THE ARK AND THE CHURCH

Introduction:
1. When we study about the ark that Noah built to save his family from the flood, and the church that Jesus built to save man from sin, there are many beautiful comparisons.
2. Let us now compare the Ark and the Church that we might learn some lessons.

I. THE ARK AND THE CHURCH HAD BUT ONE BUILDER
   1. Noah is the builder of the Ark -- Gen. 6: 13 - 14
      (1) The righteousness of Noah made him a fit builder -- Gen. 7:1; 6: 8 - 9
   2. Christ the builder of the church -- Matt. 16:18
      (1) Christ, being without sin in His life, made Him a fit builder -- I Pet. 2:22; 3:18; I Pet. 1: 18 - 19

II. NOAH BUILT ONE ARK, AND CHRIST BUILT ONE CHURCH
   1. ONE Ark -- Gen. 6:14
      (1) No life-boats carried.
   2. ONE Church -- Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:4
      (1) It has no societies

III. THE ARK AND THE CHURCH WERE BOTH PROVIDED BY GOD FOR A REFUGE
   1. The Ark -- Gen. 6: 14 - 21; I Pet. 3:20
      (1) The Ark was God's only provided refuge in the days of Noah -- Gen. 7:21 - 22
   2. The Church -- Eph. 5:23; Acts 2:47
      (1) The church is God's only provided refuge for our day -- John 10:9; 10:1

IV. ALL WHO ENTERED THE ARK WERE PHYSICALLY SAVED -- ALL WHO ENTER THE CHURCH ARE SPIRITUALLY SAVED.
   1. The physically saved in the Ark -- Gen. 6: 19 - 22
      (1) All outside the ark were physically lost -- Gen. 7: 21 - 22
   2. All who enter the church are spiritually saved -- saved from alien sins -- Acts 2:38; 22:16; Mk. 16:16
      (1) All responsible people outside the church are spiritually lost -- Acts 2:47

V. THE ARK HAD ONE DOOR AND THE CHURCH HAS ONE DOOR
   1. The one door was in the side of the Ark -- Gen. 6:16
      (1) All that entered the Ark had to enter by the one door -- Gen. 6:16
2. The church has one door -- Christ is that Door -- John 10:9
   (1) All that enter the church must enter by this one door.
   (2) How we enter Christ -- Gal. 3: 27; Rom. 6: 3 - 4
   (3) The church -- I Cor. 12:13

VI. THE ARK HAD ONE WINDOW OR LIGHT -- THE CHURCH HAS BUT ONE SOURCE OF LIGHT -- CHRIST AND HIS WORD.
   1. One window in the Ark -- Gen. 6:16
   2. Christ and His Word is the only source of light for the Church -- John 9:5; Psa. 119: 105; 119:130

VII. THE ARK CONTAINED ONE FAMILY -- THE CHURCH IS THE ONLY FAMILY OF GOD
   1. The one family in the Ark was Noah's family -- Gen. 7:7
   2. Every member of God's family is in the church -- I Tim. 3:15; I John 3:10; Rom. 8: 16 -17

VIII. THE ARK WAS MADE OF ONE MATERIAL (GOPHER WOOD) -- THE CHURCH IS MADE OF ONE MATERIAL (LIVING STONES).
   1. The Ark of Gopher wood -- Gen. 6:14
   2. The Church of Living Stones -- I Pet. 2:5

CONCLUSION
1. The people of Noah's day ignored God's flood warning which He gave through Noah -- II Pet. 2:5; Matt. 24: 37 - 39
2. People today are ignoring God's judgment warning and His eternal punishment in fire warning -- II Thess. 2: 8 - 9; Matt. 25: 31 - 46
3. Most people today are as unprepared as they were in the days of Noah -- Matt. 24:37

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