

**Series:** *Marks of a Healthy Church*

**Sermon #4: 'Biblical Theology'**

Genesis 6-9

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**Biblical theology is about understanding how both the Old and New Testaments tell us ONE grand story: a holy God who acts in history to display the wonders of His love and grace for His people—culminating in the saving sacrifice and resurrection of His Son (Luke 24:27). Biblical theology is the divine linchpin that ensures the gospel is faithfully preached and preaching is faithfully gospel-centered in the church.**

**Sermon Point:**

**Jesus is the new Noah and the new ark who rescues God's people from a greater flood and paves the way for a new creation to come!**

**Sermon Outline:**

**1. The flood of God's justice**

Luke 17:26-27

**2. The ark of God's salvation.**

**There's only one way to be sheltered from the righteous punishment of God that will fall on sinful mankind one day and that is to be found in Christ, to be washed in his blood and to be clothed in the robes of his righteousness. 1 Thessalonians 1:10; John 10:9**

**3. The new Noah**

*"Adam wasn't good enough, Noah wasn't good enough... it's only Jesus."*

Words from 'Only Jesus' by Shai Linne (Look it up and sing along on *You Tube*)

**4. The new creation**

**The story of the Bible ends with our triune God ushering us into His holy presence where He will reign in the company of His people who will glorify Him and enjoy Him forever without any distraction and interruption! Romans 8:22; Revelation 21-22**

## **Learning to Live/Applications (How to Use Biblical Theology?):**

- 1. Biblical theology helps us read our Bibles correctly—using a Christ-centered focus.**
- 2. Biblical theology helps us worship God in the beauty of His holiness.**
- 3. Some sermons are nothing more than moralistic, self-help, motivational ‘lessons’ to satisfy narcissistic desires. Biblical theology is the solution to bad, Christless preaching.**

## **Recommended Resources to Go Deeper:**

*The Whole Story of the Bible in 16 Verses* (Chris Bruno)

*The Whole Message of the Bible in 16 Words* (Chris Bruno)

*What is Biblical Theology?: A Guide to the Bible’s Story, Symbolism, and Patterns* (James M. Hamilton Jr.)

*Christ from Beginning to End: How the Full Story of Scripture Reveals the Full Glory of Christ* (Trent Hunter & Stephen Wellum)

*ESV Gospel Transformation Bible: Christ in All of Scripture, Grace for All of Life* (published by Crossway)