

Something to Be Said for the Faithful Few

1 Pet 3:20-21

Introduction:

- A. It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out that faithful Christians are a small minority.
 - 1. Can let it discourage us.
 - 2. Can let it motivate us.
- B. Faithful Christians have always been in the minority.
 - 1. God wants all saved (2 Pet. 3:9)
 - 2. God knows only a few will be saved (Matt. 22:14)
- C. Faithful are a small but potent group in God's scheme of things.
 - 1. They are the salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13)
 - 2. They are the light of the world (Matt. 5:14; Phil. 2:15)
- D. There is something to be said for the faithful few.

Discussion:

I. They Have Preserved Humanity

- A. The few (8 souls) of Noah's family (1 Pet. 3:20)
- B. As few as ten could have saved Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 18)
- C. Can keep a nation's iniquity from being full (Gen. 15:13-16)

II. They Rely on God's Wisdom and Strength

- A. Why not many wise, strong and noble of this world are called (1 Cor. 1:26)
- B. Few are willing to rely upon God:
 - 1. Rather than world's wisdom.
 - 2. Rather than physical strength.
 - 3. Social standing
 - 4. Rather than numbers.
- C. The truly wise, strong and noble rely upon God's way (cf. Acts 17:11)

III. They Have Found the Way of Life

- A. Why do so few find it?
- B. So many things keep the way hidden from men.

IV. They Are the Worthy (Rev. 3:4)

- A. These were a minority within a minority.
- B. They will walk with Lord in white.

Conclusion:

- A. Don't be ashamed to be one of a few.
- B. Remember what can be said for being one of a few.