

Christ's Glory in Salvation

Genesis 7:1-6

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God saves sinners in order to glorify Christ in their worship and life.

Introduction: the great drumroll of God's speech

1. God provides salvation through Christ's righteousness
 - a. God provides righteousness to Noah—righteousness *in the sight of God (!)*. This can only be in Jesus.
 - b. God provides Noah to his household and the “new creation” on the ark
 - c. God provides Jesus to us. He is our righteousness. He is our ark, our “Noah,” and our clean animals in the flood of His wrath.
2. The display of God's glory in Christ is the purpose of salvation
 - a. The clean animals were not for food but for sacrifice. God does not love roast meat, but rather His Son and His Son's obedience. It has always been Jesus that God loved in worship. We come to see Jesus displayed not just before men but also before God.
 - b. The Sabbath reminded Adam that his first purpose, in the midst of all of these creatures was to worship the Creator. Worship was the purpose of creation.
 - c. The clean animals would have a similar effect upon Noah—particularly as they point forward to Christ. Worship was the purpose of redemption.
 - d. Lord's Day keeping as the Sabbath is actually a replacement of the sacrificial/ ceremonial system that was later codified in Moses. Sabbath worship in Jesus on His day (and ultimately in His eternal rest) shows the purpose of your salvation: the display of the glory of Jesus to the glory and enjoyment of God.
3. To display Christ's glory more clearly, God wants us to see our unworthiness to be saved
 - a. God makes Noah (and us) feel his (and our) unworthiness to be saved.
 - b. For seven days, they sat in the midst of the pre-sacrifices that reminded them of what they deserve, while waiting with dread for what was now 120 years in coming—all the while knowing that they ought to be out there. They are like the thieves on the cross—reminding us that the pouring out of God's wrath upon Christ is a display of what we deserve and would suffer forever, if we do not believe into Him. The fact that any of us receives mercy is a fact of extraordinary wonder.
 - c. There should be no one more humble, no one more compassionate toward the lost, no one more grateful to God, no one more loving to God than a Christian.

Conclusion: If sin is so bad, then why permit it at all? That in the midst of redeemed sinners, and over an entire new creation, Christ would be proclaimed as the display of the glory of God. This must be your aim in all of your love, obedience and service. This must be your aim, especially in worship. This is God's aim in all things that at last every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He who humbled Himself to death on the cross for sinners is Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords, to the glory of God the Father!