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In April of 1912 the Titanic sank. The British ocean liner had been labeled by the builders as “unsinkable.” The ship was making its first voyage which was in the North Atlantic. Throughout the evening the ship received numerous warnings of dangerous icebergs ahead. Those warnings were ignored. Later that night, the ship hit an iceberg and sank. The total loss of life numbered 1,513.



Our lives are like ships in treacherous waters. As we journey toward eternity, there will be many icebergs with soul destroying potential. It may be a particular sin or weakness to which we easily succumb. It may be a friend or family member who hinders us in our faithfulness to the Lord. It may be that we just feel we are “unsinkable” spiritually and never really consider the possibility of losing our soul.

Just as the warnings to the Titanic were unheeded, many fail to heed the warnings in the Bible. I Corinthians 10:12 warns, “*Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.*” Let us put Christ first in our lives, and then we can truly sing, “Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life’s tempestuous sea.”

—Marty Edwards❖

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Whited Sepulchers

You may recall an event which occurred in 1986. There was a lot of excitement concerning the opening of a vault found in the basement of a building which allegedly contained items surrounding the life of noted gangster Al Capone. Many hoped to find money along with other items. The possibilities were publicized for days preceding the opening. What marvelous treasures had been left behind by those who had hidden them for safe keeping years ago?

The opening of the vault was carried live on television. A large percentage of the nation was watching. Imaginations were running rampant. When finally opened, the vault left all who expected untold treasures greatly disappointed. It contained only dirt and a few bottles. It did not contain the riches people expected.

Are our lives like that vault? When seen from the outside, they look as if they contain valuable Christian attributes, but when opened, they are full of characteristics that are shameful and detrimental to Christian living?

Let us make sure we are full of Christian treasures outside and inside. We may be able to fool many of the people around us, but we cannot fool the Lord. Let us not be as whited sepulchers, pretty to behold, but full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. Remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 23:25-28, ²⁵*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.* ²⁶*Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.* ²⁷*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men’s bones, and of all uncleanness.* ²⁸*Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.*

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Audrey Terry, Jean Coffey, Michael Pedigo, and Lillian Riffle.**

Shirley Edwards is home from the hospital. She will be staying at the home of Marty & Ruby Edwards. Feel free to visit her anytime at the address on the front of the bulletin. You can also call her cell phone at 537-3557.

—The family of **Mark Quigley** suffered major damage to their house when a storm went through Glasgow yesterday morning blowing trees over on their house.

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In somewhat continuing thoughts regarding the front page article and the sinking of the Titanic, it was 100 years ago last month that the Titanic sank.

There have been many documentaries, movies, and studies done of that infamous doomed voyage. The ship was found on the ocean floor years ago and many studies have been done regarding the shipwreck and could anything have been done differently.

The bottom line was that those in control did not heed the warnings of the iceberg(s) but proceeded on which is a very good lesson for us in itself.

One interesting thing I heard was that if the ship had been made of better materials, the metal would have torn instead of shattered, and it would have taken an hour or two longer to sink. (The shipping construction company used inferior steel and rivets to cut cost because they were making two more ships and were rushing to get them done.)

The ones commenting said that if a better grade of steel had been used, many more would have survived. I couldn't help but think even if the ship had NOT sunk, they still would not be alive now because it was 100 years ago and they would have died in that time anyway.

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Sunday, April 29, 2012		
Classes	17	Luke 23:44-56
Preaching	26	II Peter 1:1-10
Contribution	\$493.00	
Evening	12	Revelation 4:1-5:14
Wednesday, May 2, 2012		
Classes	16	Deuteronomy 29:1-29

Visitors— Apr 29 (AM) Brent Goad (Glasgow, KY); Ashley Stevens (Glasgow, KY)

Bible Quiz

The four beasts around the throne each looked like what?

Last Week's Answer— With him in his throne (Revelation 3:21)

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It doesn't matter what happens or what we do, or how long we live. We will die and face the LORD in judgment. We are told in Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." They might have survived the sinking of the Titanic, but, they would not have survived this life. None of us will.

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—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)