



## Week 7: Dedication Before Despair

*Genesis 7:11-24*

### A. The Flood of it All.

1. The Black Sea
  - a. 400ft. below
  - b. Carbon dating of seashells on an underwater shoreline
  - c. A flood happened that destroyed life
2. The Atlantic Ocean
  - a. At one point in history did not exist (Pangea)
  - b. The sonar probe
3. The Animal Colonization Theory
  - a. The Ice Age
  - b. Land Bridges
  - c. Marsupials

*“If I can convince you that the flood was not real, then I can convince you that Heaven and Hell are not real.” Satan (A sign at the Ark Encounter in Kentucky)*

### B. Faithful obedience is linked to God’s providence.

*“In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of*

*the heavens were opened. And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. They had with them every wild animal according to its **kind**, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then **the Lord shut** him in.” *Genesis 7:11-16 (NIV)**

#### 1. “The great deep.”

##### a. Genesis 1:2

*“Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.” (NIV)*

##### b. A reversal of Creation

#### 2. “According to its kind”

##### a. Genesis 1:21

*“So, God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about it, according to their **kinds**, and every winged bird according to its **kind**.” (NIV)*

##### b. 1,656 years

#### 3. Noah entered and the Lord shut.

##### a. A faithful obedience.

*“...as God had commanded Noah.” *Genesis 7:16b (NIV)**

##### b. A faithful promise.

*“Then the Lord shut him in.” *Genesis 7:16c (NIV)**

### C. Faith in flesh sinks. Faith in God floats.

*“For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased, they **lifted the ark high above the earth**. The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than fifteen cubits. Every living thing that moved on land perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. **Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out**; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. **Only Noah was left**, and those with him in the ark. The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.” *Genesis 7:17-24 (NIV)**

1. Noah’s obedience to God caused him to be raised above the evil.

2. The Nephilim were celebrated.

3. Man will never rule over God. Only the faithful will be left.

*“The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run into it and are safe.” *Proverbs 18:10 (NIV)**

### D. Will your boat float?

1. Do you believe God’s account?

*“...if He did not spare the ancient world when He brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others...”*

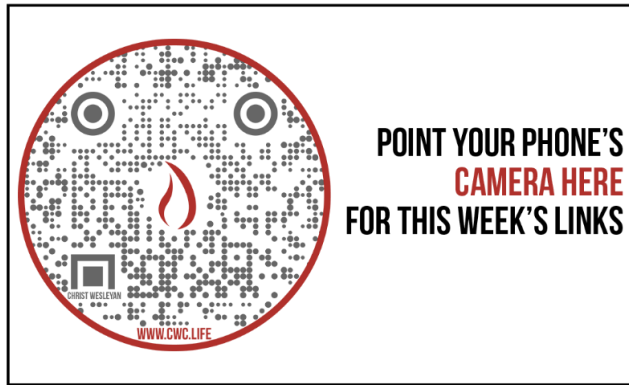
*2 Peter 2:5 (NIV)*

2. Everyone has an ark.

3. God will faithfully fulfill His promise to destroy the wicked and save the obediently faithful. (The goodness of God)

*To begin a relationship with Jesus...  
Text: I Choose Jesus to 570-273-0088*

**Next Sunday: Week 8: The Power of 40: Dedication  
Until Departure**



**Giving & Attendance Update**

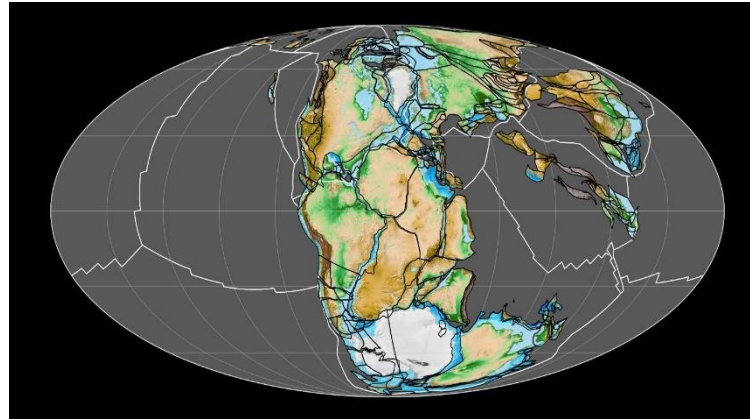
**Giving last Sunday: 68.9% of goal**

**Giving year to date: 89.1% of goal**

**Attendance last Sunday: 1,743**

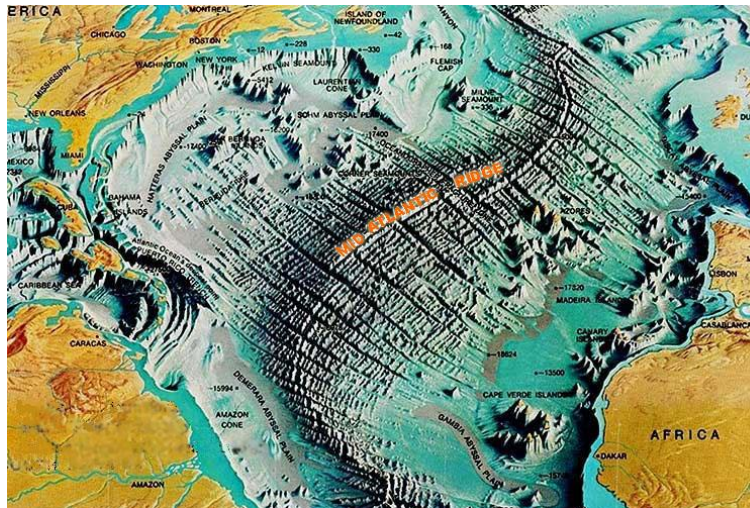
**Salvations to date: 150 | Baptisms to date: 14**

**A2a: Pangea (Pre-Flood earth):**



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[www.businessinsider.com/maps-reveal-eighth-continent-zealandia-underwater-2020-6](http://www.businessinsider.com/maps-reveal-eighth-continent-zealandia-underwater-2020-6).*

**A2b: Atlantic Fault Line (Post-Flood earth):**



*Atlantic Ocean Basin: 2021 Shefalitayal.com:  
<https://goldfieldupc.com/>*