

Did You Know about the power of PITCH ???

I am convinced that we take so many things in the Bible for granted. We read the accounts and don't think anything else about them. I want to share something that I learned with you. I love to read and study from the Old Testament. I stumbled on something, purely by accident, a few years ago and am still excited about it today! First we need to look in Genesis at the story of Noah:

13 *And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.* **14** *Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.* Gen 6:13 | 4 (KJV)

Notice God told Noah to pitch it inside and outside with pitch. What is pitch you may wonder? It is defined as a thick, dark, sticky substance. In other words, tar. We also find the use of this in the book of Exodus:

3 *And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.* Ex 2:3 (KJV)

This is the account of the story of Moses. Moses' mother hid him for as long as she could, then when she couldn't any longer, she built an "ark", if you will, to protect him. It too was covered with this "pitch" or tar.

Now for the good stuff: First, both Noah and his family and Moses were saved by an ark. This ark represents our position in Christ. As long as we are in the ark, we cannot be harmed; the ark is a representation of Jesus Christ. So if the ark represents Jesus, why did I spend the time about the pitch? The reason is simple; the Hebrew word translated **pitch** in Gen 6:14 and Ex 2:3 is the same word translated "**atonement**" in Leviticus:

11 *For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul.* Lev 17:11 (KJV)

So, with that being said, not only are we safe in the ark of Jesus, we are kept safe by the sacrifice of His own blood!!

12 *Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.* Heb 9:12 (KJV)

So, DID YOU KNOW??? If you learned something new, today, why not attend Sunday School where dedicated, knowledgeable teachers will assist in your understanding of the Bible.

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