

Where God Has Placed Salvation

Introduction

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:1-8 – #1

1. **Salvation is a very interesting subject.**
 - A. **In some instances man is able to save himself from dangers and calamities.**
 - B. **At other times man must depend on other men to save him.**
 - C. **And in some instances man must rely upon God to save him.**
2. **Some of these cases of God saving man, are recorded in the Word of God and we will consider them as we study this lesson.**

Where Did God Place Salvation at the Flood?

1. **In time, the earth became filled with sin and wickedness and God decided to destroy all life from the earth.**
Genesis 6:5-7
2. **Noah found grace in the eyes of God and God made known to Noah a way of salvation from the destruction that God was about to pour forth!**
Genesis 6:8
3. **God instructed Noah on what to do and Noah followed God's instruction to the letter, made the ark, entered in as God commanded, and the flood came just as God had forewarned.**
Genesis 6:13-18
Genesis 7:7, 19, 21

4. Where did God place salvation at the flood? (IN THE ARK)

- A. Were any saved outside the ark?**
- B. Did others have the right to build another ark?**
- C. Could they enter the ark of their choice and be saved?**

Where Did God Place Salvation at the Passover?

- 1. The children of Israel were in Egyptian bondage and God determined to send one last plague upon the land of Egypt.**
 - A. Again, the wrath of God came upon man because of sin.
Exodus 11:1, 4-6**
- 2. God, because of his love and concern for the Israelites, revealed a means of salvation to them.
Exodus 12:3-7, 12-13, 29**
- 3. They killed the proper animal, sprinkled the blood on the door posts and waited in the houses, just as God had INSTRUCTED them.**
 - A. God passed through the land that night, killing the first-born.**
- 4. Where did God place salvation at the Passover?
(THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB)**
 - A. Were any saved who were not under the blood?**
 - B. Many argue that man can do nothing to save himself.**
 - 1) Who put the blood on the door posts?**

WHERE DID GOD PLACE SALVATION IN THE WILDERNESS?

1. **The people grumbled and complained against God and Moses and were guilty of sin.**
Numbers 21:5

2. **Because of their sin God sent fiery serpents among the people and many were bitten and died.**
Numbers 21:6-9

3. **They confessed their sins and asked Moses to pray to God for them.**
 - A. **This Moses did and God made possible a way of salvation.**

4. **Where did God place salvation in the wilderness? (BRONZE SNAKE)**
 - A. **Were any healed who did not follow God's plan?**

 - B. **Could a man look on the snake of his choice?**

Where Has God Placed Salvation for Man Today?

1. **The Bible plainly teaches that Christ will save only those who obey Him.**

Hebrews 5:8-9

- A. **To the alien sinner one must:**

- 1) **Believe in God (Romans 10:10; John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6)**

Romans 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

John 8:24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- 2) **Repent of Sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3)**

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

Luke 13:3 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

- 3) **Confess Christ (Acts 8:37; Romans 10:10)**

Acts 8:37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

Romans 10:10with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

4) Be Baptized (Acts 22:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21)

Acts 22:16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

2. Once one obeys Christ then the Bible is just as plain in teaching that God adds all the saved to the church that Christ built.

Acts 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

A. God makes no mistakes - all who have been saved since the resurrection of Christ have been added to the same church.

B. Anyone outside of Christ's church, who is accountable, is lost.

3. In the New Testament Christ has promised to save no other church but His own.

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

4. Man is lost in sin (Romans 3:23).

A. God has provided a way of salvation.

Romans 1:16-17

B. Those who refuse to obey will be eternally punished.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

C. Can a man join the “church of his choice” and be saved?

1) If so, who said so?

5. Everyone would be quick to agree where God placed salvation in the first three instances ----- WHY NOT THE FOURTH?

Conclusion

1. God has always offered man the way of salvation - to escape his sins.

2. He also gave us the freedom of choice to determine whether we want to accept His offer.

A. Won't you accept His offer today?

Invitation

Place

Date