

When speaking of Christ and the gospel of Christ to lost sinners, there are several different reactions that you may experience from them:

The talkative will become silent; sociable, friendly persons may suddenly become unsociable, and unfriendly with you, agreeable persons may become disagreeable, resistant, or even angry and belligerent toward you.

And then, you will meet the occasional "ignorant theologian" who has never read the Bible, but who is going to tell you about God in accordance with what he or she thinks. This, as a defense to quiet their conscience to what is true about Christ and the gospel.

"Generally speaking," lost sinners don't want to be asked about the welfare of their souls, and they do not want to be asked about death, eternity, or about what they believe about Jesus Christ.

But there WILL BE "some" who will really want to hear what you have to say... sinners, who's hearts God has made ready to hear and believe the gospel!

But to most lost sinners, the gospel is BAD NEWS. Why? Because it forces them to think about death and eternity.

THEY KNOW there is something to the gospel, but in their fallen condition, and blindness of their hearts, they just don't want to deal with it; and so, they stamp it out of their minds, and put you into the category of being one of those weirdos who is ate up with religion!

With that, I introduce you to Brother Noah, who, in his generation was THE ONLY true believer in God, along with his family. Think about what life was like in a fallen world for Noah. Noah's family: Genesis 7:1

When God told Noah that He was going to destroy the world by a great flood, Noah believed God. Noah's faith in God was seen in his obedience to God, and in his reverence for God, when God commanded him to build a giant ark as a refuge from the coming destruction... FOR HE, his family, and (2) of every sort of animals, birds, and bugs.

Hebrews 11:7: "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not yet seen, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." THIS is gospel rich!

So, God graciously warned Noah of the coming destruction. Genesis 6:5-13

Also, in (C6), we read that God gave Noah the plans and dimensions for this giant ark, for Noah, his wife, his (3) sons, and their wives, TO COME INTO, to be saved from the coming destruction and judgment of God.

Do you SEE Noah's faith in God? Can others see your faith in God by how you obey His warnings and believe His Word?

After Noah was warned by God, OF THINGS NOT YET SEEN, he moved with fear; began preparing. Build an ark, Noah, for the salvation of you and your family!

Genesis 6:22: "Thus did Noah, according to all that God commanded him, so did he".

The proof of Noah's faith was in his obedience to God. He believed God's Word, the evidence of things NOT SEEN, therefore, he moved with fear.

Noah BUILDING THE ARK, was both bad and good news to the world... when they came to see it, they no doubt heard WHY he was building it. God is going to destroy the world by a great flood. 2 Peter 2:5 tells us:

"Noah, the eighth person, was a preacher of righteousness."

The only place where you may be saved from God's judgment, from this great flood of waters is in the ark! God is angry with you because of your sins... Turn from your sins and believe God! Come into the ark and you will be saved from God's wrath! Flee from the wrath to come!

NONE heeded Noah's preaching, none were convinced!

Let's come fast forward to the here and now; we have bad and good news for lost sinners just like Noah did! The bad news if you're lost is you've sinned against God, and God is angry with the wicked every day!

God has warned lost sinners that they are in a state of condemnation NOW; His wrath hangs over their heads NOW! He is coming again to judge the world! That's bad news if you're lost!

The good news is Christ came into the world to save sinners! If you're lost, you've sinned against God! But if you repent of your sins, believe Christ, heed God's warnings to flee from that wrath to come, you will be saved.

John 3:36, 2 Peter 3:3-7, Matthew 7:24-27

The destruction in Noah's day was sudden, just as it will be when the Lord Jesus returns to judge the world. Luke 17:24-27

God was longsuffering toward lost sinners in Noah's day, but then the day came when God's patience ended.

God declared that He would destroy man, BUT He didn't do it immediately, He was patient and longsuffering with fallen humans.

Ecclesiastes 8:11, 1 Peter 3:18-20

All the while that Noah was building the ark, which was at least 100 years, maybe more, God was longsuffering, He was pointing lost sinners to the ONLY WAY to escape God's coming judgment.

God is going to destroy the world... Come with me and my family into the ark where you will be safe from the destroying flood! The door was open the whole time the ark was being built. But when God told Noah and his family to get in, God shut the door!

Let's come fast forward again from Noah's day to today....God is warning sinners every day to turn from their sins to Christ. Come with me, we tell our lost family members and friends in the world, come with me, trust in Christ, and you will be saved from your sins and saved from the coming judgment! COME NOW, the DOOR is STILL OPEN, the WAY to God is OPEN, you must come through faith in Jesus Christ! John 10:7-9, 14:6

Finally: Noah's faith in God, which was long witnessed and seen and heard by the world only aggravated God's judgment against them!

They watched their way of escape for over 100 years being built... the whole time, the door was open!
BUT in the end, they despised God's goodness and patience and longsuffering to them. What a sad day when many of the wicked will stand before God... who beheld and heard your witness for Christ, who saw your preparations for what God had warned and promised would come.

Just as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be when Christ returns!