

# Genesis 6, Part 2: Judgment Approaches

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## Genesis 6: 5-8 – Only Evil Continually

Is mankind “b-b-b-bad to the bone”? No, it’s much worse than that. (Gen 6:5; 8:21; Is 64:6; Jer 17:9; Rom 3:10-18) These verses describe the **total depravity** of mankind. (WCF 6.4)

If man is not completely bad and inclined to all evil, then he has the potential to **save himself**.

Two major battles fought on this turf were: Augustine vs. Pelagius and Calvin vs. Arminius. The position that man is not completely evil is usually referred to as **Arminianism**. This position is **unbiblical**.

Why is the doctrine of total depravity so critical in the life of the church? What evidence do we see that this doctrine has largely been lost?

But Noah found **grace/favor** (*chen*) with God—not of his own doing. He became an **heir** of **righteousness** that comes by **faith**. (Heb 11:7) How else is God’s mercy seen in the Flood narrative? (compare Gen 2:17 with Gen 6:17)

**Everybody dies**. Why are we only appalled when it happens all at once?

## Genesis 6: 9-22 – Preparing the Ark

Who is God speaking to in 6:3, and when? How is this verse to be understood? When did God speak to Noah? (Gen 6:13)

Whitcomb and Morris\* estimate that at the time of the Flood the population of the earth was conservatively over a **billion** people. (\**The Genesis Flood*)

God determined to destroy all flesh on account of **corruption** and **violence** brought by mankind. (Gen 6:11)

The Hebrew word translated **pitch** (*kopher*) in 6:14 is translated elsewhere **ransom** (8 times in the KJV). (Ex 30:12; Job 33:24; Job 36:18; Ps 49:7; Pro 6:35, 13:8, 21:18; Is 43:3)

The dimensions of the ark suggest that it was **really big**. (Gen 6:15)

- more than 100,000 square feet of floor space (2 acres or 2 football fields)
- over 1,000,000 cubic feet
- displacement of 24,000 tons

Animals were brought according to their **kinds**, not according to their **varieties**. (Gen 6:19-20)

All the food brought on the ark was **vegetation**. (Gen 6:21)

What was the extent of the Flood? (Gen 6:17) The extent of the Flood points to the extent of the **Fall**.

How are we to understand the relationship between faith and works in this narrative? (Gen 6:22)

Genesis 6 covers a period of time of at least **100** years leading up to the Flood.