

Trusting God is in control, all is well with my soul.

2023 CCBC Annual Focus

Romans 8:18-19

Congregational Memory Work

January



- Genesis 6:8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. 9 These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. 10 Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
- 11 Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.
- Only by God's grace can we be right with God.
- Righteousness and blamelessness follow God's grace.
- God's grace generates righteousness & blamelessness.

Genesis 6:13 Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. 14 Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch. 15 This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. 16 You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. 17 Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish.

Genesis 6:18 But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. 21 As for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather it to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them." 22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

- God's initiates His covenant and instructions to man.
- It is life giving to respond to God's instructions, by God's grace.

- Isaiah 1:4 Alas, sinful nation, People weighed down with iniquity, Offspring of evildoers, Sons who act corruptly! They have abandoned the Lord, They have despised the Holy One of Israel, They have turned away from Him...
- 9 Unless the Lord of hosts, Had left us a few survivors, We would be like Sodom, We would be like Gomorrah...
- 19 "If you consent and obey,
 You will eat the best of the land;
 20 "But if you refuse and rebel,
 You will be devoured by the sword."
 Truly, the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

2 Peter 2:5 and [God] did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; ...9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, 10 and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority.

Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Questions for conversations:

- 1. Why is it so important to understand God's grace and how it is that God's grace generates righteousness?
- 2. Why is it so important to hear God's voice and act on God's direction? Why do you want to do what God has called you to do? Why do you want to help others do what God has called them to do?

Applying The Word to life until it becomes a lifestyle...

- 1. Examine your relationship with God. Are you running to Him and His grace? Are you surrendering your all?
- 2. Are you slowing down with God daily? Examine if you are letting God speak to you and if you are responding.