

All right. This evening, if you want to get out your Bibles, we're going to be in Genesis chapter 6. And starting in verse 9, we're going to go down through the 22nd verse, and Lord willing, we're going to finish the chapter. Let me remind you that if you can't see the slides up on the screen, you can go to our church app and go to Wednesday nights. And all the teaching slides are there. And as you're making your way to Genesis chapter 6, then a couple of weeks ago, when we were in Genesis six, we read in verse 1, when it came to pass, that on the face of the earth, that the earth essentially began to be very, very corrupt. And there were several mitigating factors. But in that section, we discussed that in verse five, the Lord saw the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually, and we talked about how in the last days it will be like the days of Noah. So Jesus said, we made a case for more than likely living in those last days, given the culture that we live in and how it mirrors Noah's days. So in Noah's day, verse 6, the Lord was sorry that he had made the earth, and he was grieved in his heart. And we talked about how sin grieves the heart of God. And so the sin was so pervasive that the Lord said, I will destroy verse 7, man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping things and birds of the air. For I am sorry that I have made them. And so we mentioned that within 1700 years of creation, stain of sin had spread across the whole world, to the degree that it must be stopped by God supernaturally, and that leads us then to the last verse that we looked at the last time we were together. That is the backdrop in verse eight of Genesis six. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord, and we talked about how of all the big butts in the Bible, this is probably one of the biggest. The whole world's evil. But Noah, in contrast to what has been described. But Noah. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. And this is the first appearance of the word grace in the Bible. And grace is you probably know, is by definition God's undeserved or his unmerited favor towards mankind. Notice with me that in verse 8 Noah found grace. Noah didn't win God's grace. He didn't earn God's grace, but rather he found God's grace. And I have here for you Isaiah chapter 55, where Isaiah writes in verse 6, seek the Lord, while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. So the Spirit of God is drawing men to himself, revealing God's grace. And anyone who seeks the the grace of God. And so what we're talking about here in Noah's life is salvation. God sought him out. He responded. He received God's. Same is true in our life. Grace is always found. In fact, I'll refer you to Hebrews chapter 4, verse 16. And it reads like this. Let us therefore, as the writer has been talking about Jesus Christ, our High priest, who can sympathize with our weaknesses and was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin. Then verse 16, let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy. Mercy is obtained, and notice and find grace to help in the time of need. So when we go to the throne of grace, we obtain mercy. We seek it

out. We ask for it. But grace is found. God's grace. He draws men to it. And then when we seek it, we find it. So that's the case with Noah, which leads us to verse 9. This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. And Noah walked with God, and Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on earth. This is the genealogy, or in this case, the account of Noah. His actual genealogy will be found later. He and his sons, but in a time of corruption and widespread violence, a time where the Bible says all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. Here's Noah again. In contrast, Noah, it tells us here was a just man, and that word just did good. Or righteous. And the idea in the Hebrew is inwardly right. He was saved. He was different than everybody else around him. And anytime I think of the word just or good or righteous as it pertains to a person in the Bible, I always direct those listening to any teaching on that subject to Matthew chapter 1, because in that chapter, as the birth of Jesus is being described, tells us in verse 18 that after his mother Mary came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit, and then Joseph, her husband, being a just man or a good man or a righteous man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. And I've always liked that, because we can't all be great. We could probably make a case for Noah was good and great. When we think about Joseph, his life wasn't necessarily great by worldly standards in the sense that he was low or middle class or poor. He lived in an across the tracks town. I mean, he didn't have all the trappings that we would consider person. And yet his goodness was his greatness. And so we can't all be well known across the world or have everything that we want or have endless amounts of influence, but we can all be good. And in that sense, following Jesus, our goodness becomes our greatness. And that's what's the case with Noah. He was a just man, inwardly. Right. And then it says he was perfect in his generations. And that perfect is not that he after the flood, we're going to see. He stubs his toe pretty badly, but he was, by all intents and purposes known to be without blemish, complete, mature. He was outwardly right. He lived in right relationship with others. So we too are called to walk in the same manner as Noah. In fact, I'll refer you to the New Testament a second time here in Philippians, and Paul writes to the Philippians in chapter 2 verse 14, he says, do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless. Children of God, without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain or labored in. She lived differently so you can shine the light of Christ in a corrupt world. It tells us here also that Noah walked with God. This was said if you remember a couple Sundays ago of his great grandfather Enoch, in

