

A large wooden ark is shown under construction on a hillside. The ark is a massive wooden structure with a flat roof and a ramp leading to the entrance. It is surrounded by construction materials, including logs, planks, and other building supplies. The background shows a lush green landscape with trees and a body of water in the distance.

# *Noah Sailor & Savior*

**Saved Through Water!**

WATER embodies the environment  
of our created world, the natural order  
to which we are **subjected**  
and **limited**... our human milieu.

✓ original element (*Gen. 1*)

✓ natural/physical birth (*Jn. 3*)

“born of water and spirit” (*Jn. 3:5-6*)

- flesh > flesh                      spirit > spirit

This is the one who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ... and the spirit testifies to it, a true testimony. So there are these testimonies and they all agree, the water, the blood, and the spirit. We accept the testimony of men, but God's testimony is greater... anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in their heart. *(1 John 5:6-10)*

**Interpretation.** Jesus was born with a human birth (*water*), but makes possible a divine nature birth (*spirit*) by his self-sacrifice for sin (*blood*). The blood of Christ transfers us from [merely] water to spirit.

**BAPTISM.** The sign that a **new order** of existence has taken place within our human lives is a sign that **involves water.**

**JOHN (BAPTIZER) –  
repentance/forgiveness from sins.**



**PAUL** – Personalizing and identifying  
with the burial and resurrection of Christ.

**PETER** – symbol of being washed/cleansed...  
**heart** (motive) and **history** (conscience)

**PETER** – an ancient symbol of this modern  
symbol... the water of of Noah's flood!

*(1 Peter 3:20)*

...TO THOSE WHO WERE DISOBEDIENT  
LONG AGO WHEN GOD WAITED  
PATIENTLY IN THE DAYS OF NOAH WHILE  
THE ARK WAS BEING BUILT. IN IT ONLY  
A FEW PEOPLE, EIGHT IN ALL, WERE  
SAVED THROUGH WATER,

The floodwaters...

- ✓ existential threat... an absolute end of their **past life**
- ✓ cut off all contact with **evil environment** in which they had lived
- ✓ forced a **clear choice** for each person  
“GET IN THE ARK OR DIE”

Noah's family was not saved by **avoiding** reality or **pretending** they were not threatened or **hoping** the would be OK.

We are not saved by baptism. We are saved by Christ THROUGH baptism.

He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built.



This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,  
he led many captives in his train  
and gave gifts to men.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)