

THE WORLD-SYSTEM - LOVE NOT THE WORLD

CHAP. 3: A WORLD UNDER WATER

1. CONTENT

a. The NT concept of salvation not only refers to forgiveness and acceptance by God - it also refers to being rescued legal bondage to the kosmos (see Acts 26:18; Col 1:13).

b. Water baptism symbolizes the believers' exit from the kosmos as well as his entrance into God's kingdom. In our baptism into Christ (cf Rom 6), we not only died to the legal authority of sin, but we also died to the kosmos (Gal 6:14).

----- NOTE: Nee's usage of I Pet 3:21 to prove this is not convincing, though his application is proper.

2. APPLICATION

a. When we get baptized, we should realize that we have died to the kosmos and been born again into an entirely different kingdom. Though we still live in the kosmos and though our station in life may not change, we should do so with a fundamentally different perspective: we belong to an entirely different system with entirely different goals.