

Jonah 2

"The Big Fish"

"Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

- Matthew 12:38-40

that is, for judgment and for mercy?

Do we see our need for the "sign of Jonah,"

"The Big Fish"

- 1. The Big Fish and Being Cast Down to Death 1-6 "For you cast me into the deep" 2:3
- 2. The Big Fish and Being Raised Up to Life 6-10 "Yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God" 2:6

"Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me; he has crushed me; he has made me an empty vessel; he has swallowed me like a monster; he has filled his stomach with my delicacies; he has rinsed me out." ...

And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and take out of his mouth what he has swallowed. The nations shall no longer flow to him; the wall of Babylon has fallen.

- Jeremiah 51:34, 44

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved--

even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. - Ephesians 2:1-10

Salvation Belongs to the Lord!