

- 1. After the Fall, God gave freedom to humankind to choose between good and evil – Gen. 6:1-5, 11-12**
 - Those who knew better compromised their principles.
 - Evil became rampant.
 - Violence and corruption filled the earth.

- 2. God is longsuffering, but His patience has limits – Genesis 6:3, 6-7, 13**
 - He grew weary of people ignoring His Spirit.
 - He regretted that He created humans.
 - God proclaimed judgment on all who had turned their back on Him.

- 3. God's judgment is always completely just – Gen. 6:5, 13**
 - We and God have vastly different views of what we deserve.
 - The story reveals God's reluctance to judge.
 - ✓ He gave people one hundred and twenty years to repent.
 - ✓ His heart was grieved by human failure.
 - ✓ He noticed one person who honored Him.

- 4. God's grace moved Him to provide escape for Noah and his family – Gen 6: 8-9, 14-18**
 - Three things about Noah:
 - ✓ He was righteous.
 - ✓ He was blameless.
 - ✓ He walked with God.
 - It's unlikely the method made a lot of sense to Noah.
 - ✓ Spend 120 years building a 450 x 75 foot box for your family.
 - ✓ Take a menagerie of animals and spend over a year of quality time with them.

- 5. The focus of the story of Noah is not human sinfulness, but God's deliverance – Genesis 6:18**