

Such a Cloud of Witnesses

“Stories of American Christians”

Temple Baptist Church
January 22, 2023



What do you
see...

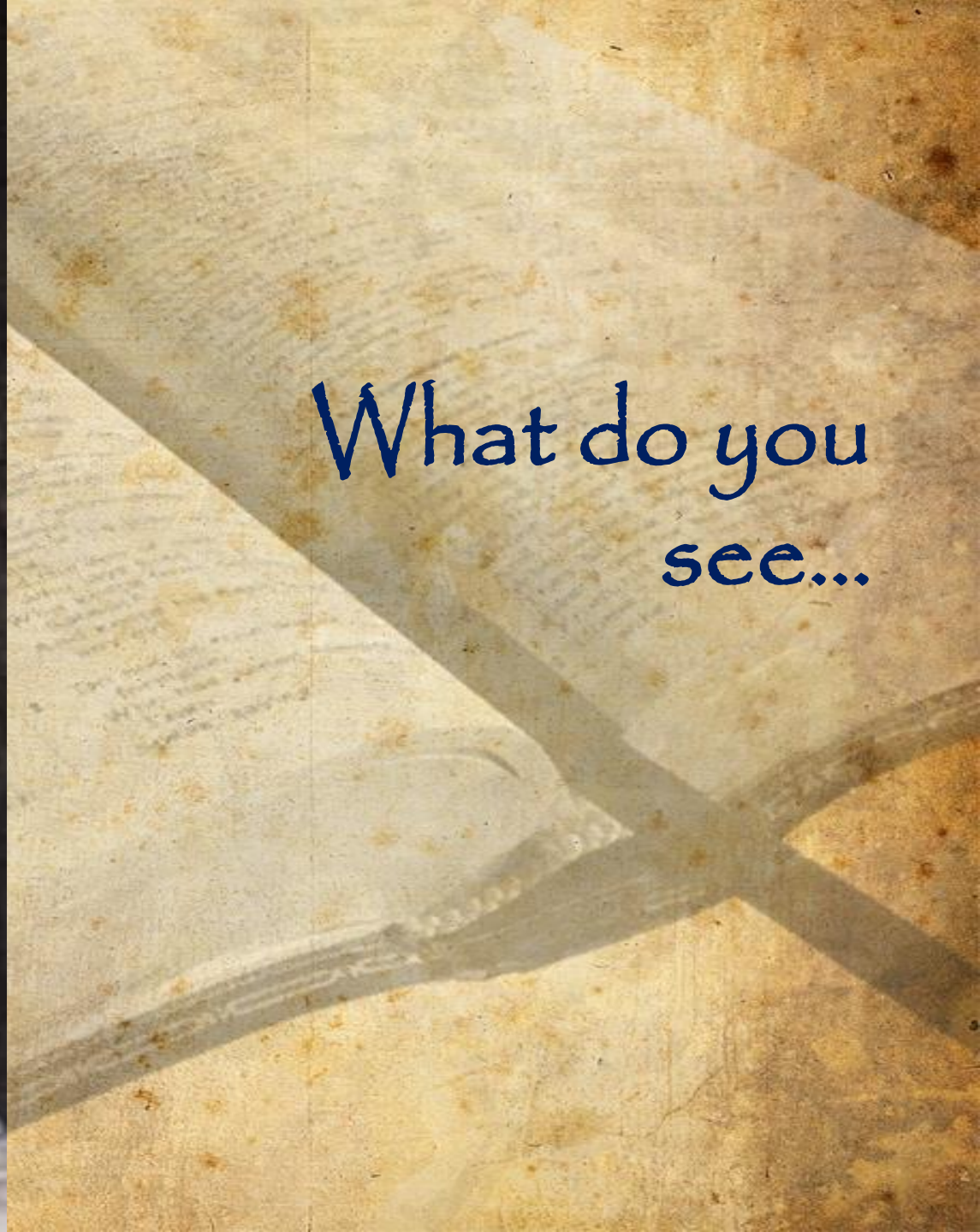


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1 Corinthians 2:12-14

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, **but which the Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: **for** they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, **because they are spiritually discerned**.



