

Lesson #1

NOAH'S BAPTISM

During the month of May, our Sunday study will be four special lessons on baptism associated with important biblical people.

- May 4 **Noah's Baptism** **1 Pet.3:18-22**
- May 11 Moses' Baptism 1 Cor.10:1-2
- May 18 John's Baptism John 1:19-34
- May 25 Jesus' Baptism Matt.3:11-12

Noah's Baptism will be studied by the following five homiletic points.

- Suffering for sin (v18) death of Christ
- Speaking to spirits (v19) burial of Christ
- Saved by water (v20) ark of Noah
- Spiritual lesson (v21a) anti-type of baptism
- Spiritual baptism (v21b-v22) resurrection-ascension of Jesus Christ

This lesson will study SEVEN aspects of Noah's Baptism of water as an anti-type of Jesus' Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

1. The floodwater of Noah's day destroyed all the unbelievers of the Ante-diluvian.

All those submerged by the floodwater were destroyed (Gen.7:21-24; Luke 17:27).

All those destroyed by the floodwater were ungodly (AOS) (Gen.6:5,12).

“And did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the *world of the ungodly*.” (2 Pet.2:5)

2. The floodwater of Noah's day saved all the believers of the Ante-diluvian aboard the ark.

All those who were aboard Noah's ark weren't submerged by the floodwater. God's grace preserved all those aboard the ark (2 Pet.2:5; Gen.8).

“By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he *condemned the world*, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.” (Heb.11:7)

3. This is not teaching baptismal regeneration.

All eight members of Noah's ark were already saved (Gen.6:8-9; Heb.11:7; 2 Pet.2:5).

The floodwater sent by God had a negative and a positive effect upon the Ante-diluvian civilization. The negative effect was that it destroyed everything outside the ark. The positive effect was that it preserved everything inside the ark.

4. Noah's baptism was associated with God's authority and power over Satan and demonic powers.

"Who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him." (1 Pet.3:22)

"And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day." (Jude 6)

"In which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison." (1 Pet.3:19)

5. Noah's baptism was the anti-type of the Post-diluvian security from divine judgment upon the world of the ungodly.

Everyone and thing aboard the ark was secured from God's judgment upon the world.

"And corresponding to that (*ho antitupos*), baptism now saves you – not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience – through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." (1 Pet.3:21)

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Rom.8:1)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life." (John 5:24)

6. Therefore, Noah's baptism was an anti-type of baptism based upon the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension-session of Jesus Christ (1 Pet.3:18-22).

This is Jesus' baptism of the Holy Spirit declared by John the Baptist (Matt.3:11-12; John 7:37-39;14-16).

"But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified." (John 7:39) (Acts 1:4-8; 2:31-33)

7. Jesus' baptism of the Holy Spirit places every church age believer into union with Jesus Christ seated at the right hand of God in heaven.

"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit." (1 Cor.12:13)

"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." (Gal.3:27)