**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
	1. Is the story of Noah and the ark true or is it folklore?
		1. We can believe it for several reasons:
			1. Archeologists reveal that all the great civilizations have a “great flood” story in their history.
				1. All point to the fact that at some time there must have been a cataclysmic flood on this earth.
			2. Jesus confirmed the story.
				1. Matthew 24:37-39
				2. The days of Noah have returned.
	2. Genesis 6:8 is the first time the word “grace” appears in the Bible.
	3. God told Noah He was going to destroy the Earth because of its wickedness.
		1. God told Noah to make an ark.
	4. The days of Noah:
		1. Days of apostasy.
			1. The faith that had been delivered to Adam and to Abel was then fading from the Earth.
			2. People were believing ungodly philosophies
		2. Days of anarchy.
			1. Violence filled the Earth.
		3. Days of wicked ideas.
			1. Genesis 6:5
				1. The intent of man’s heart “was only evil continually.”
				2. “Imaginations” does not mean daydreams, it means wicked schemes; philosophies.
			2. We live in a day where a man’s word means nothing.
				1. National treaties
				2. Marriage contract
				3. Business contract
				4. Political speech
			3. The same sins that produced the flood in Noah’s day, have reached up to Heaven and God will again judge the world.
				1. It was water the first time; it will be fire the next time.
		4. In Noah’s day, they were living without concern for tomorrow.
			1. Today, we stand on the threshold of imminent judgment and no one seems to care.
	5. God’s grace is marvelous and infinite.
	6. God wants us to be saved so He gives illustrations throughout the Bible.
		1. The Old Testament has many great illustrations of God’s saving grace.
			1. Spiritual salvation is pictured clearly in Noah’s ark.
2. GRACE PROVIDES A SAVIOR (Genesis 6:14)
	1. Noah needed to be saved, so God told him to build an ark.
	2. The ark is a picture of Jesus Christ.
		1. 1 Peter 3:20-21
			1. The ark is a type, a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ.
	3. The security of the ark.
		1. Genesis 6:14
		2. Gopher wood is literally cypress which will not rot or decay.
		3. “Pitch” is a gooey resin like tar.
		4. God told Noah to cover the ark with pitch on the inside and the outside.
			1. The word for “pitch” in Genesis 6:14 is translated over 70 times in the Bible as “atonement” (kafar).
		5. The pitch was used to keep the water out.
			1. Water is an emblem of God’s judgment and not one drop could get through.
		6. The ark is a picture of Jesus and He is the atonement for our sin.
			1. When we are in Jesus, not one drop of judgment can get to us.
	4. The sufficiency of the ark.
		1. Genesis 6:14-15
		2. God details the scale of the ark.
			1. There are 3 million cubic feet of space in the ark.
		3. The ark had enough space for Noah, his family, and the animals.
	5. The shape of the ark.
		1. Genesis 6:15-16
		2. There was no prow (front) nor stern (back).
		3. The ark is designed like a coffin; rectangular.
			1. Back then, coffins were build out of cypress because they would not easily decay.
			2. We are buried with Christ.
		4. There was no helm.
			1. There was no human way to guide it.
		5. There was one door on the side and one window at the top.
			1. God sealed the door and nobody could open it.
			2. But Noah could open the window and look up.
		6. We are in Christ, sealed by the Holy Spirit.
			1. The window helped Noah to be heavenly-minded.
	6. The sustenance of the ark.
		1. Genesis 6:17-21
			1. God instructed Noah to take all the food that he would need for his family and for the animals.
		2. God told Noah that He would take care of all of his needs if he would come into the ark; into Him.
		3. When we come to Jesus, we have sufficiency.
	7. The schedule of the ark.
		1. Genesis 8:4
			1. The ark rested on Mount Ararat on the seventh month and the seventeenth day.
		2. The first month on the Jewish calendar is October and the seventh month is April.
		3. April 17is three days after Passover.
			1. The day that Jesus came out of the grave.
			2. Three days after His crucifixion, Jesus stood in resurrection after taking the floodwaters of God’s wrath for us.
	8. Jesus is the ark of safety.
3. GRACE PROVIDES SALVATION (Ephesians 2:8-10)
	1. There are three prepositions that explain how salvation works:
		1. “By” grace
			1. Noah was saved by grace.
				1. Genesis 6:8
				2. Genesis 6:18
				3. Romans 3:22

We are saved bygrace.

