

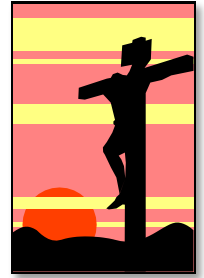
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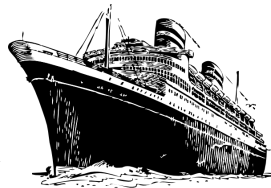
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*We love Him,
because He
first loved us.*

- 1 John 4:19 -

The Dangers of Overconfidence



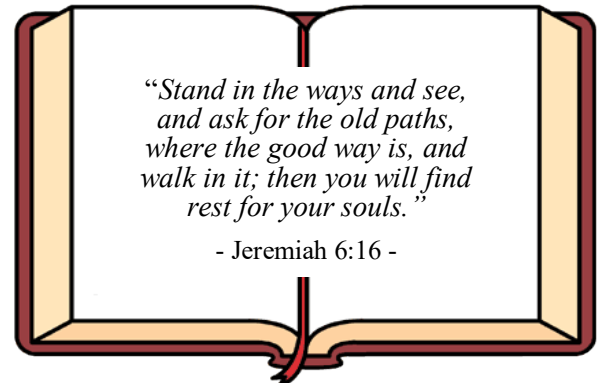
It was not difficult for those sailing on the RMS *Titanic* in April 1912 to be extremely confident of their safe travel to America. After all, the ship represented the height of man's technological achievement and was a triumph in showing off the luxury and opulence of the 20th century. In addition, because of a newly incorporated divided-compartment technology complete with automatic watertight doors, the *Titanic* was considered by many as "practically unsinkable."

But on her maiden voyage, while traveling at almost full speed through an area where drifting ice had been reported by other ships, the *Titanic* struck an iceberg at 11:40 pm on April 14, putting a 300 foot gash in her starboard side. At 2:20 am on April 15, only two hours and forty minutes after striking the iceberg, the *Titanic* sank below the waves taking over 1500 souls to their deaths, with only about 700 people surviving. Repeated warnings of icebergs in the area had been routinely ignored, while the ship sailed on at nearly full speed.

The tragedy of the *Titanic* provides a sobering warning to those who either ignore the plain warnings of scripture or fail to take them seriously. "Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come. Therefore let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall!" (1 Cor 10:11-12). This is serious business and why Christians are admonished: "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise" (Eph 5:15).

The Greek word translated "circumspectly" means "pointed accuracy, which is the outcome of carefulness" (Vines). It is a "careful consideration of all circumstances and possible consequences" (Webster). Walking circumspectly means that we are always careful to look around us 360 degrees, never letting our guard down. It is exercising and maintaining our spiritual vigilance. As the Apostle Peter cautions: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

Failure to acknowledge and heed to the warnings of inspired scripture could result in a tragedy far worse than the sinking of a ship. It could mean the loss of one's own soul (Mt 10:28; 16:26). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



Visits to Our Web Page

This Week: 2,541

This Month: 6,837



"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17

Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
Rom 10:8-10

Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10

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"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

- Acts 4:12 -



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Billie Jo (Pat Miller's daughter) - recently hospitalized after suffering a nervous breakdown
- Corona Pandemic - its effect and overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - kidney disease; various health concerns
- Randy Cote - family problems
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho (Cathy's nephew) - permanently disabled and in need of prayer
- Bill Ferrigno (friend of Terry S) - recently diagnosed with lymphatic cancer
- Sandy Gagnon - health concerns
- Glenda's aunts in California:
 - Beverly - pacemaker & hip replacement
 - Mary Lou - kidney failure; now on dialysis
 - Sandra - recent shoulder surgery
- Erik Grabowski - painful tennis elbow
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on left side of her neck causing pain; also lost her job due to the covid-19 virus
- Connie Henderson - recently diagnosed with a fast-growing ovarian cancer; she will undergo 3 rounds of chemotherapy (the second treatment will be on Wednesday, April 22); this will most likely be followed by major surgery to physically remove the cancer
- Terry Kennedy - healing well from recent right knee replacement surgery
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Debbie McGarey (mother-in-law of Terry & Betty's daughter, Becky) - stage 4 throat cancer
- Pat Miller - being treated for diverticulitis
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy - at the Gosnell House in Scarborough in severe pain; pain meds being administered intravenously; prayers are needed
- Wayne Sampson - recovering from surgery on right shoulder; severe bursitis hip pain; also experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- Please pray for our nation - (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place

"Pray without ceasing." — 1 Thessalonians 5:17

News & Notes:

- ⇒ Brother Paul Bullock will be at the building on Sunday morning at 9:30 for Bible study and 10:30 those few who may desire to worship and partake of the Lord's Supper.
- ⇒ Those worshipping at home can view this week's sermon "**The Danger of Over-confidence**" by going to our web page at: www.southernmainecofc.com/ Click on "Sermons." There are also other sermons available for you to view.
- ⇒ Sacred Selections, our song book, can be viewed at this website: <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/SS4C1956>
- ⇒ For the contribution, you can "lay by in store" (1 Cor 16:2) each week that which you have "purposed in your heart" to give (2 Cor 9:7) and keep it till we resume meeting again. Or, you could mail it to our church treasurer, Wayne Sampson.

New Address

Joanne Neithercut, who has visited with us a number of times, is now a resident at *Seal Rock Healthcare* at *Atlantic Heights* in Saco. She is doing well but, due to the current lockdown, cannot be visited. For those who may want to phone her or send her a card, here is her address and phone number:

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Praise for God's Help & Refuge

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusts in you: yea, in the shadow of your wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities have passed. I will cry unto God most high; unto God who performs all things for me...Be exalted, O God, above the heavens: let your glory be above all the earth.

- Psalm 57:1-2, 11