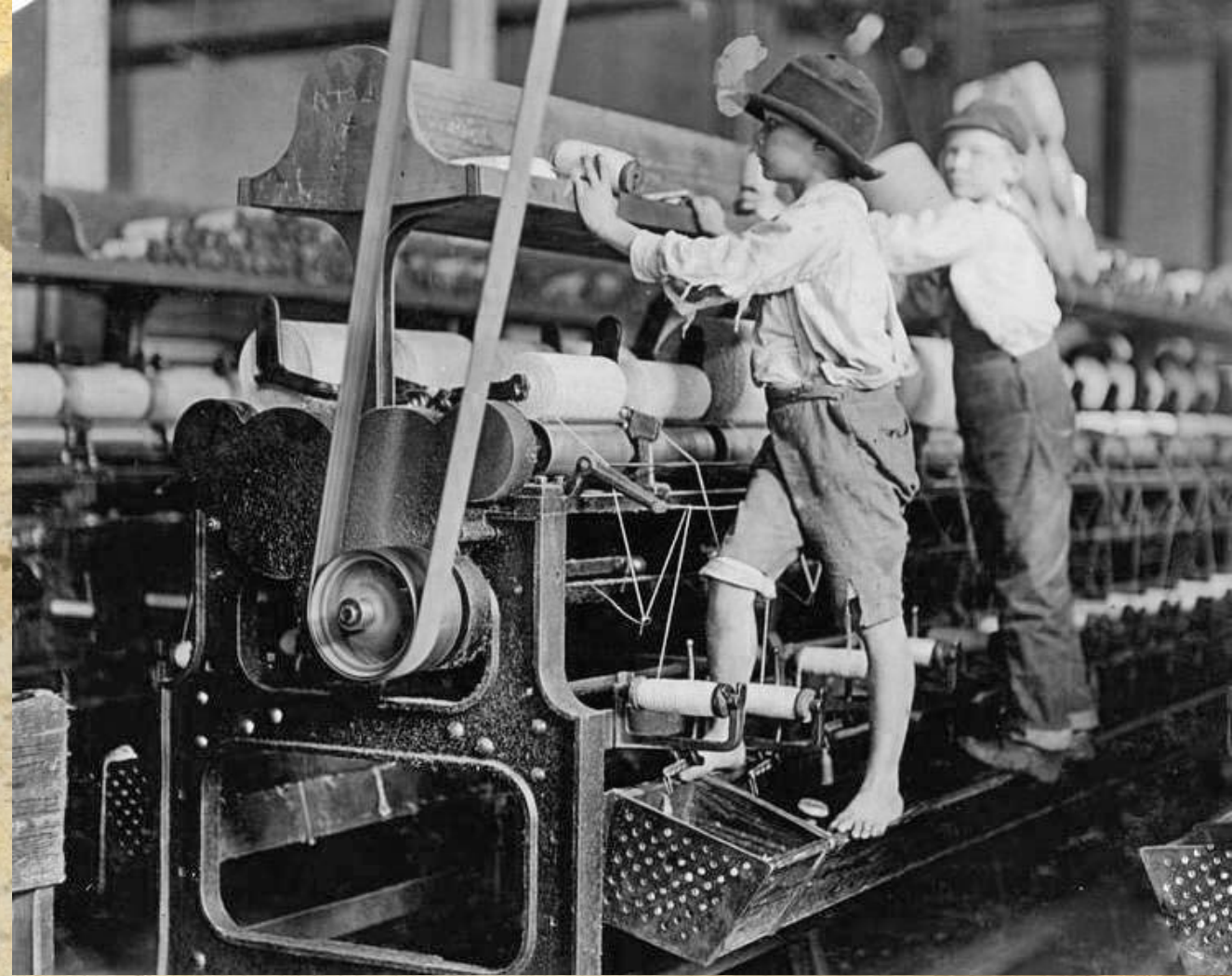
John Harper

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- Once he was recovered from the well, his mother picked him up and prayed “Lord, let him live!” She kissed him and breathed into him, and by the grace of God...he was revived.

Child Labor



Textiles

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Glass

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Coal

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Falling into a Well...



John 3:16-18

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1886

Houston, England

- At the age of 14, John Harper accepted Christ as his Savior.
- John's pastor encouraged the congregation and especially those that recently accepted Christ to listen for the Holy Spirits call for service. His pastor said that when you hear the call, we need to act on it.
- At the age of 18, John first began to preach on the streets of Houston. On most days, this was after he had worked a 14-hour day in the mill to support himself.
- He would give his testimony as the workers would head home each day. He also saw the needs in the slums and ghettos and coordinated the giving of food, clothes, and blankets. Among those he helped, he was called the "Angel of Houston."



