

Noah's Ark and the Lord's Church

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Introduction:

- A. 1Peter 3:20-21 - The waters of the flood serve an illustration of New Testament baptism.
 - 1. If we look closely, we can see how the ark foreshadowed the church.

I. ONLY ONE WAY TO BUILD IT

- A. Gen. 6:14-16
- B. Psalm 127:1; Matt. 16:18

II. ONLY ONE SOURCE OF LIGHT

- A. One source of light in the ark: one window - Gen. 6:16
- B. One source of light in the church: the Bible - Psalm 119:105, 130; 2John 9-11

III. ONLY ONE ENTRANCE

- A. One door in the ark - Gen. 6:16, 7:16
- B. One entrance to the church: Jesus Christ - John 10:9; Eph. 2:18

IV. ONLY ONE FAMILY

- A. One family inside the ark - Gen. 7:1, 7
- B. One family inside the church - Gal. 3:28-29; John 17:20-21; 1Cor. 12:12-13

V. ONLY ONE VESSEL

- A. One ark; no other boats - Gen. 6:14
- B. One church; no other organizations - Eph. 1:22-23, 4:4

VI. ONLY ONE SAVING ELEMENT

- A. Saved by water - 1Peter 3:20
- B. Saved by baptism - 1Peter 3:21

VII. ONLY ONE SAFE PLACE

- A. Saved in the ark - Gen 7:23
- B. Saved in the Lord's church - Eph. 5:23; Acts 4:12

VIII. ONLY DESTRUCTION FOR THOSE OUTSIDE THE SAFE PLACE

- A. Destruction for all outside the ark - Gen. 7:20-22
- B. Destruction for all outside the church - Acts 2:47; 2Thes. 1:7-9

IX. ONLY THE LORD ASSIGNS THE WORK

- A. Noah had to feed the animals - Gen. 6:21
- B. Christians feed souls - Eph. 4:11-13

X. ONLY ONE HOPE

- A. One hope for a new world - Gen. 8:13-22
- B. One hope for a new life - 2Cor. 5:17; Isa. 65:17; Rev. 21:5

Conclusion:

- A. The church is God's ark of safety from drowning in the floods of sin and eternal death in perdition