

NOAH'S ARK AND THE CHURCH 162

TEXT: Gen. 7:1-7.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. You might ask, "What does the Ark of Noah have anything to do with the church?"
- B. As we will see the Ark was a type of the church.
- C. We want to compare the saving power of the church to Noah's ark.
- D. Gen. 6:5-22.

BODY:

I. THE ARK WAS:

- A. God's plan to save man-Noah.
- B. The only place to be safe.
- C. A place of security- Gen. 7:15-16.
- D. A place of separation.
- E. Accepted by only a few- 1 Pet. 3:20.
- F. Rejected by most.
- G. The plans were given by God and had to be followed.

II. THE PEOPLE WERE NOT SAVED BY:

- A. Being almost inside the Ark- Gen. 7:22-23.
- B. By looking at the Ark.
- C. By wanting in.
- D. By coming in and leaving.

III. THE CHURCH IS:

A. God's way to save- Acts 17:30-31.

1. Christ said- Matt. 16:17-18.
2. Eph. 2:19-22.

B. The only way to be saved.

1. One body- Eph. 4:3-6.
2. Col. 1:18.
3. Jn. 8:24.

C. A place of security- Acts 2:47.

1. Security or assurance-"entire confidence."
2. 24-"Blessed Assurance."
3. Used in Acts 2:36.
4. Col. 2:2-3.
5. Heb. 6:11-12.
6. Heb. 10:19-23.

D. A place of separation.

1. Signifies a separation to God.
2. Translated HOLY.
 - a. Rom. 12:1.
 - b. 1 Cor. 3:17.
 - c. Eph. 1:3-4.
 - d. 1 Pet. 1:15-16.

E. Accepted by only a few.

1. Matt. 7:13-14.

2. Matt. 7:21-27.

F. Rejected by most.

1. Jn. 1:11-13.

2. Matt. 22:14.

G. Given by God and must be followed.

1. 1 Cor. 4:6.

2. Rev. 22:18-19.

IV. PEOPLE ARE NOT SAVED BY:

A. Almost obeying.

1. Acts 26:28.

2. 17-"Almost Persuaded."

B. By looking at the church- Jn. 3:3-5.

C. By wanting in-rich young ruler- Matt. 19:16-22.

D. By coming in and then leaving.

1. Lk. 9:62.

2. 2 Pet. 2:20-22.

CONCLUSION:

A. The ark was a foretaste of the church.

B. The chart shows.

C. 1 Pet. 3:18-22.