chapter 5, verse 22. Noah was a man of great faith as he walked with God, the hall of faith, which is he? Noah's faith. And it says there in Hebrews chapter 11 and the seventh verse, by faith, Noah being divinely warned of things not yet seen, that is the judgment that was coming, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world of the righteousness which is according to faith. And so he had great faith. And yet when you look at his life, we'll make a case for this evening. And following that, his great faith was actually great faithfulness. Yes, he held on to something that nobody else believed in, but he built the ark, and he preached for 120 years faithfully. So Noah was indeed, whether you knew it or not. Speaking of him, preaching Peter chapter 2, verse five says, A preacher of righteousness, presumably he's building the ark. It's never rained before. No one's ever seen a boat, or at the very least, a boat of this magnitude. And so people are asking him what he's doing, and he's preaching. Judgment is coming upon the earth. And so he preaches faithfully, we often take Jeremiah and say of him as the wheat straw without any convert. Not true. Noah. Noah preaches for 120 years and no one received the Lord, and yet he was faithful. So Noah walked with God. And when I think about this, then Noah's life is a picture of salvation. He finds God's grace. That's how it always works. God opens the eyes of his heart. The grace of God in his life and displays itself as a changed life. He's just inwardly, but then he's perfect outwardly. And that changed life. Walks with God. Walking in the light as he is in the light. So that summation of the Christian life in Noah's life and that faithfulness sets the stage for everything else that we know of him. So verse 13, And God said to Noah, the end of all flesh has come before me, for the earth is filled with violence through them. And behold, I will destroy them on the earth. Flesh has come before me. This is the beginning of the 120 years. God wouldn't strive with man forever, but 120 years from this announcement, God will flood the earth and judge the sin of the earth. And in this time, Noah's faithfulness has to be fully embraced, because over 120 years, the ark has got to be built by him and just his family members to gather food. He's going to be told so that he can survive. And all of the animals have to be collected for the ark. And having said that, then outside of those animals which God's going to spare on the ark, every living creature that walks on the face of the earth is going to die, along with mankind. And although the animals weren't morally involved in man ourselves, we don't live unto ourselves. We don't die unto ourselves. We don't sin unto ourselves. Our sin always impacts others. And you understand from our study in Genesis chapter 3 that man sin impacted not just also the animals and the whole earth. In fact, it happened because God had given man dominion over the earth. In Genesis chapter 1, verse 26, man made in God's image was given dominion or mastery over the earth. So when man forfeited that it sin, then the whole earth was impacted. And in fact, Romans chapter 8 tells us that man actually was not just

impacted to the degree that we long for Christ to redeem us, but Romans 8:22 says that the world actually, to this day groans, waiting for God to redeem it, that we live in a fallen world as beautiful as it is on an evening like this. This is all touched by the fall. And so God's going to destroy all that he created. and start over. Noah and his family. Now, verse 14. Here he starts to describe the ark. He says, make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. And this is how you shall make it. The length of the ark shall be 300 cubits, its width 50 cubits, its height 30 cubits. You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above, and set the door of the ark in its side. And you shall make with it lower, second and third decks. And behold, I myself am bringing flood waters on the earth to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life. Everything that is on the earth shall die. So now that's being prophesied of judgment. And so God has to judge as a loving God sin. If he truly is fair and just. But as a loving God, being fair and just, and being righteous himself, his righteousness demands not only that he judges, but that he also as a righteous, just, and fair God, make a way of salvation. And so he tells Noah to make an ark, to make it of gopher wood. We don't know exactly what kind of wood that is, but also then to make rooms for the animals and for the people that will be on board. And then also to cover it inside and out with pitch. Now stop there. I have for you. This is an interesting in the sense that not only does pitch as it's put inside and out waterproof the ark, which would be a great thing for a boat in order to survive. But the word pitch in the Hebrew is kefar, and it means covering or literally atonement. And it's the same word used in Leviticus chapter 17 and the 11th verse, where God says, Through Moses, for the of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls. For it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul. And so in that sense, the ark is covered in pitch to keep the judgment out, just as we are covered by the blood of Jesus, to keep the judgment of hellfire out. And so this ark he was supposed to make to certain dimensions 300 cubits are roughly 450ft a cubit, depending on what commentator you're reading can be anywhere from 18 to 21in, depending on the place in ancient history, but more than likely 18in. So the length 300 cubits, 450ft ish. The width 50 cubits. So 75ft ish. And the height is 30 cubits, or 45ft ish. So it's a little longer than a football field. And, quite a big boat. by ancient standards, of course, not that big compared to modern day standards, but but massive. Especially for a wooden ship or boat or really more large. It was a floating barge. It was supposed to survive quite a flood. And we'll get into the magnitude of the flood next week. But the thing could hold. I have read and by the way, if you get a chance, you need to go down to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky because they do a wonderful job at explaining the Ark in great detail there that I saw that the Ark would have room for roughly 125,000 sheep sized animals. And

