

. . *Was it for me?*

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“Captain, . . iceberg . . directly ahead!”

2 Corinthians 5:20

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ,
as though God were pleading through us:

we implore you on Christ's behalf,

be reconciled to God.

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The Titanic



We all know the story. The Titanic, a British passenger liner, struck an iceberg off Newfoundland on the night of April 14-15, 1912, and sank. *There is part of that story, however, that is not widely known.*

One of the passengers on the Titanic was a godly Pastor from Scotland, by the name of John Harper. Harper had recently spent three months ministering at the Moody Church in Chicago, during which time the church had experienced one of the most wonderful revivals in its history. He had not been back in Britain long when he was asked to return and continue his ministry. He quickly made arrangements for himself and his six-year old daughter, Nana, to travel back to America on board the *Lusitania*. However, he decided to delay their departure for one week, so that they could sail on a new ship, the *Titanic*, which was about to make its maiden voyage.

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On Sunday the 14th of April, 1912, the day when the ship struck the iceberg, the weather was fine, the sea calm. Harper attended the church service for the passengers. His niece reported that later that afternoon she saw her Uncle speaking individually to people about their souls. It seems he was in the habit of seeking out the lost sheep wherever he went.

The *Titanic* struck the iceberg at 11:40 p.m. on April 14, 1912. As the call was issued for passengers to vacate their cabins, Harper wrapped his daughter in a blanket, told her that she would see him again one day, and passed her to one of the crewmen. After watching her safely board one of the lifeboats, he removed his life jacket and gave it to one of the other passengers. One survivor distinctly remembered hearing him shout, "*Women, children and the unsaved into the lifeboats!*" Harper knew that believers were ready to die but the unsaved were not ready.

Harper then ran along the decks pleading with people to turn to Christ, and with the ship sinking, he called upon the *Titanic's* orchestra to play, "Nearer, my God, to Thee." Gathering people around him on deck, he then knelt down, and "with holy joy in his face" raised his arms in prayer. As the ship began to lurch, he jumped into the icy waters and swam frantically to all he could reach, beseeching them to turn to the Lord Jesus and be saved. Finally, as hypothermia set in, John Harper sank beneath the waters and passed into the Lord's presence; he was 39.

Four years later, a young Scotsman by the name of Aguilla Webb stood up in a meeting in Hamilton, Canada, and gave the following testimony:

I am a survivor of the Titanic. When I was drifting alone on a spar that awful night, the tide brought Mr. John Harper of Glasgow, also on a piece of wreck, near me. 'Man,' he said, 'Are you saved?' 'No,' I said, 'I am not.' He replied, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.'

The waves bore him away; but, strange to say brought him back a little later, and he said, 'Are you saved now?' 'No,' I said, 'I cannot honestly say that I am.'

He said again, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,' and shortly after he went down; and there, alone in the night, and with two miles of water under me, I believed.

I am John Harper's last convert.

Apparently God wanted Webb's amazing testimony to be shared, because only seven people were plucked from the icy water that night to join the survivors in the lifeboats. *Webb was one of them.*

John Harper was truly one of the great heroes of the Titanic. *In the face of death and drowning, he was concerned about the souls of men.*

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The Unsinkable Titanic

Even as reports of the Titanic disaster began to reach America early in the morning of 15 April 1912, the Vice-President of the White Star Line in New York stated, without qualification, "*We place absolute confidence in the Titanic. We believe that the boat is unsinkable.*"

The February 1993 issue of The Titanic Commutator unearthed a White Star promotional flyer for the Olympic and Titanic that claimed "*as far as it is possible to do, these two wonderful vessels are designed to be unsinkable.*"

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In the end it did not matter what opinion any person held about the Titanic and its seaworthiness. *The only truly relevant fact about the this voyage of the Titanic was which List each person's name appeared a few days later:*

Passengers

Saved

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Lost

"And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened.

"And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life.

Revelation 20:12

"And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire"

Revelation 20:15

Regardless of our economic status, job, race, health condition, education, age, athletic ability, male, female, married, single, mother, father, son, daughter, physical appearance, future plans, goals, hopes, life-belief systems, political beliefs, religious affiliation, etc, etc, . . .

**At our death, the only thing that will matter is in
which Book our names are found.**

Aguilla Webb was one of the *last seven people* taken into a Titanic lifeboat.

There will be one person who will be the last person saved prior to the soon return of Jesus Christ to take His own out of this world and the Great Tribulation begins.

[Revelation 4:1]

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Mark 16:15-16

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **He who believes and is baptized will be saved;** but he who does not believe will be condemned.”

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.”

John 16:7-9

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper [Holy Spirit] will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, **He will convict the world of sin,** and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me.

What must I do . . .

. . . *to be saved?*

John 6:28-29

Then they said to Him, “**What shall we do,** that we may work the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that **you believe in Him** whom He sent.”

John 3:16-18

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him [Jesus] **should not perish** but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world **through Him might be saved.** He who believes in Him is **not condemned;** but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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Salvation always involves repentance!

The first work of the Holy Spirit
in the lives of the lost is . .

. . . conviction of their Sin!