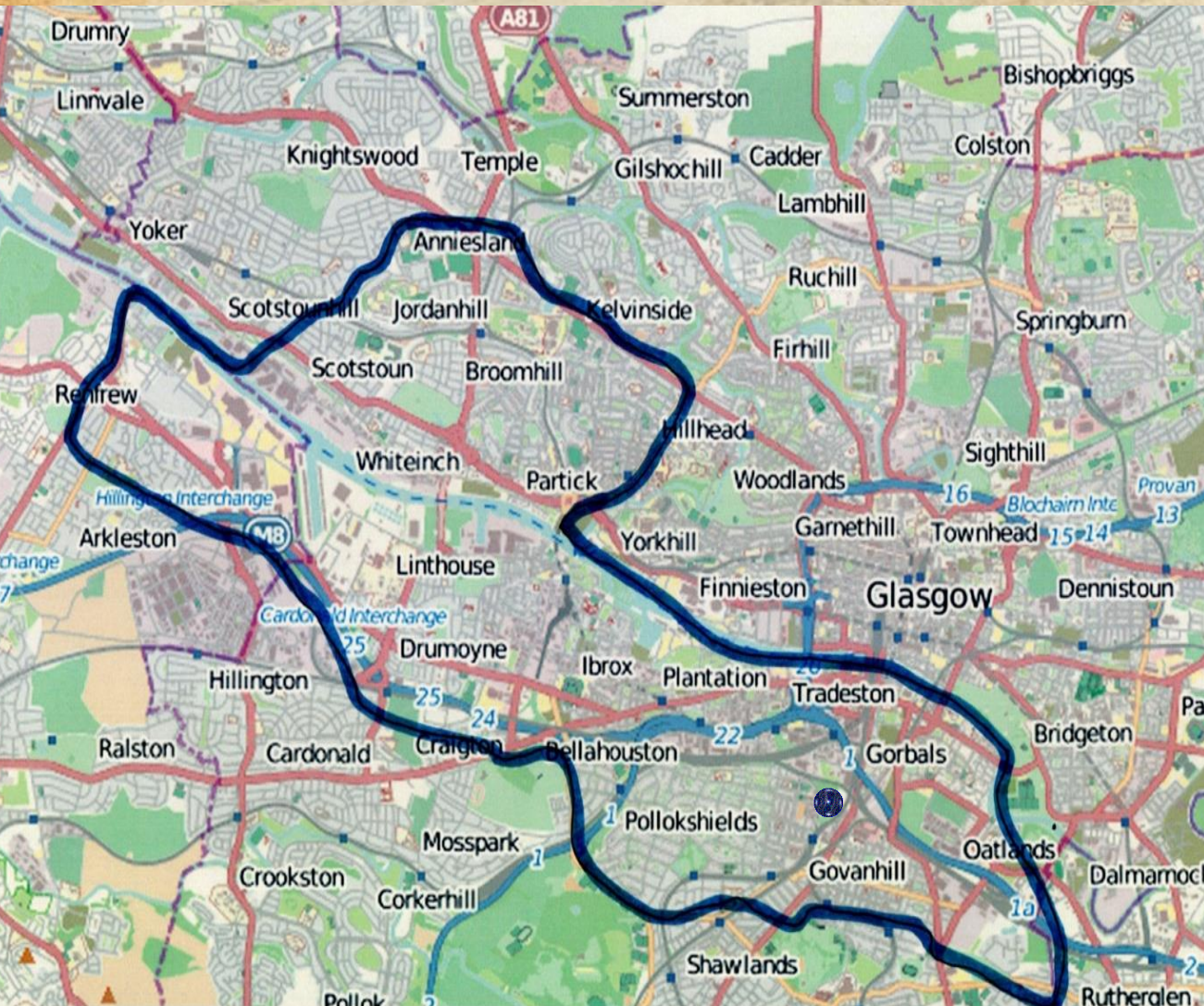
Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

