

*Grace for Sinners*  
**Genesis 6:6-12**

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Introduction: This is a story of grace. Grace in the life of one sinner, some 4350 years ago—an example for sinners today. But also the story of how God was preserving the line of the promised Seed through whom God’s grace would come to all who believe.

1. The State in Which Grace Finds Us: sinful and guilty
  - a. Sinful. The implication is that, apart from what the Lord says/does in v8, Noah would be right there in v5. Cf. 8:20-22.
  - b. Guilty. But for the natural man—the man as he is apart from God’s grace—there is something even worse than his corruption. The wrath of God against sinful man, v6-7 and 11-12 (cf. 2Th 1:3-12, esp vv8-9... what does God see?!). These couplets frame in v8-10.
  - c. Are you sinful and guilty? Then you are the perfect candidate for grace! Eph 2:1-10. Rom 4:1-8.
2. The Status with Which Grace Credits Us: righteous/just.
  - a. God’s answer to our guilt. Noah was a just man, blameless in his generations. How is this possible? Through faith in Christ (cf. Heb 11:7)!
  - b. For this, Noah (and his family) was protected from the flood in the ark. Cf. 2Pet 2:4-9. Psalm 91:7-8. Romans 8:28.
  - c. But there is a greater wrath to come, with just one way of safety, and we must be found righteous on that day! (refer back to the 2Th 1 passage).
  - d. Are you in Christ? Then you are safe! Safe in your times. Safe at the end of time! Are you hoping in anything else at all? Then you will perish!
3. The Service within Which Grace Carries Us: walking with God.
  - a. God’s answer to our sinfulness. God justifies us as He finds us, but He does not leave us as He finds us! He has a further purpose and plan for why He saves us.
  - b. Noah walked with God. Cf. 5:22. Cf. 3:8.
    - i. God’s glory the purpose of every action.
    - ii. God’s goodness the pleasure of every enjoyment.
  - c. If you are to walk with God, it must begin with your justification.
  - d. If you are to walk with God, justification is only the beginning.
  - e. If you are to walk with God, it must be by God’s grace!

Conclusion: This is far more than just an account of God’s grace in one life. It is the way in which the line of Christ was preserved so that He who was never sinful might become our righteousness and be our life. Noah did live. And Noah did survive a worldwide flood. And Jesus Christ, Noah’s descendant did come, and live a perfectly righteous life, and die a fully atoning death, and rise again on account of our justification!