so if you think about there really probably being only between 2 and 8000 species on the Earth, and they only need to take what you find is if you take most of the animals are, you know, they they're about the size most animals of a sheep themselves to begin with. Most animals aren't monsters, you know, most, most animals the size of a German shepherd or a sheep or something. But then if you're thinking about elephants and t-rexes because dinosaurs would have been on the ark, how do you get the T-Rex in there? Well, they would just take juveniles, so they take young animals. And the math works out where there's plenty of room for for every species that would have existed to be represented. Every animal after its kind. on. And so the ark would then be salvation. There would be a seed for a new beginning. Of course, he sells them to make a window. So there's presumably one window for light. And then he's told to set the door of the ark in its side, and of course, the the flood of judgment. When you think about this ark only having one door could be escaped by entering that one door on the side. No other way in. And so the ark is a type of Jesus in the sense that, as you know, Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life. He's not away. He's the way. There's one way to the father. According to John 14 verse 6, one way, one entrance to escape judgment by fire. And then he's also he says, the door that offer his sheep security. In John chapter 10, verses 7 through nine, he's the door of the sheep gate. And so the ark has one entrance for the flock of God to enter and escape judgment. And he tells them to make decks within it. So it had lower, middle and and third decks with rooms so that each species had their own place. And so the people inhabited a floor as well. And yet die everything. And so the salvation is found only in the ark. Well, then, verse 18. He says, but I will establish my covenant with you. You shall go into the ark. You, your sons, your wife, and your sons wives, with you, and of every living thing of all flesh. You shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. And they shall of the birds, after their kind of the animals, after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind. Two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. So he's going to establish his covenant. And as he does that, Noah will have to load the boat up with the animal. Talk about this next week. But they're going to come to him, and then Noah will take for yourself in verse 21, all the food that is eaten and gather it to yourself, food for you and for them. So God's going to establish his covenant with Noah, an agreement with Noah. There are several covenants in the Bible. We will talk about this covenant with Noah in chapter 9, verses nine through 17, where more detail is given, and we'll discuss the other covenants in the Bible when we get there as well. But God's making an agreement with new this. Then I'll do this. So he's going to save Noah and his family. Noah's going to build the ark, and then he's going to load it with the animals, and he's also going to load it with the food necessary to survive. So to experience God's covenant, Noah and his family must be faithful.

