

# Mid-Atlantic Gospel Camp

## WHERE ARE YOU?

Message Three – Message Outline

### Where are You?—Without Hope in the World

#### Scripture Reading:

**Genesis 3:9** And Jehovah God called to the man and said to him, **Where are you?**

**Ephesians 2:12** That you were at that time apart from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

#### I. The world is a system set up by Satan to capture, enslave, and occupy mankind, keeping them from God and His purpose.

**John 12:31** Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

#### II. God judged the world at Noah's time:

A. Mankind was wicked, corrupt, violent, living in the lusts of his flesh, and was very sinful in the eyes of God.

B. In the days of Noah, the people were drugged by the necessities of life.

C. The influence of the world is powerful; Satan would like to sweep everyone into this strong current of death.

**1 Peter 4:4** In this they think it strange that you are not running together **with them** into the same flood of dissoluteness, slandering *you*.

**Ephesians 2:2-3** In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to **the ruler of the authority of the air**, of the spirit which is now operating in the **sons of disobedience**; <sup>3</sup> **Among whom we** also all conducted ourselves once in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature **children of wrath**, even as the rest.

D. God decided to destroy mankind on the earth with a flood.

**Genesis 6:17** And now I am about to bring a flood of water upon the earth to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.

E. Just like in the days of Noah, judgment is coming.

1. God has **already judged the world** with its ruler.

2. The time will come when He will carry out this judgment upon the world.

#### III. By believing into Christ as our “ark” we are put into Christ, saved from God's judgement, and enter into a wonderful life union with the Lord:

A. The ark was covered within and without with pitch, which signifies the blood of Christ.

B. The pitch without protects us from the waters of judgment; the pitch within is for our assurance.

**1 Corinthians 1:30a** But of Him [God] you are in Christ Jesus.

#### **IV. By believing and being baptized, we are delivered out of Satan's kingdom of darkness—the world, and transferred into God's kingdom of light—the church which is the “ark” today.**

**Colossians 1:12-13** Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light; <sup>13</sup> Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

**Mark 16:16** He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned.

**1 Peter 3:20-21** Who had formerly disobeyed when the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared; *entering* into which, a few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through by water. <sup>21</sup> Which *water*, as the antitype, also now saves you, *that is*, baptism, not a putting away of the filth of the flesh but the appeal of a good conscience unto God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

#### **V. The significance of baptism:**

- A. I have died to the world and am risen with Christ!
- B. I have been baptized into the Triune God!
- C. I am now in Christ!
- D. I am now in the Body of Christ, the church!

**Romans 6:3-4** Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

**Matthew 28:19** Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Galatians 3:27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**1 Corinthians 12:13** For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.