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'...that you may know that you have eternal life.' 1 John 5:13

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The Grandest Ship Afloat



The beginning of the 20th century saw many new British passenger liners entering service. Each one seemed to be larger, faster and more luxurious than the one that had gone before, until there was the biggest and grandest of all the ships, the Titanic! Weighing 48,000 tons and with a length of 882 feet, this new ship was the pride of the seas. With its twelve watertight compartments, they claimed it to be "practically unsinkable". The rich and famous soon booked their places in the lavish and expensive cabins. Thousands of people came to Southampton on Wednesday April 10, 1912 to see Titanic embark on its maiden voyage to New York. Little did those people know that this was to be its first and last voyage. Within five days the majority of people on board that ship were in eternity! For Those in Peril on the Sea On Sunday night April 12, 1912 a hymn singing evening was arranged. Within five days the majority of people on board that ship were in eternity! For Those in Peril on the Sea On Sunday night April 12, 1912 a hymn singing evening was arranged.

About a hundred passengers gathered in the second class dining saloon for the occasion. One of the many hymns sung that night was William Whiting's famous seafaring hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save", containing the words, "Oh hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea." Those enjoying this evening of singing did not know that within two hours they would all be enduring an unprecedented great peril in the freezing waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

As you sail across life's ocean, have you prepared for the one certainty in life - death? Have you ever stopped to think of the awful danger your soul is in if you are not right with God?

The Lord Jesus Christ said, "what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).



Iceberg Dead Ahead!

Most people on board the great liner were retiring for bed at 11:40 p.m. when Fredrick Fleet, a sailor in the crow's nest of the forward mast, sighted a dark mass in the water ahead of the ship. Picking up the telephone connecting him to the bridge he called out, "Iceberg dead ahead". First Officer, William Murdock, immediately ordered the helmsmen to steer, "Hard a starboard".

Travelling at 23 knots (26.5 mph) the ship seemed reluctant to respond but finally her bows started to slowly move to the left. It seemed that she would miss the iceberg. However, as Titanic tried to skirt around the ice a light vibration shuddered through the ship, alerting those on the bridge that their efforts had tragically been unsuccessful.

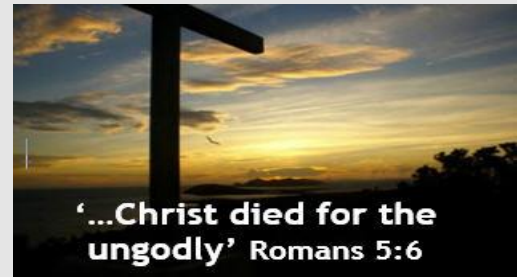
Are you trying to steer your own way to Heaven using your good works and efforts?

The Bible says, “by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8).

To the Rescue!

At 12:15 a.m. Harold Cottam, the wireless operator of the steamship Carpathia, picked up Titanic’s distress call. He immediately woke his captain, Arthur Rostron. Rostron made every effort to cover the 58 perilous miles to the floundering ship as quickly as possible. Carpathia was pushed to the limit as Rostron wove a treacherous course through hazardous pack ice and icebergs! During the nearly four hours it took to reach Titanic’s position, Captain Rostron ordered his crew to prepare for the reception of survivors. The next morning when all the survivors of the disaster had been safely rescued, Rostron looked around the barren expanse of sea.

As he gazed at the dangerous pack ice he exclaimed, “Someone’s hand other than my own was on the helm of my ship last night!” The Bible states, “the Father has sent the Son as Saviour of the world” (1 John 4:14). The Lord Jesus did not come out of a request for help from a ruined sinking world. He came in great love, “to save sinners” (1 Timothy 1:15).



By dying on the cross at Calvary the Lord Jesus paid in full the price that a righteous God demanded for our sins. Just as Captain Rostron issued orders to get his crew ready to receive survivors, we need to obey God’s command to be ready for Heaven. The Bible says God, “commands all men everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30).

Have you repented (turned away) from your sin and trusted Christ as your Saviour? As you remember the tragic loss of Titanic may your soul be averted from eternal disaster.

‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved’ (Acts 16:31). Via Magazine



I was sinking deep in sin,
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within,
Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me,
Now safe am I.

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.

Souls in danger, look above,
Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love
Out of the angry waves.
He’s the Master of the sea,
Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be—
Be saved today.



ARE YOU LIKE THE PASSENGERS ON THE TITANIC?



- ✘ Both were (are) sailing toward disaster at break-neck speeds.
- ✘ In the frenzy of the night, many failed to board the Titanic lifeboats which could have rescued them from death; in the hustle and bustle of life, many or most people fail to avail themselves of God's gift of Eternal Life in His Son, Jesus Christ, who can save them from eternal destruction.
- ✘ Up until the moment of the crash, people on the Titanic were going about their normal routines (business as usual): crew members were observing their daily duties; passengers were laughing, dancing and dining; both were (are) oblivious to the imminent dangers that lay (lie) ahead.
- ✘ Even after the Titanic struck the iceberg, for the first couple of hours many were in denial that they faced any danger whatsoever— "This ship is unsinkable," some claimed. How many people in our day live in similar blind denial? "There's no hell," many declare. "If there is a heaven, either we're all going there or we ain't," others might retort.

- ✘ On that sad early morning of April 15, 2012, dozens and dozens of scoffers faced reality head-on. How many millions, in our generation, will, tragically and avoidably, come face to face with the legitimacy of death and an eternity in torment (Luke 16)?
- ✘ Some of the passengers on the Titanic, who failed to board the lifeboats which could have rescued them, sought, instead, to save themselves by strapping on life preservers and jumping into the ocean. If the impact of the fall did not kill them, the frigid water would have finished them off in minutes [this observation is for the purpose of illustration only; obviously, in the frenetic scene of the night, many were not given the opportunity to board the lifeboats]. How many unbelievers, today, steadfastly refuse to accept God's plan of salvation?

There is only ONE WAY, by grace alone through faith alone in his Son Christ Jesus alone.

They would rather go their own way, seek their own path, add to God's plan, or devise their own plan, while attempting to please God through their own works. Refusal to go God's way will certainly lead to destruction.

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Remember

**There is a way which
seemeth right unto a
man, but the end thereof
are the ways of death.**

Proverbs 14:12

THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION IS SO CLEAR IN THE BIBLE

'For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures**; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures...'

1 Corinthians 15:3

- ☒ 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved . . .' Acts 16:30-31

(We are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, not by works).

- ☒ 'For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.' Ephesians 2:8-9

- ☒ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
John 3:16-18

- ☒ He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.
John 3:36

- ☒ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9

Believe and Live

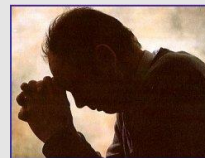
When the Saviour said "'Tis finished,"
Everything was fully done;
Done as God himself would have it --
Christ the victory had won.
Vain and futile the endeavour
To improve or add thereto;
God's free grace is thus commended--
To "believe," and not "to do."

All the *doing* is completed,
Now 'tis "look, believe and live:"
None can purchase his salvation,
Life's a gift that God must give;
Grace, through righteousness, is reigning,
Not of works lest man should boast:
Man must take the mercy freely,
Or eternally be lost.

Albert Midlane,



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God is fully satisfied by
what Christ did on the
cross. Are you?

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