There is only one plan of salvation and that is grace.

* + - 1. God saves us apart from any works of our own, by any effort or by any good deeds.
			2. We are not saved by keeping the Ten Commandments, we are not saved by giving money, we are not saved by being good or by the sweat of our brow but by the grace of Almighty God.
			3. G.R.A.C.E. – God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense
		1. “Through” faith
			1. Genesis 7:1
				1. Noah had to take a step of faith into the ark.
			2. God told Noah and his family to “come” into the ark.
				1. Hebrews 11:7

Noah found grace in the eyes of God and Noah responded to that grace through faith and built the ark.

* + 1. “Unto” good works
			1. We are saved by grace, through faith, unto good works.
			2. We are not saved by works, but to do good works.
				1. Genesis 9:1
			3. Good works are the fruit of salvation, not the root of salvation.
			4. We are not saved by faith and works, we are saved by faith that works.
			5. We do good works not in order to be saved, but simply because we have been saved.
1. GRACE PROVIDES SECURITY (Genesis 7:1)
	1. Noah was safe in the ark.
	2. God did not tell Noah to “go” into the ark; He told him to “come” into the ark.
	3. God was in the ark.
		1. God is in Christ and Christ is the ark of safety.
			1. We will not sink unless Jesus sinks.
			2. When we are in Christ we are safe.
	4. Security is in Christ.
		1. 2 Corinthians 5:17
		2. After we believe in Christ, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise.
			1. Ephesians 1:13
		3. Not only did God shut the water out, God shut Noah in.
			1. Noah could fall down inside the Ark, but he couldn’t fall out of it.
		4. Some think if they can just make it to Heaven, they’ll be secure.
			1. If you don’t believe in security down here, what makes you think you’ll have security up there?
			2. Angels fell from Heaven.
				1. Security is not in a place, it is in Jesus.
		5. Noah was safe because the ark was safe.
			1. It had atonement on the outside and the inside.
			2. In had sufficiency on the inside.
			3. God shut the door.
		6. Not only are we saved by grace, we are kept by grace.
			1. Grace provides a Savior, a salvation and a security.
		7. Some people believe in a kind of eternal security as if Noah and his family had to hold on to pegs on the outside of the ark.
			1. If they could hold on through the rough waters, then they would be saved.
			2. Some think we are kept because we hold on to Jesus.
				1. We are kept because Jesus holds on to us.

John 10:27-30

* + - 1. We have been kept all of these years, not because we are good, but because we have a great Savior.
	1. Noah was justified by faith when he entered the ark, the Good Ship Grace.
	2. If you are saved by works you have to be kept by works.
	3. If you are saved by grace you are kept by the grace of God.
1. CONCLUSION
	1. God destroyed the world the first time with water.
	2. 2 Peter 3:3-12
		1. Peter is talking about the end days.
		2. Scoffers are people walking after their own lusts.
			1. People who mock God’s Word and are covered in sin.
		3. God destroyed the world the first time with water; He’s going to destroy it a second time with fire.
	3. Even though it’s been two thousand years since Jesus went away, it’s only been two days in the eyes of the Lord.
		1. 2 Peter 3:8
	4. Why has this world not yet suffered a baptism of fire and judgment?
		1. Because God wants more people to be saved.
		2. God does not want people to perish.
		3. Methuselah’s life was extended so more people would be saved.
			1. God has great mercy.
	5. The Day of the Lord is coming like a thief in the night.
		1. 2 Peter 3:10
			1. Matthew 24:44
			2. His return to Earth will be accompanied by a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat.
				1. “Fervent heat” literally means “fever heat,” “internal heat,” “nuclear combustion.”
	6. God wants you saved today.
		1. Judgment is coming.
		2. The Earth is going to melt with fever heat; therefore, we need to be in the ark of safety, who is Jesus Christ, and know the grace of Almighty God.
	7. Only those who are in Jesus will survive God’s judgment.
	8. Noah went into the ark poor but came out rich.
		1. Matthew 5:5
	9. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
	10. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
		1. Romans 3:23
		2. Romans 10:9-10
		3. Romans 10:13
		4. Acts 16:31
		5. John 3:16