

What Does Faith Do?

2 Pt.2:5, eighth

- Noah, with seven others (lit., 'as the eighth') –
 - Not eighth from Adam
 - Stresses a low number (*few*, 1 Pt.3:20)
- 1. Noah's faith (like Abel and Enoch) also includes future events – unheard of
- 2. Enoch walked with God as world slid into corruption...
 - Noah walked with God when world was at its worst

I. By Faith We
Prepare For Judgment

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 4. Noah's decision . . .

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 - a. **Numbers.** Only family boarded ark...
 - b. **Logic.** Ship on dry land? World-flood? Scientists...? Looked ridiculous...
 - c. **Desire.** Most want to stay in sin...
 - d. **Relatives** (living / dead). Saved w/o ark...
 - e. **Visible evidence.** 'Things not yet seen.'
No sign of rain. Mountain-high flood??
[2 Pt.3:5-7, same word...]
 - f. **Earthly blessings and pleasures.**

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 5. We either believe or we don't
 6. Noah motivated by faith: believed God

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- Attitude: Godly fear. 5:7; 12:28; 11:7
- Action: Prepared ark
 - Favorite word for construction of ships
 - Moved by godly fear . . . obeyed . . . prepared ark . . . saved family . . . condemned world (. . . Hb.11:7, by words . . . 2 Pt.2:5, by example)

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 - Gn.5:32, Noah, age 500 ... became father ...
 - Gn.7:6, age 600, flood came
 - Spent 100+ years to fulfill a single command of God
 - “By which”? Faith? Ark? Salvation?
 - Hb.10:30, equally dangerous for readers

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- Achievement:
 - Judged world: 2 Pt.2:5, by preaching
 - Lot (Gn.19:1, 14)
 - Noah's audience: worst sinners, Gn.6:5
 - Noah judged by example. Mt.12:41;
1 Pt.4:4

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 - Heir of righteousness:
 - Gn.6:9, already righteous
 - Hb.11:7, became righteous
 - 2 Pt.2:5, preacher of righteousness

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II. Noah's Faith Described

- Righteous: Gn.6:9. Ezk.14:14, 20
- Blameless: complete, sound; without blemish
- Walk with God: Gn.6:9. Am.3:3
- Strict obedience: Faith w/o works... Ja.2:26
 - Command: Gn.6:14, ark . . . Gopher
 - Details: Gn.6:3
 - 120 years preparation, hard labor
 - Preaching ... no positive results
 - Worked to support family
 - Spiritual training of family – shared faith

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III. NT Parallels

- Foreshadows **coming of Christ**, sudden judgment, Mt.24:37-39
- Noah saved by **grace**, Gn.6:8. Ep.2:8
- Noah saved by **faith**, Hb.11:7. Ep.2:8
- Noah saved by **obedience**, Gn.6:9,22. Hb.5:9
- Noah saved by **water**, 1 Pt.3:20. 1 Pt.3:21

At the very time God was preparing judgment,
He was preparing a way of escape.

Noah warned sinners for 120 years. 2 Pt.3:10

1. Noah took God at His word
2. Noah was not deterred by mockery or unbelief
3. Hb.11:7, Noah's faith saved him and his family
 - Faith may save readers from destruction
 - Hb.10:39 – tired, abused, tempted to quit
 - Remedy: faith (10:32-37)
 - Noah walked with God even in darkest days

4. Faith cost Abel his life...but gave him the greatest gain . . .

– Enoch was taken from this life . . . another gain

• . . . Noah saved family's life