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Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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Can You See the Rainbow?

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God's people have always been challenged with tough times. The question is how did they respond and what were the results? Did they rely on God or try to figure it out themselves? As Christians, we need to be reminded that the rainbow follows the rain.

The world around Noah was *focused on all things evil continuously* (6:5) God was *sorry that He made man* (6:6). Destruction of man was coming and coming quickly (6:7). In *Genesis 6:8*, we are told that *Noah found grace* (favor) *in the eyes of God*. Noah was instructed to build an ark that would eventually save him and his family (6:13-22). Sure enough, Noah was obedient and as the rains came down and the floods came up, he and his family were safe. Everything else that lived and breathed was destroyed (7:21-23). Notice *verse 23*, *ONLY Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive*.

When they went into the ark, family, friends, neighbors, and all others *were eating and drinking, marrying wives and were given in marriage and the flood came and destroyed them all* (Luke 17:27). Now, there was nothing.

Noah and his family labored in obedience for many decades. They had to hold fast to God's commandments and trust that He would deliver them. Noah was a *preacher of righteousness* (II Peter 2:5) during construction and had to keep himself and his family from being distracted and falling into the wicked ways of the world. Along the way, his *faithfulness condemned the world and became heir of righteousness according to faith* (Heb. 11:7).

God promised them a new start when they exited the ark. *Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth* (9:1). *All living things were given into his hand* (9:2). *They could eat meat* (9:3). No more earth destroying floods (9:11) *When a cloud comes over the earth, the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud* (9:14).

Consider some promises God has made us. *Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be afraid of them* (enemies); *for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you* (Deut. 31:6) *Fear not for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God. (Is. 41:10) He calms the storm so the waves are still* (Ps. 107:29). *The Lord is good. A stronghold (defense/rock) in the day of trouble. Continues on page 2*

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Ladies Gift Exchange

December 6, 9:00 AM



Holiday Baskets

December 13, 9:00 AM



For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

THE NEW SELF PART 4

Colossians 3:13-17

- Bearing with one another- v. 13, Galatians 6:1-2, Romans 14:1-3, 15:1
- Forgiving each other- v. 13, Matthew 5:7, Luke 6:36, Matthew 18:23-25
- Love- v. 14, 1 Corinthians 13:13, Mark 12:29-31, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, Galatians 5:14-15
- Peace- v. 15, Philippians 4:7, Romans 5:1, Ephesians 2:11-22, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
- Let the word dwell in you- v. 16, Psalm 119:11,105, Romans 14:15
- Do everything in His name- v. 17, 2 Corinthians 10:5, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

NOTES:

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 421 Love Lifted Me

Prayer

Song: 716 Walking Alone at Eve

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 687 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 611 Take the Name of Jesus with You (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 532 Praise Him! Praise Him!

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:13-17

Sermon

Song: 667 There Is Power in the Blood (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 783 Will You Not Tell It To-day? (Vs. 1)

Prayer

Colossians 3:13-17 (NKJV)

- ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.
- ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.
- ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.
- ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
- ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Rainbow... continues

And He knows those who trust Him (Nahum 1:7)

God provides hope in desperate situations. God was with Noah thru the storms; He provided safety and salvation on the ark thru the flood. He is the same God today as He was back then. So, when the storms of life roll thru, who do you trust? When there is trouble in the church, who do you depend on? When everything is crumbling around you, who builds you up? The answer—**GOD**. After the rain comes, can you see the rainbow?

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23