

The Titanic

“For it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: ‘Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’ Be very careful; then, how you live not as unwise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.”
(Ephesians 5:14-17)

An event had happened over one hundred years ago continuous to give inspiration to the people whenever they remembered how much it was drastic and how much it was dreadful. The biggest ship of that time, the most equipped one, the most advance ship that was designed in a way that it would never be drawn away; many possibilities of mishaps to this ship in its service was put forward but solutions were given- armed by special machines that could deal with variant hazards . Everybody had said that this ship would never be drawn down into the sea whatever troubles it might face because it was designed powerfully and called to be the unsinkable ship.

In its first journey, the first day of its service this luxurious ship was full of passengers most of them were rich and noble people. One board they enjoyed every facility although they were warned that big iceberg was ahead of the ship path. The captain of the ship also knew about it but he ignored it. The warning was repeated for three times to the captain but still it made for him no difference at all. His pride made him say, ***“Even God cannot drown this ship in the sea!”*** But as we know, ***“God opposes the proud people but gives grace to the humble.”*** (1 Peter 5:5)

The ship went ahead to meet the iceberg that caused a big hole in it. Water started to enter the ship until entirely it was filled, and in one night the Titanic found its way drowning to the dept of the sea. It was a terrible night for those who were in the ship. Large number of people left the ship drowned and died. Less number of people found their places in the rescue boats. While still good numbers of them did not find a rescue and died because of the cold sea that had frozen their bodies.

“Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.” Behind the Titanic we can see the world today – people busy with their own personal and family life, busy with their daily living but unaware with the coming event that they will be going to face. Yet light makes things visible and clear. The light of the world is not the sun, not the moon or the stars that shine over the sky. These are just physical lights that enable us to see physical things but it will not show us which way is right and which way we should not follow. The light we need is Jesus. He is the Master Captain who can lead us to the true way of life and who can teach us to avoid going into wrong direction. Jesus said, ***“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*** (John 8:12) Jesus came down from heaven because people live in sin and wickedness. They practice idol worship, envy, strife, jealousy, quarrelsome, pride, immorality and overwhelmed by their relation to one another. Drunkenness and orgies are their spiritual beverages. They are living the surface of Titanic, unaware of the coming wrath that sins brings on their lives. When Jesus came, the light exposed the wicked acts of darkness and He showed the people how to live a fruitful life that is full of goodness and righteousness. Jesus is the truth. To no other name we can find the truth except in His name for He is the light that

makes everything visible. So we will not stumble as we walk with Jesus. We will not be drowned as we sail with Him. The Lord Jesus Christ came from heaven in order for us to live in the light and not in darkness. And He took our sins and died for us on the cross to give us unending life. ***“Wake up, O sleeper, rise form the dead, and Christ will shone on you.”***

- 1) ***“Be very careful how you live not as unwise but as wise:*** The Captain of the Titanic received many warnings about the coming threats, but he did not wake up from his sleep. All of the sudden he found the ship sinking. Sleep means living a life in sin, pride, arrogance, or wicked practices. There must be a certain sin or certain bad habit trying to master you and to control you, lest you find yourself falling. ***“A man who remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed- without remedy.”*** (Proverbs 29:1) Be wise on how you live your life. Check yourself if there is any sin like anger against some people, un-forgiveness , hatred, envy, pride, or any bad habit like gossiping, drinking alcohol, smoking, gambling, watching pornography, etc.
- 2) ***“Making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil:*** After we have heard the good news of our Lord and Saviour Jesus who gave His life for us, what we have to do is to believe in Him and to decide to follow Him. ***“How shall we escape if we ignore such a great Salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.”*** (Hebrew 2:3) The people in the Titanic enjoyed life without considering what life may bring to them. Jesus will come back again to take us we who believe in Him. And the others will be left behind. Where are you standing now? With those who are against Jesus who live their lives in darkness, or with those who set in their hearts Jesus as Saviour and as Lord?
- 3) ***“Making the most out of every opportunity:*** As we have received Jesus and as we are now blessed and saved, we use all available opportunities to tell to others about our Saviour – what He had done on the cross to give eternal life to all who believe and follow Him.

“Therefore do not be foolish. But understand what the Lord’s will is: Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them, live as children of God and find out what pleases the Lord.” Always check yourself by asking, ***“Will my Lord Jesus be pleased when I do this thing?”*** ***“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”*** (Colossians 3:17)

My dear and beloved: As has just been said: “Today if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in rebellion.” (Hebrews 3:15) So then, respond to God’s call for you and pray: ***“Heavenly Father, I come before You in the name of Jesus who died for me on the cross to give me eternal life. I wake up, Lord, from my sleep. I believe in You, and I am ready to do your will. Cleanse me from wrong doings and guide me in the ways of righteousness, I pray. Let your light shine on me and help me to live as a child of light. Help me, Lord Jesus to open my mouth and to tell other people about You. Thank You for your un-ending love. I pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.”***