

Get In The Boat!

TEXT: Eph. 1:3, 20-23

INTRODUCTION:

- A. EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IS IN CHRIST (**vs.3**).
- B. THE CHURCH IS THE FULNESS OF HIM (**vs. 22-23**).
 - 1. A part of God's eternal purpose (**Eph. 3:10-11**).
 - 2. Built by Jesus (**Matt. 16:18**).
 - 3. At the price of his blood (**Acts 20:28**).
 - 4. Jesus is the church's only head (**Eph. 1:22; Eph. 4:5**).
- C. WHAT IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CHURCH JESUS BUILT AND THE BLESSINGS CHRISTIANS RECEIVE IN CHRIST?
- D. CAN ONE BE SAVED AND NOT BE IN THE CHURCH?
- E. WHERE DID GOD PUT SALVATION?

I. WHERE DID GOD PUT PHYSICAL SALVATION?

- A. SALVATION IN THE ARK.
 - 1. The sinfulness of man (**Gen. 6:5-9**) Noah found grace.
 - 2. The destruction of the flood and the ark of safety (**vs. 13-14, 19; 7:23**).
 - 3. Noah's faith saved him (**Heb. 11:7; 1 Pet. 3:20-21**). How?
 - 4. Noah was a preacher of righteousness (**2 Pet. 2:5**). [Get in the boat!](#)
 - 5. That nut with the boat! And those animals! Couldn't we find a better cruise ship?
- B. SALVATION IN THE HOUSE WITH BLOOD ON THE DOOR.
 - 1. The first Passover (**Ex. 12:1-16, 21-23**).
 - 2. What if they went not into the house? [Get in the house!](#)
- C. SALVATION IN THE SHIP (**Acts 27:21-44**).
 - 1. Paul warned them not to leave Crete (**vs. 27:21**).
 - 2. Warns them not to leave the ship (**vs. 22-24**).
 - 3. Sailors seek to leave by lifeboat after finding land. Paul stops them (**vs. 30-32**).
 - 4. The ship destroyed, but all 276 people aboard survive (**vs. 43-44**).
 - 5. If you are already on the ship, [Stay in the boat!](#)

II. WHERE DID GOD PUT SPIRITUAL SALVATION?

- A. SALVATION FROM WHAT? (**Matt. 1:21; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:1**).
- B. WHO NEEDS IT? (**Rom. 3:23**).
- C. GOD PUT SALVATION IN CHRIST.
 - 1. Every spiritual blessing (**Eph. 1:3**).
 - 2. Eternal life (**1 John 5:11**).
 - 3. Forgiveness of sin (**Col. 1:14; Gal. 3:24**).
 - 4. A NEW creature (**2 Cor. 5:17**).
- D. **Rom. 6:3-4**. BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST.
 - 1. Into his body, the church (**1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:22-23**).
 - 2. **Rom. 5:10**. Reconciled how? (**Eph. 2:16**). In one body (**Eph. 4:4**).
 - 3. Where are the saved deposited? (Acts 2:47 KJV).
 - 4. Therefore, tho we are saved as individuals, it may be said that Jesus is the Savior of

the body, the church (**Eph. 5:23**).

E. SALVATION IS IN CHRIST, THE SAVIOR OF THE BODY.

F. THE BODY, THE CHURCH, IS THE FULNESS OF HIM (**Eph. 1:23**).

G. SALVATION IS IN THE CHURCH!

CONCLUSION:

A. GET IN THE BOAT!

B. STAY IN THE BOAT!