

# Only Place of Safety!



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As the return of Christ approaches, it is more important than ever to be *in* a spiritually *safe* position of trust on the Blood of Christ—and remaining *in* that position no matter *what* we may be going through or *how* we are being tested.

<sup>1</sup> John 5:4-5 “*Every child of God overcomes the world; and the victorious principle which has overcome the world is our faith*”—keeping our trust on the Blood of Christ for spiritual guidance, divine healing, perfect protection, daily provisions, peace in our home, and with all other issues facing us.

Noah was a *preacher of righteousness*—teaching *faith* in God and *obedience* to His Word. The Ark he made represents his *faith* in God and proved his *obedience* to God’s instructions—but the world does not trust God for anything; and disobeying His Word has become common-place. Everyone has a choice—to live by *faith* in the Lord, or to live by *sight* like the world.

The majority has always disobeyed God. The apostle says <sup>1</sup> Peter 3:20-21 “*God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight [souls] in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you*”—if you continue to *trust* God in faith on the *value* of the Blood of Christ.

The false *doctrine* of *Once Saved; Always Saved*, gives a false sense of *security*—saying

that it is impossible to leave a place of safety in Christ after a one-time profession of faith in Him—but it *is* possible—and it *does* happen—all too often! That deceptive doctrine is commonly taught and accepted by many.

A minister must always be <sup>Titus 1:9</sup> “*Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort [encourage] and to convince the gainsayers [those who oppose].*” Deceitful doctrines are everywhere, so Jesus warns <sup>John 15:6</sup> “*If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*”

Millions who *profess* faith in God are not *abiding* in Christ, because they are not *trusting* in the Blood He shed for them. Instead, they seek *medical* help; lay-up *treasure* on earth; avenge *wrongs* by suing; and put *insurance* on everything for financial protection.

Millions *speak* about faith but <sup>James 2:26</sup> “*Faith is lifeless if it is unaccompanied by obedience.*” There was *one door* into Noah’s Ark—and there is *one way* into God’s Kingdom—which is by *faith* in the *sacrifice* of Christ. <sup>John 10:9</sup> “*I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved,*” because <sup>Acts 4:12</sup> “*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*”

So many *warning* in so many *verses*—<sup>Matthew 7:15</sup> “*Beware of false prophets;*” <sup>Galatians 6:7</sup> “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked;*” <sup>1 John 5:21</sup> “*Keep yourselves from idols;*” <sup>Matthew 12:50</sup> “*Whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.*” <sup>Hebrews 3:14</sup> “*We are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end.*”

Seventeen sins of the flesh will dissolve our faith in Christ—<sup>Galatians 5:19</sup> “*Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness [lewdness], 20*

*Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance [contentions], emulations [jealousy], wrath, strife, seditions [dissensions], heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings [boisterous festivities], and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*” Not many listening and even less *repenting*.

Multitudes think they are *unsinkable* because they had faith in God—one time. They believe they are *eternally* secure—no matter *what* sin; *what* wrong; or even *unbelief* they may have fallen into later. We are *saved* and *safe* and *kept*—*only* if we have *confessed* our sins; truly *repented*; and have *forsaken* those sins by God’s help.

End times *signs* are—“*Children shall rise up against their parents*” <sup>Matthew 10:21</sup> and <sup>22</sup> “*Ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.*” A day of judgment is approaching <sup>Matthew 24:21</sup> “*For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*” Noah saw the same *unbelief* in his day.

The only place of safety is under the Blood of Christ. With Satan prowling for *victims*, the world is a minefield of *pitfalls*! We must be *alert* to the danger; *accept* the Truth God has given us; and *not* allow ourselves to be distracted.

<sup>2 Peter 3:17</sup> “*Beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.*”

We are *not safe* if we are *following* the world—a world that offers a million false places of trust. <sup>2 Peter 2:4-5</sup> “*For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood*

upon the world of the ungodly;” then He will not spare anyone else either who deliberately disobeys His Word and follows the way of the world.

The global Flood is a reminder of coming destruction. <sup>1</sup> Peter 3:20 “God’s longsuffering was patiently waiting in the days of Noah during the building of the Ark, in which a few persons—eight in number—were brought safely through the water.” The worldwide Flood symbolized eternal destruction for those refusing to repent and trust God; but it symbolizes eternal salvation for those who will repent and will trust on the Blood of Jesus.

The Ark represents the cleansing work of Christ—washing away our sins. When Jesus came up from the waters of baptism, the Holy Spirit alighted on Him like a dove; and when the Ark came to rest on dry ground, a dove alighted on the boat. Trees were cut down to build the Ark, and a tree was cut down to build a cross—to forgive our sins and give us a place of safety!

God patiently waited 120 years in Noah’s time, and He is still waiting before giving the command for His Son to return. God said, *Come into the Ark*; Jesus says <sup>Matthew 19:21</sup>, “Come and follow me.” When all were in the Ark, God closed the door <sup>Genesis 7:16</sup>. <sup>Ephesians 1:13</sup> “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.”

Noah preached righteousness—by telling them to trust on God—but the world refused to listen; ignored his warnings; and perished. Many today think they can live in sin and repent later, but <sup>Hebrews 3:7</sup> “To day if ye will hear his voice, <sup>8</sup> Harden not your hearts.”

Millions remain in sin, because of false doctrines like OSAS, and many mock a Day of Judgment, but Jesus told of the man who accumulated treasures on earth: <sup>Luke 12:19</sup> “I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.”

<sup>Luke 12:20</sup> “But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? <sup>21</sup> So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” Millions lay up money in the banks, but are not rich in faith on God.

Millions have put a job; a relative; or something else ahead of God—but Jesus said <sup>Matthew 10:37</sup> “He who loves [anyone] more than Me is not worthy of Me.” Any thing placed ahead of God is idolatry <sup>Revelation 21:8</sup>. Greed alone will prevent billions from entering Heaven! <sup>Mark 8:36</sup> “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”

There are no appeals or attorneys on judgment day. It will not matter if one’s name is on a list of important people—<sup>Luke 16:15</sup> “For that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.” The only thing that will matter is if one’s name is written in the Lamb’s Book of Life <sup>Revelation 3:5</sup>. The flames of Hell never go out <sup>Mark 9:48</sup>—the only place of safety is a position of faith in Christ.

Jesus was asked <sup>Luke 13:23-25</sup> “Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, <sup>24</sup> Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. <sup>25</sup> When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are.”

God is not pleased that most people reject His Truth—He wants <sup>1 Timothy 2:4</sup> “All men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all.”

The only place of safety is to believe in the One God sent <sup>John 6:29</sup>, and to keep our faith on the

Blood sacrifice He made for us. Everyone will have to confess their sins; repent of rebellion; forsake wrong attitudes; and put themselves under the Blood of Christ every day.

No one can omit anything or add anything to the words of Jesus. <sup>Matthew 5:44-45</sup> “Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.”

Trusting God for divine healing is an important issue. The woman had <sup>Mark 5:26</sup> “Suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse.” When she touched Jesus’ garment in faith <sup>Mark 5:34</sup> “He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”

When two blind men believed Jesus could restore their sight, He said <sup>Matthew 9:29-30</sup>, “According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened.” No one can depend on medicine for healing and depend on God for healing at the same time. We either trust the living God, or trust some new drug.

It is by an enduring faith in the Blood of Jesus that we enter the kingdom, so Satan will try to move us away from that place of safety. The only position of safety is one of continuing trust on God! <sup>John 17:3</sup> “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” It is the Only Place of Safety!



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