

THE LIFE AND WORK THAT CHANGED THE AGE

Message Six

**Saved through Water**

Scripture Reading: Gen. 6:11-14; Rom. 5:9; 1 Peter 3:20-21; Heb. 10:22; 1 John 2:15; John 12:31; 16:11; Gal. 1:4; 6:14; Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12; 2:20; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:40-41; 1 Cor. 10:1-2; Rev. 20:10, 14-15; Rev. 21:1

**I. God's salvation to Noah was not only to save him from God's judgment, but also from his crooked, perverse, and evil generation:**

- A. The evil nature of Satan, which had been injected into man in the first fall, developed into a godless human culture, which ushered in an evil generation.
- B. Not only did God's condemnation rest upon that age, but there was on earth the evil power of darkness which corrupted the earth and filled it with violence—Gen. 6:11.
- C. Whoever lived in that age (which is the same kind of age that we live in today) was under two things: God's judgment and the evil power of darkness.
- D. God's salvation has two aspects—salvation from God's judgment and salvation from the evil and crooked generation—Rom. 5:9; 1 Pet. 3:21.

**II. Noah was saved by the pitched ark from God's judgment—Gen 6:14:**

- A. Noah was saved from God's judgment by the ark, which was pitched within and without with pitch—v. 14:
  - 1. The pitch without as a type of the redeeming blood separated and sealed the ark and did not allow any of God's judging water to touch them.
  - 2. The pitch within was for their boldness and confidence before God—Heb. 10:22.
- B. The pitch was a type of the redeeming blood, which saves us from God's wrath—Rom. 5:9.

**III. Noah was saved through the judging water from the condemned world:**

- A. The world with all of its ages is condemned by God—Gen. 6:11-13:
  - 1. The whole world is a satanic system, which has systematized all of mankind.
  - 2. The world is composed of many ages and all the ages are condemned by God.
  - 3. The world has different departments as well as ages:
    - a. In the same age you have the departments of politics, education, literature, science, art, law, economics, religion, clothing, music—1 John 2:15 (footnote 2).
    - b. Each of these is a department for systematizing man.
  - 4. The world as a strong current is capturing and sweeping everyone into Satan's evil world system; no one can withstand the evil power and wicked influence of modern society.
  - 5. The whole world with all of its ages and departments is under God's condemnation—John 12:31; 16:11.
- B. God's people are saved from the world by God's judgment on the world:
  - 1. The flood that God used to execute His judgment upon the ancient world saved Noah from that world.
  - 2. The cross by which God judged Satan and his world also saves us from this condemned world; we are saved from the condemned world by the judging death of Christ—Gal. 1:4; 6:14.

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### **IV. Baptism with water signifies the judging death of Christ, which saves us from the world condemned by God—Rom. 6:3, 4; Col. 2:12; 2:20; 1 Pet. 3:20-21:**

- A. The waters of the flood, which saved Noah from the world, signify the water of baptism, which delivers us from the crooked and perverted generation—1 Pet. 3:20-21; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:40-41.
- B. Baptism signifies the judging death of Christ. When we were baptized we were buried; nothing can remove people out of the world so effectively as burial—Rom. 6:3-4:
  - 1. Through baptism we are buried into Christ's death and are dead to the elements of the world—Rom. 6:3; Col. 2:20.
  - 2. As you step down into the water, the whole world goes down with you; when you come up, you come up in Christ, in the ark that rides the waves, but your world stays behind.
  - 3. God in Christ put Himself into us through regeneration, and then we were put into Christ through baptism—Col. 1:27; Gal. 3:27.
- C. Baptism in the Bible is:
  - 1. Typified by the flood of the deluge—1 Pet. 3:20-21.
  - 2. Typified by the waters of the Red Sea—Exo. 14:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:1-2.
  - 3. Signified by the laver, the brass sea, and the sea of glass—Exo. 30:18-21; 1 Kings 7:23, 38; Rev. 4:6; Rev. 15:2-3; Rev. 20:10, 14-15.
- D. There is no sea, no more world and no more judging water in the new heaven and new earth—Rev. 21:1.