

CHAPTER EIGHT VERSES & EVENTS

COLORING BOOK ALL-STARS

TODAY'S VERSES

GENESIS 5:28-29
GENESIS 5:1,
GENESIS 5:23-32
GENESIS 6:1-2
JOB 1:6

MATTHEW 22:30
MATTHEW 24:37-38
1PETER 3:20
2PETER 2:5
GENESIS 6:4-9

NUMBERS 13:33
GENESIS 8:13-22
REVELATION 8:3-4
2CORINTHIANS 5:21
EPHESIANS 5:2

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...

Want to meet someone new,
the leadership of Element
or get plugged in?
You're invited to our
Connect Dessert Party
Sunday, Sept 20, 5pm!

CONNECT PARTY

BAPTISM CLASSES

If you would like to be
baptized, please attend
one of our classes TODAY
after each service!
There will be a separate
class for eKids! at 12:30pm!

Join us
as we join other organizations in
town to Serve Santa Maria and
help serve our community on
September 29th at 9am
contact:
saunders@ourelement.org
to sign up!

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We are in the middle of a series called Coloring Book All-Stars, where we look at the most popular stories and characters of the Bible (outside of Jesus) and begin to understand them in a more human context. It is Element's hope that we will no longer idolize these characters, but view our "heroes" as broken people who have received God's grace. This week, we look at the story of Noah and the great flood.

**Who would you say is your favorite person to take a walk with?
Who would you like to go on a walk with?**

In the story of Noah, we learn that Enoch walked with God.
In your own words, what does it mean to "walk" with God?

The analogy comparing walking with God to the Christian life is used throughout Scripture. But what does it mean to walk with God? It is not merely living by rules and regulations or making daily resolutions that we quickly break; it is much more than that. The prophet Amos revealed an important truth about what it means to walk with God when he asked, "Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?" (Amos 3:3 NKJV). The word he used for "together" gives the idea of two people moving in rhythm just like you are trying to ride a tandem bicycle or saw down a large tree. It is not about getting God into rhythm with us; it is getting ourselves into rhythm with Him.

**Do you see any similarities with the people of Noah's day and our own?
What separates Noah from the people of his day?**

When I (Jon) read the story of Noah, I get confused, frustrated, and I start to question God's goodness. For me, this is largely an emotional response to the story and a misreading of scripture. The story of Noah does in fact show God's goodness despite having Him flood the world. How is this possible? The answer is God's grace.

**Why did God show favor to Noah?
How can we still believe in a good God?
What does Grace mean to you?**

Genesis 8:20. Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. This is what Noah did immediately after getting off the ark. He worshiped God.

**Where in your life do you currently feel God's grace and second chance?
Is there anyone in your life who needs another chance?**

Propitiation and Expiation:

- Propitiation means to *make favorable* (it is the idea of dealing with God's wrath against sinners and restoring relationship with Him).
- Expiation means to make amends for...or to *make pious*...it implies the removal or cleansing of sin.

Expiation doesn't make us favorable in God's eyes, it only removes sin. You would propitiate a person and expiate a problem (sin). The flood was expiation of the sin problem, Noah knew it was only God's grace (God remembering him) that saved him and his whole family. Noah was made propitious to God because of God's own work.

**How have you felt you need to pay for your own sin?
How have you seen people try to pay for their own sin?
Define again, after having talked about all of this, the meaning of grace.**

Noah is the precursor to us understanding grace, when Jesus comes HE IS Expiation and Propitiation. By expiating (removing the problem of) sin God was made propitious (favorable) to us. We can be like Noah, in God's eyes, through Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus atones for our sins, offers us life, and clothes our shame...it all takes place in Jesus.

