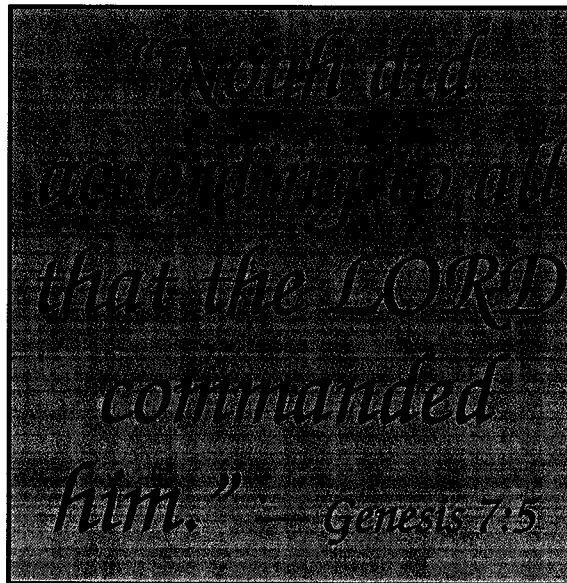
People disagree about what saves us. Is it God's grace? Is it our faith? Is it faithful obedience to God's instructions? To all of these questions, I would simply answer yes. And I believe the example of Noah is a good one for us to learn from.

In Genesis 6:3 we read of a time when God said, *"My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years."* I understand this to mean that God decided that He would destroy mankind in 120 years. God explains why in Genesis 6:5, *"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."* God was sorry He had made man, and *"it grieved him at his heart"* (Genesis 6:6).

However, as God planned to destroy mankind (Genesis 6:7), He extended His favor to one man. That man was Noah. Genesis 6:8 reads, *"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."* This was indeed a blessing for Noah, but what did it mean? I think the writer of Hebrews sheds light upon that question. Hebrews 11:7 tells us that it was not only God's grace but also Noah's faith that saved him as we read, *"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."*

Now we see that God extended His grace to Noah by warning him *"of things not seen as yet."* God told Noah that He planned to flood the world and destroy all mankind. This was the warning of things *"not seen as yet."* The flood had not yet occurred. It was 120 years away, although there is no indication that God told Noah how long it would be, God knew when He would bring the flood, but Noah only knew it was coming - not when it was coming.

God told Noah that *"the end of all flesh is come"* (Genesis 6:13), and He told Noah what to do to be saved. Genesis 6:14 says, *"Make thee an ark of gopher wood."* God told Noah what kind of wood it should be; what size it should be; how many doors and windows it should have; and how many stories it should have. God told Noah he was to bring animals onto the ark with specific instructions as to how many of each kind and of each gender. And Genesis 7:5 says, *"Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him."*



Now think back to Hebrews 11:7. This idea that Noah did all that God commanded is expressed in the scripture as it tells us that Noah *"moved with fear"* and *"prepared an ark."* So God's grace was shown in that He warned Noah about the flood that was coming. Noah's faith is shown in that he believed God, and Noah's faith was fulfilled in the works he did as he build *"an ark to the saving of his house."*

So we see the grace of God combined with the faith of man which led man to obey the commandments of God that were intended to save him in the example of Noah.

Is that not what God has done for us today? God has determined a day when the world will be destroyed. Peter tells us this in 2 Peter 3:7, *"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."* Peter says too that God is waiting because He is *"longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance"* (2 Peter 3:9). So God has extended His grace to us in a warning just as He warned Noah.

