

Think On These Things...

"Lord, Save Me"

"But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" (**Mat. 14:30-31**).

It was approximately 3:00 AM in the morning, and the disciples found themselves in a most precarious state. They were in the midst of the Sea of Galilee toiling in rowing because of stormy weather. Jesus saw that they were struggling and began walking toward them on the water and would have passed by them had they not seen and cried out to Him (**Mark 6:48-50**). Initially, His disciples were afraid, not knowing who He was, and He spake unto them, saying, "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid" (**Mat. 14:27**). It was at that point Peter stepped out of the boat and began to walk toward Him. And it was there, within those chilling waters, that the Lord saved Peter.

There is an interesting parallel between Peter being saved within the Sea of Galilee to our being saved spiritually in the waters of baptism. As Peter began to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." He recognized his hopeless condition and cried out to the only One that could save him, that being Christ (**cf. Acts 4:12; John 14:6**). It was there, in the sea, that the Lord saved Peter from physical harm. In like manner, we are saved spiritually when we cross through the waters of baptism! There, within the waters of baptism, we come in contact with His saving blood (**Rev. 1:5**) and are resurrected to newness of life (**Rom. 6:3-4**). Baptism into Christ for the remission of sins is absolutely essential for salvation (**cf. Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:26ff; 1 Pet. 3:21**). Are you, like Peter, willing to step out by faith and cross through those waters?

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