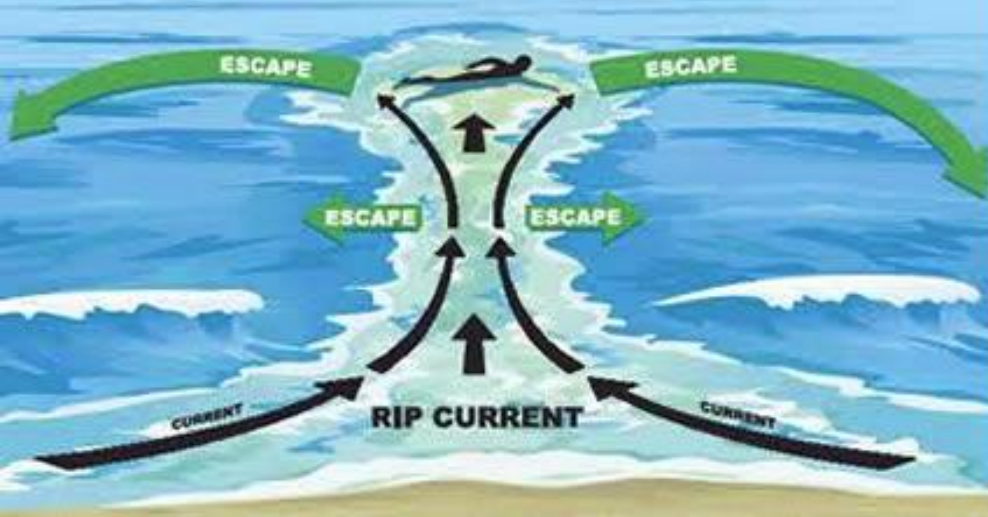
9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

1897 Glasgow, Scotland



- In his early 20s, the “Angel of Houston’s” preaching and service came to the attention of noted pastor. A.E. Carter, was the head of the Baptist Pioneer Mission in London. He saw the young John Harper as a diamond in the rough that needed some polishing and seasoning. He convinced him to take a position in a small church in the poor shipbuilding suburb of Glasgow called Govan.
- In 1897 he was called as the first pastor of Paisley Road Baptist Church in Glasgow. The congregation of 50 soon grew to over 500. They purchased an old run-down warehouse and turned into a church home.
- One day John was invited to go to the beach with a couple of the families from his congregation. The joy of the day turned to terror...



Rip Tide





1897 to 1908
Glasgow, Scotland

- Paisley Road Baptist Church continued to grow and needed to move to a new location. John was invited to conduct evangelistic meetings throughout Scotland. Dearest to his heart was street evangelism and continued to preach outside factories, mills, and shipyards wherever he could.
- John would marry in 1905 and his only daughter was born 1907. Annie Jessie Harper (Nana) would almost lose her father in 1908 when he went to preach at the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Northern Ireland. The shipyard was constructing three of the largest ships in the world. John had opportunity to speak to them as they left work.

