

Problem:

be still and know i am God - its so hard in this fallen world to remember this - what if you were Noah? do you think he ever during

In our attempt to remove baptism from salvation we trivialize it and many folks have no picture to remind them of their identification in this fallen world

CPT:

Intro: Gen 6-7 (Psalm 46) - be still and know that I am God - how would this be for Noah

Christ was delivered through suffering

1Pet. 3:18 ¶ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh (dative of reference or in the sphere of His body) but made alive in (by) the spirit (dative of agency or by the Spirit),

1Pet. 3:19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,

1Pet. 3:20 because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

-for- 1 Pet 3:13-17

-also- 1 Peter 2:21-23 - entrusting Himself ->4:19

-put to death in the flesh but made alive -

- understanding the datives- (1 Tim 3:16; Rom 1:3-4) (His human spirit not in view)

- understood the same in our case - (2 Cor 4:7-18)

-through the Holy Spirit - He (Christ) preached through Noah (augustinian view)- (similar usage to 1 Peter 1:10-12)

-God's patience waited 120 years of preaching - (Gen 6:3) -before wiping out everything that breathed

-no one was paying attention or caring - lk 17:26-27

-and He likewise preaches through us and no one is caring— 2 Peter 3:1-13 - what?

notes

3:19–20. Through whom ... He ... preached to the spirits in prison has been subject to many interpretations. Some believe Peter here referred to the descent of Christ's Spirit into hades between His death and resurrection to offer people who lived before the Flood a second chance for salvation. However, this interpretation has no scriptural support.

Others have said this passage refers to Christ's descent into hell after His crucifixion to proclaim His victory to the imprisoned fallen angels referred to in 2 Peter 2:4–5, equating them with "the sons of God" Moses wrote about (Gen. 6:1–2). Though much commends this view as a possible interpretation, the context seems more likely to be referring to humans rather than angels.

The "spirits" (pneumasin, a term usually applied to supernatural beings but also used at least once to refer to human "spirits"; cf. Heb. 12:23) are described in 1 Peter 3:20 as those who were disobedient when God waited patiently for Noah to finish building the ark. They had rebelled against the message of God during the 120 years the ark was being built. God declared He would not tolerate people's wickedness forever, but would extend His patience for only 120 more years (Gen. 6:3). Since the entire human race except Noah (Gen. 6:5–9) was evil, God determined to "wipe mankind ... from the face of the earth." The "spirits" referred to in 1 Peter 3:20 are probably the souls of the evil human race that existed in the days of Noah. Those "spirits" are now "in prison" awaiting the final judgment of God at the end of the Age.

The problem remains as to when Christ preached to these "spirits." Peter's explanation of the resurrection of Christ (3:18) "by the Spirit" brought to mind that the preincarnate Christ was actually in Noah, ministering through him, by means of the Holy Spirit. Peter (1:11) referred to the "Spirit of Christ" in the Old Testament prophets. Later he described Noah as "a preacher of righteousness" (2 Peter 2:5). The Spirit of Christ preached through Noah to the ungodly humans who, at the time of Peter's writing, were "spirits in prison" awaiting final judgment.

This interpretation seems to fit the general theme of this section (1 Peter 3:13–22)—keeping a good conscience in unjust persecution. Noah is presented as an example of one who committed himself to a course of action for the sake of a clear conscience before God, though it meant enduring harsh ridicule. Noah did not fear men but obeyed God and proclaimed His message. Noah's reward for keeping a clear conscience in unjust suffering was the salvation of himself and his family, who were saved through water, being brought safely through the Flood.

—Roger M. Raymer, "1 Peter" In , in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 1 Pe 3:19–20.)

You will be too,

1Pet. 3:21 Baptism, which corresponds to this **(flood ->being saved through water)**, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

1Pet. 3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

-our hope is not pictured in reformation but in baptism - Rom 6:1-11

-we are not to identify with the water but to go through it IN Christ who went through death - 1 Cor 12:13; Gal 3:27

think of forest fire burned before you

Christ is the ark of our salvation - (Gen 7:1, 13-16 9)

IN Christ

-Rom 3:21-24 - redemption IN Christ

-Rom 8:1-2 - no condemnation IN Christ, set free IN Christ

-Rom 8:37-39 - inseparable from the love of God IN Christ

-Rom 12:5 - one body IN Christ

-Rom 16:7 - the designation of salvation

-1 Cor 1:2 - set apart IN Christ

-1 Cor 1:27-30 - God chose us to put us IN Him

-2 Cor 5:16-17 - new creation IN Christ

-Gal 3:13-14 - blessings of Abraham IN Christ

-Gal 3:25-26 - sons of God IN Christ through faith

-Gal 3:27 - put on Christ IN Christ

-Gal 3:28 - equally IN Christ

-Eph 1:3-14 - blessed fully IN Christ

-Eph 2:10 - we are His new masterpiece created IN Christ

-Eph 2:13- brought near IN christ

2 Tim 1:8-9 - a holy calling IN Christ

1 Peter 3:16 - our good behavior IN Christ

1 Peter 5:10 - eternal glory IN Christ is coming

1 Peter 5:14 - ends with peace for those IN Christ -as they are about to face persecution

this is what it means to identify with Christ in baptism - this is what we are claiming in baptism

...3:21 good conscience

Be still and Remember your baptism - psalm 46

Main Idea:

Christ is the ark of our salvation

Implication:

-baptism is an appeal to God for a good conscience - an encouraging reminder for every believer of their position in the coming judgment and in their present suffering

Application:

when storms come,

be still, and remember your baptism

-if you haven't yet signed up...do so

john Piper has a very similar take on this passage - here is how he handles it:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/sermons/strengthened-to-suffer-christ-noah-and-baptism>

here is a great set of articles regarding baptism NOT being necessary for salvation:

<http://www.middletownbiblechurch.org/salvatio/baptsave.htm>