

How Was Noah Saved?

Genesis 6:7-8

Introduction

1. What saved Noah? Depending on whom you ask, you may hear different answers—grace, faith, or obedience. Each answer contains an important truth. Yet above all, we recognize that God saved Noah. The question is thus: How did God save him?
2. Understanding Noah's salvation helps us better understand how God saves people today

I. The Need for Salvation

- A. Before asking what saved Noah, we must first ask why he needed to be saved.
 1. God's judgment was coming upon the world because of mankind's wickedness (Genesis 6:5–7). Everyone would perish unless God provided a way of escape.
 2. Noah was described as “a righteous man, blameless in his generation,” and one who “walked with God” (Genesis 6:9). However, this does not mean he was sinlessly perfect (Romans 3:23).
 3. Even those who walk with God still struggle with sin (1 John 1:5–10). The wages of sin is death, and salvation is always God's gift (Romans 6:23).
- B. Noah needed salvation because judgment was certain, and only God could provide deliverance.

II. Noah Saved by Grace

- A. “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord” (Genesis 6:8, KJV).
 1. Everything began with God's grace. Had God not extended grace to Noah, there would have been no opportunity for salvation.
 2. How did grace save Noah?
 - a. By grace, God chose to provide a way of salvation.
 - b. By grace, God warned Noah about the coming judgment. Without that warning, Noah would never have known destruction was coming.
 - c. By grace, God revealed the plan for salvation by giving detailed instructions for the ark. Noah did not have to invent his own way of escape.
 - d. By grace, God preserved Noah and his family throughout the Flood. Although they were in the ark, it was God who safely carried them through the judgment.
 3. Grace made salvation possible from beginning to end.

III. Noah Saved by Faith

- A. “By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark...” (Hebrews 11:7).
 1. God's grace called for a response, and that response was faith.
 2. How did faith save Noah?
 - a. By faith, Noah believed God's word, even though he had never seen a flood. Faith is confidence in things hoped for and conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).
 - b. Faith comes by hearing God's word (Romans 10:17).
 - c. By faith, Noah trusted God's plan without changing or improving it. Scripture says, “According to all that God commanded him, so he did” (Genesis 6:22; cf. 7:5).
 - d. By faith, Noah acted on what he believed. Biblical faith is never merely intellectual agreement—it moves us to action.
 3. Faith accepted God's gracious offer of salvation.

IV. Noah Saved by Faith

- A. "Noah...prepared an ark for the saving of his household" (Hebrews 11:7).
1. Grace provided salvation. Faith trusted God's promise.
 2. Obedience carried out God's instructions.
 3. Had Noah refused to obey, the ark would never have been built, and he would have perished with everyone else.
 4. How did obedience save Noah?
 - a. Through obedience, Noah built the ark—the very means God had appointed for his deliverance.
 - b. Through obedience, Noah demonstrated genuine faith. His actions showed that he truly believed God.
 - c. Through obedience, Noah stood apart from the sinful world. Hebrews says his faithful obedience "condemned the world" (Hebrews 11:7).
 5. Noah's obedience did not earn God's grace; it was the faithful response to God's gracious provision.

V. How This Applies to Us

- A. Noah's salvation illustrates the same principles found in our salvation today.
1. We are saved by God's grace (Ephesians 2:8–9). Salvation cannot be earned because all have sinned (Romans 3:23; 6:23).
 2. We are saved through faith (1 Peter 1:9). Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).
 3. Saving faith obeys God.
 - a. Christ is "the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5:9).
 - b. James reminds us:
 - 1) Faith is completed by works (James 2:22–24).
 - 2) "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26)
 4. Grace, faith, and obedience do not compete with one another.
 5. God's grace provides salvation, faith receives it, and obedience demonstrates living faith.

Conclusion

1. Noah was saved because God graciously provided a way of escape.
2. Noah believed God's word and obediently followed God's instructions.
3. In that sense, Noah was saved by grace through faith expressed in obedient trust.
4. Peter teaches that Noah's deliverance through water foreshadowed our salvation in Christ (1 Peter 3:20–21)
5. Just as God provided one way of escape from the Flood, He has provided one Savior today.
6. His grace invites us, faith receives Him, and obedient faith responds to His will.
7. The God who saved Noah still saves today.