

TITANIC

..and the other disaster waiting
to happen!

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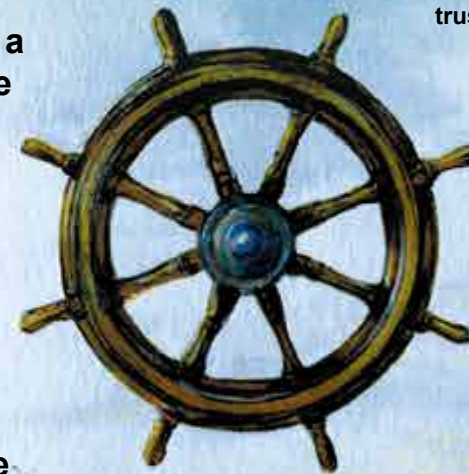
...the name which means so much
to so many.

For some, it's one of the greatest
ocean liners ever built that went down
on her maiden voyage.

For others, it's the subject of a
blockbuster Hollywood movie
and winner of 11 Oscars
in 1998.

Yet for every one of us,
perhaps the most important
feature of all is of a
disaster that needn't have
happened...

...important because the
story of the Titanic is in
one special way, the story of
each one of us...



Confidence

Launched in Belfast on 31st May 1911, the Titanic was
at the time the largest ship ever built. From Jacobean
Dining Saloon to the Louis 14th Lounge, her owners
had catered for every possible 'creature comfort'. They
had prepared for everything, except the disaster they
were convinced could never happen.

For us today, there are some uncomfortable parallels.

We make every effort to sail through life,
trusting in our own judgement and
ability... facing the future with a
self-confidence which leaves no
place for the God who says...

*Those who trust in themselves
are fools...*

Proverbs 28:26

Pride goes before destruction...

Proverbs 16:18

How easy it is to build our lives
on a false sense of security and
not realise it until too late. Our
own efforts to live a decent life will
never earn us acceptance with God.
His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, makes
that clear...

*I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one
comes to the Father except through me.*

John 14:6

Disaster

Approaching midnight on 14th April 1912, whilst steaming at full speed, she struck an iceberg off the coast of Newfoundland. Less than 3 hours later, this 'unsinkable' ship lay 2 miles down at the bottom of the sea. But just as the Titanic failed to withstand the impact of the iceberg, so we will be unable to face the force of God's judgement when one day He calls us to give account of our lives...

...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

Despite our best efforts, our very nature is fatally flawed...

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

Thankfully, God has already put together a 'rescue plan' beyond all other...

Rescue

When the seriousness of the damage became clear, the first ever SOS from an ocean liner was sent out. However, far too few lifeboats on board meant that by the time the Carpathia reached the scene, most Titanic passengers and crew had perished... a classic case of too little too late!

Yet this is not so when it comes to our need to be saved from the consequences of a Godless life. His special rescue mission has been in operation for the past 2,000 years...

...while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

...and just as the Titanic would have avoided the iceberg by a timely change of direction, so we're called to change the direction of our lives, away from all we know to be wrong...

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness...

1 Peter 2:24

...and in asking the risen Christ Jesus into our lives by His Spirit to become our Saviour and Lord, we not only receive forgiveness but a completely new beginning...

...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Sacrifice

As the ship went down, there followed for many a terrible struggle for survival in the icy cold waters of the North Atlantic. However, if we are to become true followers of Christ Jesus, He tells us that self-sacrifice rather than self-preservation should be the guiding principle of our lives...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Luke 9:23-24

Trust

The tragedy of the Titanic is really the tragedy of misplaced confidence and failure to heed warnings. It was a 'disaster waiting to happen' and it can be the same for us. If we refuse to trust the Lord Jesus Christ with our future and ignore His warning we face an even greater disaster on a personal level...

Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:18

We may think we know better than God, however...

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 14:12

Why not reach out to Christ Jesus today?

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:13

