

Saved in Jesus Christ

Genesis 7-8

Sermon Discussion Questions

November 14, 2021

1. Have you tended to view the story of Noah and the ark simply as history, a cool Old Testament Story? Consider how Noah's time in the ark points to our salvation in Christ, as well as baptism. Does this change the way you look at and think about this story? In what way?
2. There are 91 instances in the New Testament when the preposition "in" or "into" is joined to Christ. Given its importance, do you feel you would be able to explain to a new believer or a child, what "In Christ" means?

How does the story of Noah's ark, help explain all the many blessings available "in Christ" (salvation, security, community, etc.)?

3. Noah's ark reminds us that death is all around us, still. If not in flood waters, it is around us in many" other ways. Romans 8:36 quotes Psalm 44 when it states "As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.". However, the chapter doesn't end there. Read Romans 8:37-39. How can you be encouraged and encourage others through these verses? (Can you spot the preposition "in" next to "Christ"?)
4. What are your thoughts on the idea that being outside of church is to be outside of the ark/Christ? What do you think about the idea that being in Christ means Christians should be in the church regularly?

Think about if you or anyone you know is reluctant to attend church. Think about if you or someone you know is likely to replace church with things like Sunday School, small groups, sporting events, kid's events on a regular basis. Is there a way in which Calvary Church can help you or someone you know regularly attend church (any godly church)? What are some barriers that we could help you, or someone you know, overcome?

5. We learned that the story of Noah in Genesis 7-8 is related to the importance of baptism and the celebration of communion. While baptism is the sign given to those who entering into Christ, communion is the sign that God gives for us who are living in Christ. Are you or someone you know eager to be baptized like entering into the ark? Please let Calvary know so we can help you prepare and participate in baptism.

Also, please enjoy participating in communion like sharing food in the ark. Remember that outside of Christ only death awaits. If you have some people whom you would like to invite to Calvary Church, could you please let your colleagues know and pray together for their souls?