

# THE NEW ARK

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*The ark that Noah built was like nothing ever seen before on the earth. It was big and obvious, but no one related to the message that went with its construction. None identified his preaching and the ark with salvation and safety... none had seen a great flood before. They all perished because they simply couldn't bring themselves to weigh up the evidence. Likewise, the spirit filled church is a spiritual ark, but for most people during the last 2000 years, the signs based church is not identified as a place of safety. Even though death has stalked humanity from their earliest existence, not even the promise of eternal life with signs following has been able to capture the hearts of the majority.*

***The next ark has a lot in common with this one. GEN 6:11*** The earth also was **corrupt** before God, and the earth was **filled with violence**. **12** And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had **corrupted his way upon the earth**. **13** And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. **14** Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. **&16 A window** shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the **door** of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it. *One window and one door.*

**GEN 7:16** And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in. *God is in control of the door... certainly not a church or a person.*

***The church has become the new ark of the New Testament. 1PET 3:18*** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: **19** By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison (*those trapped in sin*); **20** Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. **21** The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: **22** Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him. *Christ has prepared the way so we can escape the judgment that is coming to all those who corrupt God's ways. Death alone haunts all living people, but facing God on his terms will be a lot more fearful than that, for those who defy or reject spiritual values.*

***We enter the spiritual ark (the church) when we receive the Holy Spirit. ROM 8:9*** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have **not the Spirit** of Christ, he is none of his. *Like the ark, there is only one door (entry), one window (source of light) and one God in control of the salvation process!!* **1TIM 2:5** For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; *As Paul said to the Ephesians below... there are no other options at all.*

**EPH 3:4** *There is* **one** body, and **one** Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; **5 One** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism, **6 One** God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and **in you all**.

***Paul further confirms that our body is also a vessel for the spirit. 1COR 6:19*** What? know ye not that your **body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. **&1JOH 4:13** Hereby know we that **we dwell in him**, and **he in us**, because he hath given us of his Spirit. *All the vessels (people) collectively form the church. The spirit dwells in our mortal bodies while we likewise, dwell in him. This is a remarkable situation to be in. We both become vessels to suit each other's gospel needs.*

***Like Noah we are assembling the spiritual ark by serving and preaching. 1PET 2:9*** But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: **10** Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. *Safe from judgment.*

***Just as the ark stood out as a beacon in the days of Noah, so should we today. 1THE 5:4*** But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. **5** Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. **6** Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. **7** For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. **8** But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. **9** For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, *There is a lot of work to be done, but each day is full of its own new blessings and opportunities.*