



Living By Faith

“The just shall live by faith.” Romans 1:17

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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:45 AM
Worship..... 10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service..... 2:30 PM
Redstone Service..... 2:30 PM
Worship..... 6:00 PM

Tuesday:

Redstone Class 9:30 AM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class..... 10:00 AM
Bible Study..... 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister Billy Chism

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Works We Support:

Belize Mission & Kindergarten
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Let us know if you want to study
the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.

We Can Have What Noah Had

by Jason Hilburn

Thousands of years after the global flood of Noah’s day, the Holy Spirit inspired the writer of Hebrews to take the readers’ minds back to the days of Noah: *“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith”* (Hebrews 11:7). These words should encourage us to be the kind of faithful followers of God that Noah was. If we are faithful Christians today, we are blessed in many ways similar to Noah: Noah had a warning from God – *“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet...”* God had warned Noah about the coming flood: *“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood...”* (Genesis 6:11-14). Just as God had given Noah a warning about the forthcoming judgment in the form of a global flood, God has also given us warnings about the second coming of Christ and the judgment to follow: *“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be... Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh”* (Matthew 24:36-39, 44; cf. Acts 17:30, 31; 2 Peter 3:10, etc.). It is also interesting to note that Noah did not keep this warning to himself – Noah preached the Word of God to warn others also: *“And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly”* (2 Peter 2:5). We should be warning others of the judgment to come, just as Noah warned those of his day: *“Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus”* (Colossians 1:28). It is truly a blessing from God to have warnings about the judgment to come.

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*Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me,
in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.*

2 Timothy 1:13

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Noah had a fear of God – Noah was “...moved with fear...” Noah had a deep respect for God Almighty, and he knew that God was going to do exactly what He said He would do. This fear of the Lord “moved” Noah to action, and thereby separated him from those who despised the instruction of the Lord: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction...For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof” (Proverbs 1:7, 29, 30). We would be wise to fear the Lord and be “moved” to actions of obedience just as Noah was.

Noah had obedient faith in God – “By faith Noah...prepared...” Notice that Noah acted upon his faith in God with obedience! When we go back to the account recorded in Genesis we read: “Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he” (Genesis 6:22). Noah could have believed the words of God, and then refused to build the ark; however faith without obedience would not have saved him. We cannot be saved without obedience any more than Noah could have been saved without building the ark (Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:9; James 2:14-26, etc.). Important also is the fact that Noah did not have to see he flood with his own eyes to believe the flood was coming. It was “by faith” that Noah prepared for the coming flood. The writer of Hebrews told us in this same chapter that “faith is...the evidence of things not seen...” (Hebrews 11:1). Noah had never seen a flood before, but he believed the Word of God (Romans 10:17). He was walking “by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Noah had a place of safety – “By faith Noah...prepared an ark to the saving of his house...” Because Noah believed and obeyed God, Noah was given a place

of safety – a refuge from the wrath of God. The ark lifted Noah and his family above the destructive waters of the flood, and this was the only safe place available. Today there is only one safe place available to avoid the wrath of God, and that is in the church which Christ built. When a person obeys God “by faith,” being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of his sins, he is added to the Lord’s church: “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost...Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added [unto them] about three thousand souls...And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:38, 41, 47). Paul wrote that we are “baptized into one body” (1 Corinthians 12:13), and Christ is the Savior of that one body: “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body” (Ephesians 5:23). Peter compared the salvation of Noah and his family to the way we are saved today: “...once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us...” (1 Peter 3:20, 21). Just as Noah and his family could be confident of their safety as long as they remained in the ark, we can be confident of our spiritual safety as long we remain in the Lord’s church.

Noah had family – Noah’s “house” is mentioned by the writer of Hebrews. This is referring to Noah’s family, who apparently believed the Word of God also. Today if a person is a Christian, he has family. He may not have any earthly family members, but if he is a Christian he has a Father and a multitude of brothers and sisters. The true followers of Christ all have the same heavenly Father, and we are the siblings of Christ by adoption: Jesus said, “...go to my brethren, and say unto

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Television	God’s Plan for Redeeming Man	Bible Reading Schedule
The Truth In Love (Eddie Parrish) Sunday @ 7:00 am on KTAB In Search of the Lord’s Way (Mack Lyon) Sunday @ 7:30 am on KTAB Gospel Broadcasting Network Online: 24/7 @ gbntv.org Good News Today: Sunday @ 6:00 am on Dish: 259, DirectTV: 364, Harris: 208	Hear Learn the saving message of Christ’s sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17). Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24) Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33) Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5) Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)	Sunday...Numbers 3-4; Mark 6:1-29 Monday...Numbers 5-6; Mark 6:30-56 Tuesday...Numbers 7; Mark 7:1-23 Wednesday...Numbers 8; Mark 7:24-37 Thursday...Numbers 9-10; Mark 8:1-21 Friday...Numbers 11-13; Mk 8:22-38 Saturday...Numbers 14; Mark 9:1-29 <i>Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim. 2:15)</i>
Radio Preaching the Word (Michael Light) Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3		

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them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God" (John 20:17). "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Galatians 4:4, 5). "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God..." (1 John 3:1).

Noah had faithfulness – "...by the which he condemned the world..." The fact that Noah faithfully obeyed God proved that it was possible to serve God faithfully! This was a testimony against all those of Noah's day who refused to serve God (cf. Matthew 12:41, 42). No matter what dispensation of time under which one may have lived, it has always been possible to be a faithful servant of God. Being faithful does not mean being perfect. Noah was not perfect, but he was faithful. Those who have obeyed the Gospel and have become children of God can be faithful today as well, if we will truly repent when we sin, confess our sins to God, and pray to God for forgiveness (Acts 8:22-24; 1 John 1:7-9).

