

### AN INVITATION WITH A PURPOSE – V. 1

- While the Ark is in many ways a foreshadow of the cross, we find that the cross is even better in that-
  - There is a universal invitation to the cross – “whosoever will” –But a specific invitation to the ark – “you and all your household.”
  - The invitation to the cross is based on the righteousness of Christ. Noah’s invitation to the ark was based on his own righteousness.
- The Gospel of Jesus Christ is that anyone may come and receive forgiveness based on the righteousness of Christ and His propitiatory work.

### A SACRIFICE – V. 2-3

- Though we are not given instruction about sacrifices and clean animals until the giving of the law, they are clearly evident prior to the law.
- Instructional arguments for the church should be based on clear New Testament teaching to the church, not on Biblical precedent.
  - Should we eat pork?
  - Should we make animal sacrifices?
  - Should we observe the Sabbath?

### A DEADLINE FOR JUDGMENT – V. 4

- God has always given instruction that would prepare His people for coming calamity.
- Our period of opportunity today is a time to “do business...until I come” (Luke 19:13).
- The 40 days and nights of rain were the beginning of the use of 40 as a time-period of testing and judgment.
  - Moses fasted 40 days in God’s presence over the sin of Israel.
  - Israel wandered 40 years in the wilderness.
  - Jesus was 40 days without food in the wilderness during temptation.

### AN OBEDIENCE – VV. 5-14

- Noah’s obedience was not without option
  - He could have procrastinated

- He could have pontificated
  - He could have abdicated
- Since his introduction, we have known Noah for 100 years.
  - His children were 100 years old or younger.
  - His sons could have been triplets.
  - We know nothing of the role of his sons and daughters-in-law in either the building of the ark, the attitude of their heart, or the righteousness of their living.
- The obedience saved them from what may have been an almost instantaneous flood (vv. 10-11)
  - Noah entered the ark on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month.
  - On the day he entered, “the fountains of the great deep burst open.”

### A CLOSED DOOR – VV. 15-16

- Noah’s family and “all flesh in which was the breath of life” came “to Noah” for their protection.
- Just as the door was closed in Noah’s day, so the day of opportunity in our day is limited to God’s timing. Revelation 3:7-8

### A SAFE DELIVERANCE – VV. 17-24

- The flood was worldwide in coverage (v. 19-20)
- The flood was universal in destruction of “all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life.”
- The waters remained upon the earth 150 days, a number implying the completeness of God’s governmental rule graciously given.