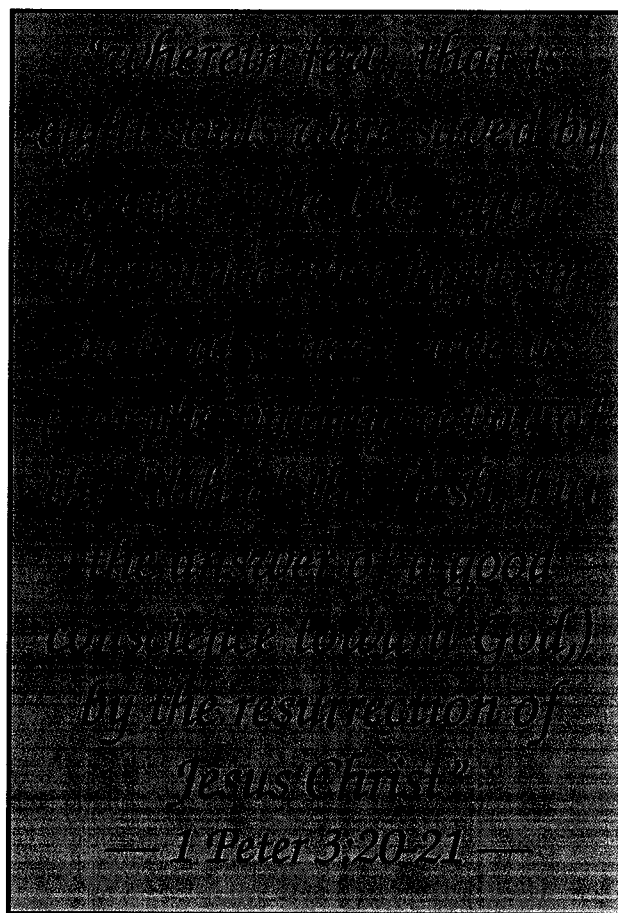
And God has told us what to do to be saved. He sent his Son to die on the cross accepting the punishment that we deserve for our sins (1 Peter 2:22). Having sent His Son, God calls on us to believe in Him. John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

His Son Jesus said we must repent and be baptized in Mark 16:15-16 telling His apostles, *"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."* We see confession of one's belief is called for as it was when Philip taught the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8. When they came to water the eunuch sought to be baptized, and Phillip said, *"If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest."*

And those who accepted this teaching on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:37 asked what they should do. They were told to also repent as we read in Acts 2:38, *"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."* They turned from their sins asking for forgiveness. They were baptized, and their sins were forgiven. Then in Acts 2:41-42 we learn that those who received the teachings *"continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine."* It seems reasonable to do as

Noah did - all that God has commanded. We should believe the warning of things that we have not yet seen. Believing we should put our faith in God's Son who died for us. We should repent of our sins; confess our belief in Jesus; be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins; and live steadfastly in the doctrine set forth by the apostles in the New Testament.

God saved Noah and his family, because they believed and obeyed Him. The waters of the flood lifted the ark up and washed sin off the face of the earth. God will save us too if we believe and obey Him. We can be buried in the waters of baptism, and God will wash away our sins. This is what Peter was talking about in 1 Peter 3:20-21 when he wrote of Noah and the ark *"wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure thereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."*



# Those Serving This Week

## Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Sr.
<b>Announcements</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Song Leader</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 7:36-50
<b>Reader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Prayer</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Speaker</b>	Larry Ping
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Chuck Isinghood
Fruit of the Vine	Bryan Legg
Serve	Matt Ferrell
Serve	Dan Marton
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Lemal

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

## Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Song Leader</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 8:1-18
<b>Reader</b>	Wayne Campbell
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Speaker</b>	Larry Ping
<b>Communion</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	CJ Isinghood

## Wednesday

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Gospel Meeting
<b>Announcements</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Song Leader</b>	Gospel Meeting
<b>Invitation</b>	Gospel Meeting
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Gospel Meeting

# *News N Notes*

**Please remember these in your prayers:**

### **Sick/ Poor Health:**

- **Don Coen, Sr.**
- **Zeda Goddard** is in the hospital at Weirton Medical Center, room # 648
- **Robert Schwerferger**, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law.
- **Grace Lancaster**
- **Ronald & Charollette Lancaster**
- **William Louthen**, Charissa Erdman's grandfather. His address is: 127 10th St., Wellsburg, WV 26070
- **Virginia Malick**, Peggy Miller's mother is at Weirton Medical Center, room 684
- **Alfred and Mary Jane Myers**
- **Jimmy Roberts**, Ed & Marie's son
- **Jim Roberts**, Ed Roberts' father
- **Marie Roberts**
- **Gabriel Taylor**, 5 year old great grandson of Don Coen, Sr., dealing with cancer.
- **Trudell Tennant**

### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

#### **Ann's Retreat:**

- Josephine Clow

#### **Brightwood Center:**

- Shirley Campbell

#### **Valley Haven:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

#### **Weirton Geriatric:**

- Kitty Morgan

#### **At Home:**

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

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If someone needs to be added to this list, please contact Tim Henderson