Noah had an inheritance – Noah "...became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." Noah became the heir of the righteousness and blessings that are obtained through obedient faith in God. These blessings would later be fully realized because of the sacrifice the Son of God would make for Noah's sins and ours (Hebrews 2:9; 1 John 2:1, 2).

Noah was blessed because "...Noah walked with God" (Genesis 6:9). Let us also walk in the light with God, and through Christ we will have access to the greatest blessings ever known to man!

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

Visitation Program

Remember to join us for our **visitation meeting following the evening worship services in the fellowship hall.** Last week **17 contacts** were made.

Ladies Class

Remember our **ladies class every Wednesday at 10 AM** in the fellowship hall— Join us as we study the life of Christ.

Thank You

Dear Christian friends, I want to thank you for the nice cards, phone calls, and most of all the prayers that were offered for me. It is so nice to have special friends.

Best Wishes, Bernice Perkins

Thank you so much for all of the cards and prayers for Thomas and the family while he is in the hospital. Please continue to keep us all in your prayers. Kari Rejcek and Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO:

March Birthdays: Ken Manninger (04); John Greer (07); Maidee Wheeler (07); Allen Griffith (20); Mileen Kahlich (21); Michael Bickford (23); Zach Middleton (23); James Thomas (23); Jessica Stultz (28); Ethel Adams (29).

March Anniversaries: Cindy & James Fuller (02); Billie & Clarence Ford (20); Carol & Tom Wilcox (23).

"Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Ryan know...



	Recent Records	February 14, 2010	February 21, 2010
Bible Class		61	57
AM Worship		81	70
PM Worship		55	59
Wednesday PM		43	49
Contribution		\$1532	\$1496

Privileged to Serve	02/28/10 - AM	02/28/10 - PM	03/07/10 - AM	03/07/10 - PM
Greeters	Jim & Peg Moore		James & Cindy Fuller	
Scripture Reader Scripture Reading		James Fuller Eccl 11:9-12:1		Hank Wheeler
Opening Prayer	Ken Makuta	Gene Bannister	Allen Griffith	Jim Moore
Wait on Table	Allen Griffith*, Jim Moore Gene Bannister, Michael Bickford	Allen Griffith	Don Smith*, Garrett Barnum John Barnum, Ken Makuta	Don Smith
Closing Prayer	Tom Wilcox	Billy Chism	Gene Bannister	James Thomas
Attendance Cards	Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey		Chase Churchwell Seth Smithey	
Wednesday Devotionals	March 3 James Fuller	March 10 Ken Makuta	March 17 Allen Griffith	March 24 Jim Moore

Studies For The Week of February 28th:

Sunday Class 1 Corinthians (Chap. 6)

Wednesday Class Minor Prophets: Joel 2-3

What Moses Saw on Mount Nebo (Deut. 34)

Moses is now 120 years old but still strong (v7); however, it is now time to die but first he is allowed to climb Mount Nebo.

- 1) **He Saw Canaan – the Land of Rest and Promise**
 - a) It is the land of reward and rest for Israel that serves as a reminder of our eternal reward (Ex 3:8; Heb. 3-4).
 - b) It is a reminder of the faithfulness of God; He keeps His promises through the generations (Gen. 12:7; Ex. 3:17; Josh. 21:43, 45; 2 Pet. 3:9; Tit. 1:2; 2 Tim. 1:12).
- 2) **He Saw Rebellion's Cost**
 - a) His own rebellion against God's command will now keep him from entering this land (Num. 20:7-12).
 - b) Rebellion, like all sin, will have its costs (1 Sam. 15:23; Rom. 6:23; Matt. 7:13-14).
- 3) **He Saw the Restraint of Sin**
 - a) Sin promises freedom but brings restraint (Rom. 6:16).
 - b) Sin will restrain us mentally (Isa. 57:20; Lk. 15:17), spiritually (Isa. 59:1-2), from service to God (Ps. 51:12-13); and from fellowship with God (1 John 1:7; 2 John 9).
- 4) **He Saw the Rigidity of God's Word**
 - a) God meant what He said, He would not change (Deut 3:24-26).
 - b) Remember God is truthfull & means exactly what He says (Ps. 119:89; Rev. 22:18; John 12:48; Heb. 9:27; Matt. 7:21-23).

Remember these things are recorded for our learning (Rom. 15:4)

Teach Your Children Early

We have seen that statistically 2/3 teens will not be active by the time they are 20; now we being looking at what might be done.

- 1) **Young people are leaving earlier than you might think.**
 - a) 20 may be when many are just no longer there physically.
 - b) But, possibly up to 90% of those who will leave are already gone by middle and high school age (even though active).
- 2) **We need to start teaching our children from an early age.**
 - a) We cannot underestimate our children's ability to learn when the world is not; they are teaching our children very early.
 - b) We need to be able to instill faith in our children and help them with their questions (Deut. 6:6-7; 1 Pet .3:15).
- 3) **Our Children Need Examples to Imitate**
 - a) Children not left in Egypt (cf. World) (Ex. 10:9-11).
 - b) Taught by word and example (Deut. 6:6-9; Josh. 4:6-7).
 - c) Children saw their parents devotion and were present to learn (Josh. 8:35; Joel 2:16; Neh. 8:2).
 - d) Children can be corrupted by our example (Neh. 13:23-26).
 - e) Our charge is to teach (Eph. 6:4; Phil. 2:15-16).
- 4) **Teach Children They Can Be Faithful**
 - a) Solomon taught such (Prov. 1:7-9; Eccl. 11:10, 12:1, 12-14).
 - b) Daniel and Timothy proved such (Dan. 1:8; 2 Tim. 3:15, 1 Tim. 4:11-12).
 - c) Children must be taught about God and His Word (Ps. 119:9).

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