

## II Peter 2:5-8

5. And did not spare the ancient world, but **SAVED NOAH, one of eight people**, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in **the FLOOD on the WORLD of the UNGODLY**;

- **Genesis 6:5-7** "Then the Lord saw that the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his \_\_\_\_\_ was only \_\_\_\_\_ continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, 'I will \_\_\_\_\_ man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.'"
- **Genesis 6:8-10** "But \_\_\_\_\_ found \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of the Lord. This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a \_\_\_\_\_ man, perfect in his generations. Noah \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth."
- **Genesis 6:14-17** "Make yourself an \_\_\_\_\_ of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. And this is how you shall make it: the length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. And behold, I Myself am bringing \_\_\_\_\_ waters on the earth, to \_\_\_\_\_ from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Genesis 7:1** "Then the Lord said to \_\_\_\_\_, 'Come into the \_\_\_\_\_, you and all your household (a total of eight people), because I have seen that you are \_\_\_\_\_ before Me in this generation.'"
- **Hebrews 11:7** "By faith \_\_\_\_\_, being divinely \_\_\_\_\_ of things \_\_\_\_\_ yet seen, moved with godly fear, \_\_\_\_\_ an \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_, by which he condemned the \_\_\_\_\_ and became heir of the \_\_\_\_\_ which is according to \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "The WORLD of the UNGODLY"** - When we speak of the "wicked" or the "evil" people of this world, it's easy to only think of the Adolph Hitlers, the Saddam Husseins, the serial killers, child molesters and rapists, or those who cheat old people out of their homes and life savings. We forget that **God sees EVERYONE as UNGODLY until they come to faith in His Son Jesus Christ for salvation** and new birth. Once we come to Christ in simple faith, we become "the righteous" ones that the Bible talks about. It is not our own righteousness, but the righteousness of Jesus Christ which is applied (imputed) to our bankrupt moral account.

- **II Corinthians 5:21** "For He made \_\_\_\_\_ who knew no sin to be sin for \_\_\_\_\_, that we might \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Him."
- **Romans 4:5-8** "But to him who does not work but \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ who justifies the \_\_\_\_\_, his \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, just as David also describes the blessedness of the man whom God imputes \_\_\_\_\_ apart from works: 'Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are \_\_\_\_\_, and whose \_\_\_\_\_ are covered; blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall \_\_\_\_\_ impute \_\_\_\_\_.'"

**6-8.** And **turning the cities of SODOM and GOMORRAH into ashes**, condemned them to destruction, **making them an EXAMPLE** to those who would afterward live ungodly; and **DELIVERED RIGHTEOUS LOT, who was oppressed with the FILTHY CONDUCT of the WICKED** (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) -

- **Jude 7** "As \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to \_\_\_\_\_ immorality and gone after \_\_\_\_\_ flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the \_\_\_\_\_ of eternal \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Genesis 19:1-11** "Now the two angels came to \_\_\_\_\_ in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. And he said, 'Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way.' And they said, 'No, but we will spend the night in the open square.' But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. Now before they lay down, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, 'Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_.' So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, and said, 'Please, my brethren, do not do so \_\_\_\_\_! See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof.' And they said, 'Stand back!' Then they said, 'This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal \_\_\_\_\_ with you than with them.' So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to \_\_\_\_\_ down the door. But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with \_\_\_\_\_, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door."
- **Leviticus 18:22** "You shall not lie with a \_\_\_\_\_ as with a \_\_\_\_\_. It is an \_\_\_\_\_."
- **I Corinthians 6:9-11** "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither \_\_\_\_\_, nor idolaters, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers (users of abusive language), nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of \_\_\_\_\_. But you were \_\_\_\_\_, but you were \_\_\_\_\_ (made holy), but you were \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ and by the Spirit of our God."
- **Matthew 10:15** "Assuredly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the day of judgment than for that city!"

**Definition: "Turning the cities of SODOM and GOMORRAH into ashes"** - If you are familiar with what happened to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, you remember that God caused fire to rain down from heaven, and the cities were completely destroyed. This was God's judgment for their sexual sin and degradation.

- **Genesis 19:24-25** "Then the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ brimstone and \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, from the Lord out of the heavens. So He overthrew (destroyed) those \_\_\_\_\_, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground."

**Definition: "The FILTHY CONDUCT of the WICKED"** - The "filthy conduct of the wicked" that is referred to here and also in Judges 19:20-23 is homosexuality, and more specifically gang rape of the strangers that have come to their city. **The expression "know them carnally" means to have sex with them. These men are so depraved and perverted that they look upon any stranger as "fresh meat" for their sexual immorality and lusts.** In both the situation in Genesis and in Judges, it was unsafe for men to sleep in the open square of the city, because they would be sexually molested and raped by the homosexual men of the city. God's word is very clear on the subject of homosexuality, and it is a sin. God does not cause anyone to "be born that way", but rather it is a sexual addiction, and can be overcome by the power of God, just as any other addiction, such as alcoholism or drug addiction. The words "fornication" and "adultery" in the Bible, or the newer translations say "sexual immorality", means **ANY sexual intercourse other than between a man and woman who are MARRIED to each other.** Lot was just as wrong to offer the men his virgin daughters instead of the men who were his guests, but it just shows how horrible a sin Lot considered these homosexual men to be attempting.