1908

Belfast, Northern Ireland

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- The project had drawn supplies and workman from across all of Europe.
- The ships were to be named, Olympic, Titanic, and Gigantic.
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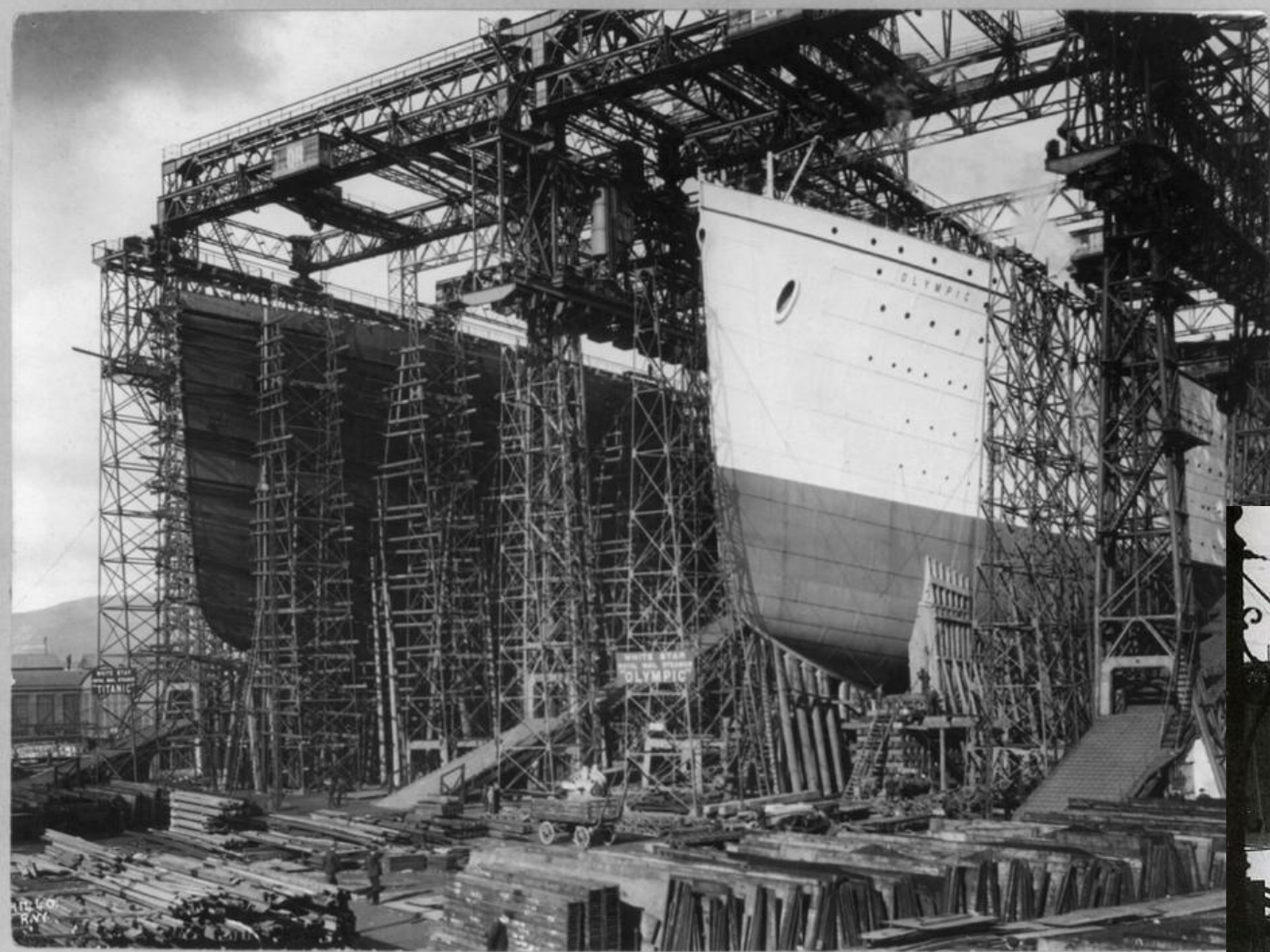
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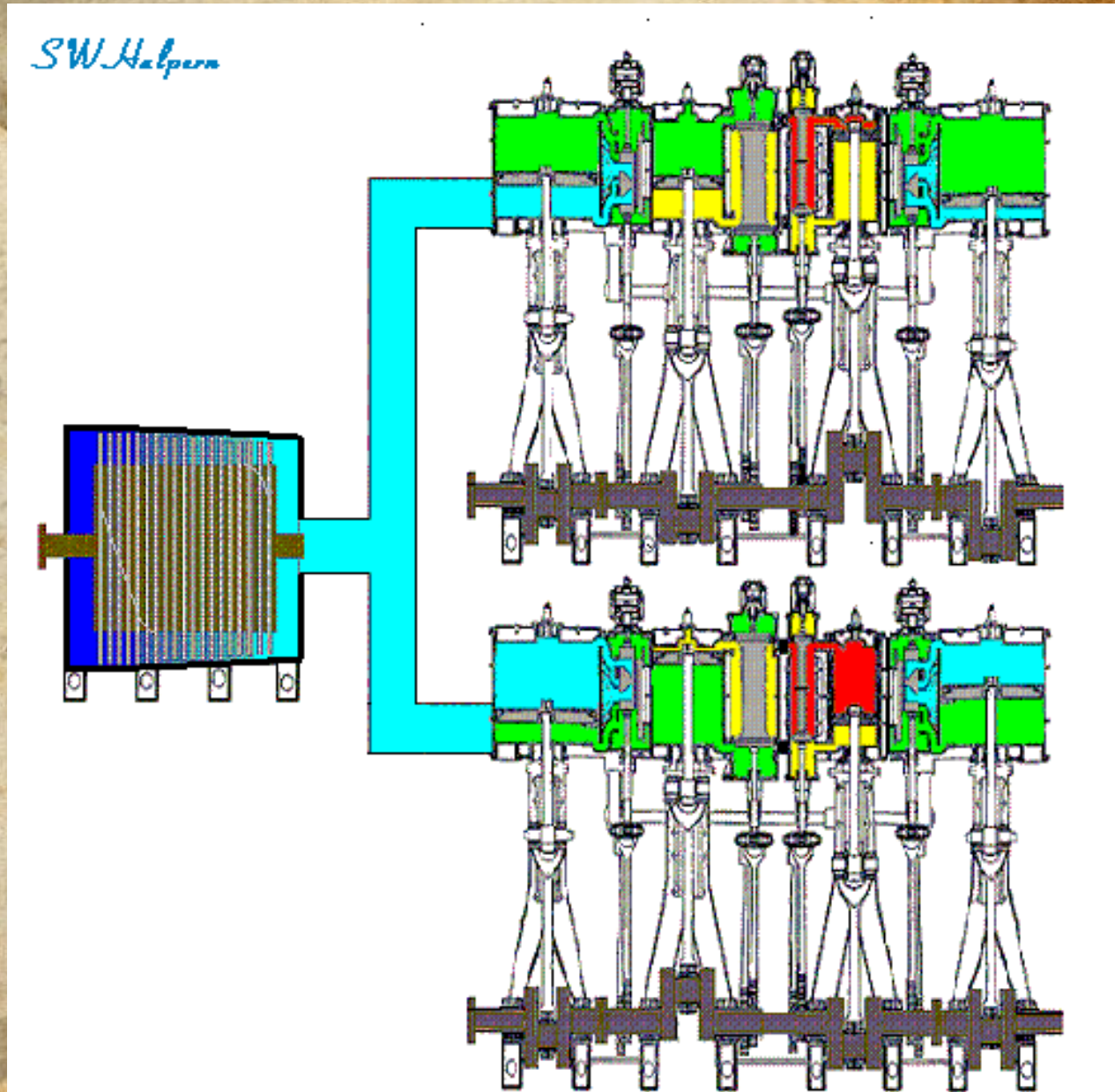
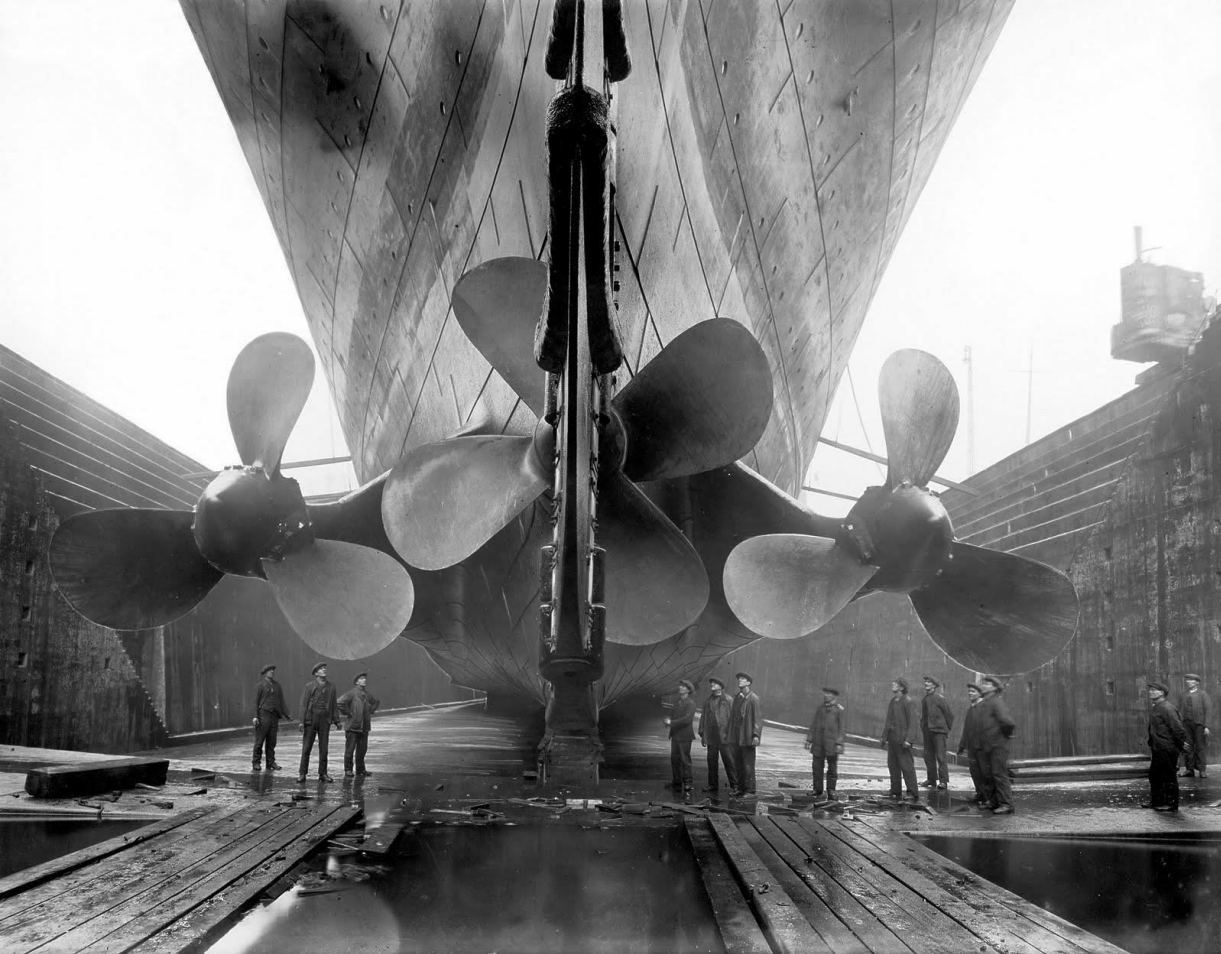
Thomas Andrews