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Acts 17:30-31

God now commands all men everywhere to **repent**, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

Acts 2:36-38

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Then Peter said to them, “**Repent**, and **let every one of you be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission [forgiveness] of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

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What do we need to repent from?

1. **Unbelief.** Not believing what Jesus Christ said about Himself:

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

2.) **All violations of the Moral Law of God = Sins.** Violations [sins] are thoughts, words and actions against God's Holy Commandments. The Holy Spirit brings a recognition and conviction into our hearts and minds that we have sinned against Holy God and our neighbors. We can do **nothing** about our past actions and can only cry out to God that we have sinned and our only hope is "outside of ourselves". The Holy Spirit makes crystal clear that we need a Savior from our sins. It then becomes clear to us that God provided the Savior, His own Son, who died on a cross to pay the just death penalty for our sins so we could be forgiven and reconciled to Holy God.

Ezekiel 18:20 The soul who sins **shall die.**

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities **have separated you** from your God;
And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

We all have broken the Moral Law of God and we deserve the just penalty of death for our sins.

Examples:

3. Lord's Name in vain. Using "OMG" or "Jesus Christ" as a swear word, violates His law.
7. Adultery. *"Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery."*
8. Steal. To steal anything makes me a thief.
9. False Witness. To ever lie about anything, makes me a liar.
10. Covet. To desire what someone has, either possessions or place, makes me covetous..

James 2:10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is **guilty of all.**

The Moral Law of God: Exodus 20:3-17

And God spoke all these words, saying:

1. "You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image
— any likeness of anything
3. "You shall not take the
name of the Lord your God in vain,
for the Lord will not hold him guiltless
who takes His name in vain.
4. "Remember the Sabbath day
5. "Honor your father and your mother
6. "You shall not murder.
7. "You shall not commit adultery.
8. "You shall not steal.
9. "You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.
10. "You shall not covet

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Ephesians 2:1, 4-7

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins . . . But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

God is urging all people to repent of their unbelief and sins
and to believe in His Son.

The Holy Spirit will pull this person into . . .

. . . Jesus Christ!

2 Peter 3:9-10

The Lord is . . not willing that any should perish
but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come
as a thief in the night,

in which the heavens will pass away
with a great noise, and the elements
will melt with fervent heat;

both the earth and the works that
are in it will be burned up.

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The Lifeboat of Saving Faith in Jesus Christ Holds These Four Truths:

1. Jesus is God
2. All Scripture is Inspired is profitable for doctrine.
3. Jesus is Lord and all - sufficient Savior.
[Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves;
it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.]
4. Jesus is the only Way to God, the Father.

1. JESUS is GOD.

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit,
seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles,
believed on in the world,
received up in glory.

2. ALL SCRIPTURE, in the original languages, is GOD inspired and nothing can be discarded.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of
God, for reproof, for correction, and
is profitable for doctrine,
for instruction in
righteousness.

3. JESUS CHRIST is LORD and requires ALL of one's life to be given to HIM.

I Corinthians 6:19-20

You are not your own, for you
were bought with a price.
So glorify God in your body.

4. JESUS CHRIST is the Only Way. JESUS CHRIST alone, by Faith alone.

1 Timothy 2:3-6

God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all.

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Luke 13:23,24

Then one said to Jesus,

“Lord, are there few who are saved?”

And He said to them,

*“Strive to enter through
the narrow gate,
for many,
I say to you,
will seek to enter
and will not be able.”*

Will you now believe and trust in God's only

provision for salvation . . . *His Son,*

Jesus Christ ?

Acts 4:12

“Nor is there salvation in any other,

*for there is no other name [Jesus Christ]
under heaven given among men by which*

we must be saved.”

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Acts 16:30,31

“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

So they said,

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,

and you will be saved”

Have you experienced the convicting work of
the Holy Spirit in your heart . .

. . calling you to be saved?

John 10:9

Then Jesus said to them again . .

“I am the door.

If anyone enters by Me,

He will be saved.”

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When you have heard God's voice asking as He asked Adam, "*Where are you?*" (Genesis 3:9); when you have been arrested by your conscience and have been convicted by God, the Holy Spirit (John 16:8), of your sin, this page is your declaration of that event.

When God has spoken to you and you have asked Jesus Christ to be the Savior and Lord of your life, you will feel compelled to make it known (Romans 10:9).

Salvation is a Private Event occurring in the heart and no one except you and God can confirm it has happened (cf. Mark 4:13-20).

Even though salvation is a Private Event, being a follower of Christ requires a Public Profession. Jesus makes no option available to His followers to be undercover Christians (Romans 10:9).

"So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32).

When you have heard God's voice,
. . *tell somebody!*

Asking Jesus Christ to save you: [or similar words expressed by your own personality].

Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and my sin separates me from God. Because God, the Father, loves me, He sent You to pay the penalty for my sin by dying on the cross to restore me to fellowship with Himself (1 John 1:9).

I ask you to forgive my sins and give me eternal life (Luke 11:13).

It is my deepest desire to love You and obey Your Words (Romans 10:9-10).
Rejoice!

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