

C & C: Are you Preparing for the Storm

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

Matthew 7:21-27

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Are you Preparing for the Storm? The storms that come in your life? The storms that come from God?

Genesis 6:13-17

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.

15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

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.

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

The only way you can escape the storm of being born in sin and shapen in iniquity (Psa 51:5) and that of inherited sins from Adam (Rm 5:14) is by being obedient to the faith of the gospel of Jesus Christ even as Noah was obedient unto the Lord when he applied his obedient faith to the building of an Ark to the saving of his family. He put works with his faith or he would have perished in the flood also because he wouldn't have had an ark to get on because he would have been disobedient to God. Is this you? Are you one that is supposedly saved by faith and yet haven't applied any actions of obedience to what God has told us to do to be born again of water and of the Spirit? "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say,

Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.” (James 2:17-18)

1 Peter 3:18-22

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;

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.

This particular passage many times is used to try to justify that baptism is nothing more than the answer of a good conscience toward God. Yet the Apostle Peter has told us differently. The water that destroyed the world but saved Noah’s family alive thus he was saved by water is “**The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us**”. The water of baptism in Jesus name destroys the body of sin and saves the soul.

Acts 2:38-39

38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

39 **For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

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Romans 6:1-9

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, **that are dead to sin**, live any longer therein?

Notice carefully the question asked here, “How shall we, **that are dead to sin**, live any longer therein?” The Apostle Paul goes on **to explain how** we become dead to sin.

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ** were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore **we are buried with him by baptism** into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life**.

5 For **if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death**, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Notice the **if clause** in verse 5. **If** we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. **Also** in verse 3 the Apostle Paul speaks of **the baptism in Jesus name** as the way that **we are planted together in the likeness of his death**.

This is that form of doctrine that they obeyed from the heart which was delivered to them. (Rm 6:17-18)

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that **the body of sin might be destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now **if we be** dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also **live with him**:

9 Knowing that Christ being **raised from the dead** dieth no more; death hath **no more dominion over him**.

If you are not planted together in the likeness **of his death**, the body of sin **will not be destroyed** and **you will perish in your sins** because your old man **was not crucified with him** and therefore **you will not be dead with Christ** nor will you be freed from sin **that you inherited from Adam**.

Colossians 2:10-14

10 And ye are **complete in him**, which is **the head** of all principality and power:

11 In whom also ye are **circumcised** with the circumcision made without hands, in **putting off the body of the sins of the flesh** by the circumcision of Christ:

12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also **ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God**, who hath raised him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he **quicken together with him**, having forgiven you all trespasses;

14 **Blotting out** the handwriting of ordinances **that was against us**, which was **contrary to us**, and **took it out of the way**, nailing it to his cross;

This is how you are made **free from sin**. You are **baptized in Jesus name** that the **body of sin may be destroyed** by the **circumcision of Christ**.

It is a promise of God that when you apply obedient faith you will become born again. Just like Noah who had faith in God's Word built an ark to the saving of his family by water. Even so **"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."** It is a promise that when you repent and are baptized in Jesus name for the remission of sins where the body of sin is destroyed that you will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Thus you will be born again of water and of the Spirit as Jesus instructed Nicodemus that **"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."** (Jn 3:5) Thus **"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us"** even as the Apostle Peter has told us. Even as the Apostle Paul understood and explained.

Are you Preparing for the Storm? If so then you want to be born again the only correct way that you can be or you are not prepared for the storm.