

Speaking Truth In Love

God commanded Noah to build an ark of specific design (Gen 6:14-21). *“Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did”* (Gen 6:22). Noah’s family helped him, and so they were all saved from God’s wrath (Gen 6-9).

The Bible says Noah was saved by faith: *“By **faith** Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith”* (Heb 11:7). The faith that saved Noah was an obedient trust that he had in God’s word (Gen 6:22; Rom 10:17). If Noah had refused to build the ark he would have died in the flood with the sinful mass of humanity, but Noah was saved by faith because he quickly obeyed God’s command (Heb 11:7).

The Bible also says Noah was also saved by grace, *“...Noah found **grace** in the eyes of the LORD”* (Gen. 6:8). Noah’s faith did not negate, nullify nor work against God’s grace.

Today, when we obey God by believing the gospel of Christ, repenting of our sins and being baptized, we do not cancel out God’s grace, we seek it *“by **faith**”* (Gal 3:26-27; Col 2:11-12; Heb 11; see also Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21). Salvation is offered to those who obey Christ (Heb 5:9).

As Noah’s salvation depended on his obedience to God, so does our salvation. We too must obey Him or live in fear of His judgment (2 Thess 1:7-9). Do you have an obedient trust faith like Noah? Do you seek to have a good conscience toward God (1 Pet 3:21)?

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