

God's Care for and Covenant With Noah

Genesis 8:1-9:17

Read Genesis 8:1-14.

God remembered Noah and ended the Flood.

- What did God do for Noah and those with him?
- How does this passage encourage you as you wait for God to act?

Principle: God can be trusted.

Read Genesis 8:15-22.

Noah left the ark and offered sacrifices to God.

- What did God tell Noah to do?
- How have you seen God as trustworthy in your life?

Principle: Because God is trustworthy, we can have faith.

Read Genesis 9:1-17.

God instructed Noah and gave an unconditional covenant.

- What covenant did God establish with Noah and his descendants and all creatures?
- What does this passage say about God's plans for the world?

Principle: God proves He is trustworthy by keeping His promises.

Review Genesis 8:1-9:17.

- How do God's promises give you hope?

Main truth: God faithfully keeps His promises.

Scripture Memory Verse

"I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." – Genesis 9:11

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Exploring the Christian Faith

An Attribute of God

from this week's passage

Faithful

God knows and loves each of His own. He will do all He has promised: care for and make strong; forgive and make new; protect and purify. From the beginning, He has had a plan to restore the world that sin broke, and God is faithful to His own plan. We know God is faithful because He sent His Son to the cross to keep His promise. Now nothing can separate God's people from His love. He is faithful to Himself and His Word. We can trust Him to keep all of His promises.

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A Basic Truth of the Christian Faith

Where does faith in Jesus Christ come from?

Faith in Jesus Christ is a gift from God through the Holy Spirit.¹ We do nothing to earn or deserve this gift.² Faith comes to us by God's grace when we hear the message of the gospel³ and turn from our sins to Christ.⁴

Ephesians 2:8-9¹; Titus 3:4-6²; Romans 10:17³; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10⁴

Think About It

What does it mean that faith is a gift from God?

God makes us able to believe. Because all are sinful to the core, we do not want God or believe in Him on our own; we do not love and trust God (John 3:5-6 and 6:63-64). God speaks the gospel of Jesus Christ to us through the Bible and other people. As we hear the gospel, the Holy Spirit works in our hearts to produce faith in Christ (Romans 10:17). God gives faith so we can turn to Him and receive all Christ has for us.

If faith is a gift from God, what part does our repentance play?

True faith in Christ always includes repentance. When we turn to Christ by faith, we let go of sinful actions, thoughts and attitudes (Acts 20:21). This is repentance – we recognize our guilt before God and turn from our sin. Faith and repentance cannot be separated. Repentance is a fruit of faith. Repentance honors Jesus and brings us joy, because Jesus relieves us of the heavy burden of sin.

What happens if I have questions and doubt my faith?

A growing believer in Jesus Christ will often have questions. Sometimes, even when we want to believe God, we struggle (Mark 9:24). When we bring honest questions to God, He will answer us. John the Baptist brought his questions to Jesus, and Jesus answered him with truth from God's Word (Matthew 11:1-6). The Bible is strong enough to stand up to our questions.

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