They must go into the ark with every living thing represented by two, and take food for you and the animals. So two of every kind will enter the ark. Now, I think I've shared this with you before. You know that part of that food source, since not all of the thing, the flood, of course some would have died given the cataclysmic nature of the flood. But but Noah was allowed to fish for food while he was on the ark, and he really struggled. And you know why he struggled? He only had. Now we're going to be told next chapter later, that he didn't just take two of every kind, you know, that he. So he took two of every unclean kind of animal and then of every clean kind of animal, he's going to take seven. But an earthworm would have been unclean. So there you go. Now, all that said, the covenant is established upon Noah's faithfulness. And that leads us to verse 22. Notice this. Thus Noah did, according to all that God commanded him, so he did. Now, if you want to think about one capstone statement in Noah's life, this has got to be it. They commanded him. This is said of Noah four times. I have the references up here for you here in chapter 6, verse 22, chapter 7, verse 5, chapter 7, verse 9, chapter 7, verse 16, one thing emphasized Noah's walk with God in that was he did everything God called him to do. Noah was obedient. And when you think about Noah's obedience, it's monumental in the sense that as I have here for you the task God gave Noah were daunting. As we mentioned, the ark is the first of its kind, and this sucker is ginormous. I mean, just the God given him the blueprints. Can you just picture yourself at the outset of this project thinking, how are we going to get this accomplished? You know, Noah, it doesn't it doesn't say that Noah was a gifted. Everything I try to fix. Can you imagine? God calls Noah to do this thing. Just he and his small family. And so the the task was daunting. The task God gave me one from a deranged mind. I mean, it had never rained up to this point. the earth wasn't divided, so there weren't seas that anyone maybe in certain areas, had ever even seen. And so to prepare for a flood when it hasn't rained and to build a ship to sail seas that you might not have even seen would seem like we were told that he did this because he was being faithful to believe in things that were not yet seen. And faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things. Hebrews says not. You can insert yet seen. And so here Noah, he's the craziest guy on the planet, living by faith. And then the task God gave Noah were also very daily. They're hard, they're crazy. And then at the same time, they're daily. And Noah dutifully fulfilled God's command every day for 120 years. And so Noah was actually obedient when first Peter chapter three verse 20 says, in his days and it calls those 120 years that Noah was obedient, the divine, long suffering of God. As God waited divinely with his long suffering for people to repent, no one did. And yet Noah did not turn back. Noah was obedient when all others did not respond. And so when I think about Noah, I think maybe you, like me, feel some days like God, you just given me something. That's this thing's too big. Well keep going, you

know, just just eat the elephant. One bite at a time is the idea. And maybe, like Noah, you think, man, God, this thing that you've given me seems crazy. I mean, it's God. Ever given you something? Maybe you had a dream, or maybe you read something in Scripture that ministered to your heart. And if you're like me, you want to go share that with everybody you know. And they just look at you like this. Like, Lord, why do I seem so crazy if it's in the word, hang on to it, hang on to it. Don't give up. You don't worry about God not fulfilling. It'll just be in his time. Stay faithful. And then maybe in that mix, your life seems so doggone daily. It's like I just do the same thing every stinking day. I get up time clock, I go home, I eat, I go to bed, I do it again. And yet God's in the daily. If Noah's not faithful in the daily, he never completes the task in full obedience that God has for him. So be obedient, keep going, stay faithful, be obedient, past all that, then here's what I want to leave you with. And some of you have probably put this, but Genesis chapters one through 11 is some of my favorite chapters in all of the Bible. We've mentioned before that they're the most challenged in the whole Bible, because every major doctrine in the Bible is found in Genesis one through 11. And if you can undermine someone's faith in Genesis one through 11, you can undermine their faith in the Bible and ultimately the God of the Bible. But if you can embrace the stuff that's presented, chapters one through 11, it will change your life and trajectory. Eternity eternally. Forever. And so here's what I want to show you as we get ready to conclude. Noah's Ark is one of the coolest types of Christ in all the Bible. So Noah, in his life in Christ are very similar in Noah's Ark was the vehicle for salvation, just as by God's grace in Christ, the church is God's vehicle for salvation. It's the way that God ushers people into the kingdom. The ark was made of gopher wood, but the Church of Christ is confirmed by one baptism, we're all baptized into Christ by one baptism. That is, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the ark of Noah had one window to let light in, and truly, by the Holy Spirit's illumination, we have one book that exposes the lamp into our feet and the light into our path. The Word of God into our hearts, and opens the eyes of our hearts towards Christ. As we talked about, the ark had one door and one only, just as there's only one way to God that's through the son, Jesus and Noah's Ark was inhabited by one human family, just as when God brings us into his ark, you might say into the body of Christ, we are all one family in Christ. There's many local bodies, but there's one universal church, and we've all been adopted into the family of Christ. And then finally, Noah's Ark was the only safe place in a corrupt world. Just as we are found safe only as we are in Christ and the Ark covered by pitch, you would survive the flood. And in Christ, covered by his blood we survive the judgment that awaits, and we are procured. Safe passage by the guarantee of His Holy Spirit. Let's pray. Heavenly father, we thank you so much for the Word of God and how Jesus is so prevalent in Genesis. We thank you for the example of

Noah. We pray that you'd help us to stay faithful and to keep going and to be obedient. Help us to walk with God. Help us to be found just and perfect in our generation. In Jesus name, Amen.