According to God's Word, homosexuality is an unnatural condition (Romans 1:27). It is listed with various other sins which are all destructive to human personality, and as such are opposed by God. The Bible says that God will forgive all who confess their sins and turn to Christ, but indicates that those who willfully and continually practice sexual immorality, idolatry, adultery, homosexuality, stealing, greed, drunkenness, slandering, and swindling, and do not turn to Christ for salvation, will not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). The reason God is opposed to these actions (and all other sins) is because they are harmful to those whom he loves--us. It has never been proven that homosexuality is in one's genes any more than pedophilia is. And if they are, perhaps sin, too, is in our genes because we are born with a sin nature. But that does not justify sinful acts. In fact, there are usually deep psychological causes behind many of these external "acts of sin." The causes often have their roots in the past and need to be confronted if a person is to find wholeness--emotional and spiritual healing, and recovery. Often it is a failure to receive love in early childhood that "drives" people into some acts of sin. Only love, Christ's unconditional love through us, will ever reach these people and keep them from God's wrath against sin.

- **Judges 19:20-23** "And the old man said, 'Peace be with you! However, let all your needs be my responsibility; only do \_\_\_\_\_ spend the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ square.' So he brought him into his house, and gave fodder to the donkeys. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank. As they were enjoying themselves, suddenly certain \_\_\_\_\_ of the city, \_\_\_\_\_ men, \_\_\_\_\_ the house and beat on the door. They spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, 'Bring out the \_\_\_\_\_ who came to your house, that we may \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_!' But the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, 'No, my brethren! I beg you, do not \_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_! Seeing this man has come into my house, do not commit this \_\_\_\_\_.'"
- **Ephesians 5:3-4** "But \_\_\_\_\_ and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it \_\_\_\_\_ even be named among you, as is fitting for \_\_\_\_\_; neither \_\_\_\_\_, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting (dirty jokes), which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks."
- **I Thessalonians 4:3-7** "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain (keep away from) from \_\_\_\_\_ immorality; that each of you should know how to possess (keep) his own vessel (body) in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, not in passion of \_\_\_\_\_, like the Gentiles who do \_\_\_\_\_ know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness (impurity), but in \_\_\_\_\_."

- **Hebrews 13:4** "Marriage is honorable among all, and the [marriage] bed undefiled; but \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God will \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Romans 1:18 & 26-32** (Verse 18) "For the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is revealed from \_\_\_\_\_ against all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness." (Vs. 26-32) "For this reason God gave them up to \_\_\_\_\_ passions. For even their \_\_\_\_\_ exchanged the \_\_\_\_\_ use for what is \_\_\_\_\_ nature. Likewise also the \_\_\_\_\_, leaving the \_\_\_\_\_ use of the woman, \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_ for one another, \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ committing what is \_\_\_\_\_, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a \_\_\_\_\_ mind, to do those things which are not fitting, being filled with all unrighteousness, \_\_\_\_\_ immorality, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, maliciousness; full of \_\_\_\_\_, murder, strife, \_\_\_\_\_, evil mindedness; they are whisperers (gossips), backbiters, haters of God, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, boasters, inventors of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ to parents, undiscerning, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, unforgiving, \_\_\_\_\_, who, knowing the righteous \_\_\_\_\_ of God, that those who \_\_\_\_\_ such things are \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, not only do the same, but also \_\_\_\_\_ of those who practice them."

**Definition: "DELIVERED RIGHTEOUS LOT"** - Lot was the nephew of Abraham. He was a believer in the one, true God, and therefore was considered by God to be "righteous" and is called "righteous Lot" in spite of the mistakes he made and the sins he had in his life. Today, for us as New Testament believers in Jesus Christ, our righteousness is imputed (given) to us when we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and God also considers us righteous, no matter what sins we have committed. Our sins are not only forgiven, but God does not hold them against us, but looks upon us as righteous, because we are believers in His Son Jesus Christ.

- **Romans 1:16-17** "For I am not ashamed of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is revealed from \_\_\_\_\_ to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by \_\_\_\_\_.'"
- **Titus 3:5** "\_\_\_\_\_ by works of \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_, but according to His \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_\_\_\_ us; by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Spirit."
- **Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by \_\_\_\_\_ are you saved by \_\_\_\_\_, and that \_\_\_\_\_ of yourselves, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, lest anyone should boast."
- **Psalms 51:1-2, 10** "Have \_\_\_\_\_ on me, O God, according to Your loving kindness, according to the multitude of Your tender mercies \_\_\_\_\_ my transgressions; \_\_\_\_\_ thoroughly from my iniquity, and \_\_\_\_\_ me from my sin. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ a clean \_\_\_\_\_, O God, and renew a right \_\_\_\_\_ in me."