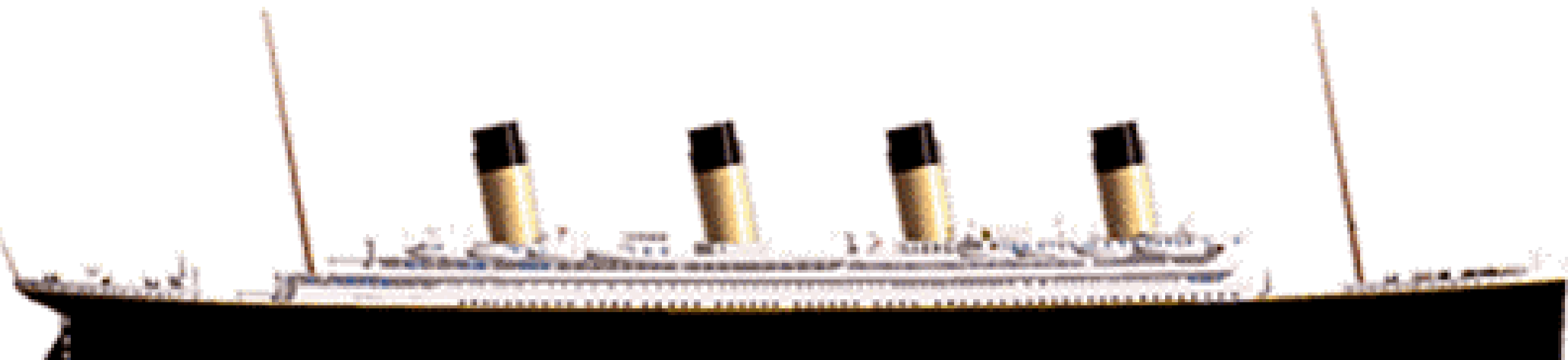


J. P. Morgan









RMS TITANIC



1st Class Accommodation



Crew Quarters



2nd Class Accommodation



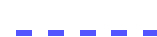
Working/Engineering Spaces



3rd Class Accommodation



Cargo/Stores



Waterline



Boat Deck

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1 Timothy 6:9-11

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.



1909 ~ 1910
Glasgow, Scotland

- Continuing as pastor of Paisley Road Baptist Church and his evangelistic efforts, John suffered a devastating blow. His wife passes away. John was now a widower with a young daughter. How to care for her and still meet the needs of his church and ministry? God had a Plan.
- Jessie W. Leitch, his sister, a widow herself volunteers to come and live with them to help raise Nana and make it possible for John to continue his work for God.
- In 1910 and unexpected invitation comes...

Jessie W. Leitch
& Nana



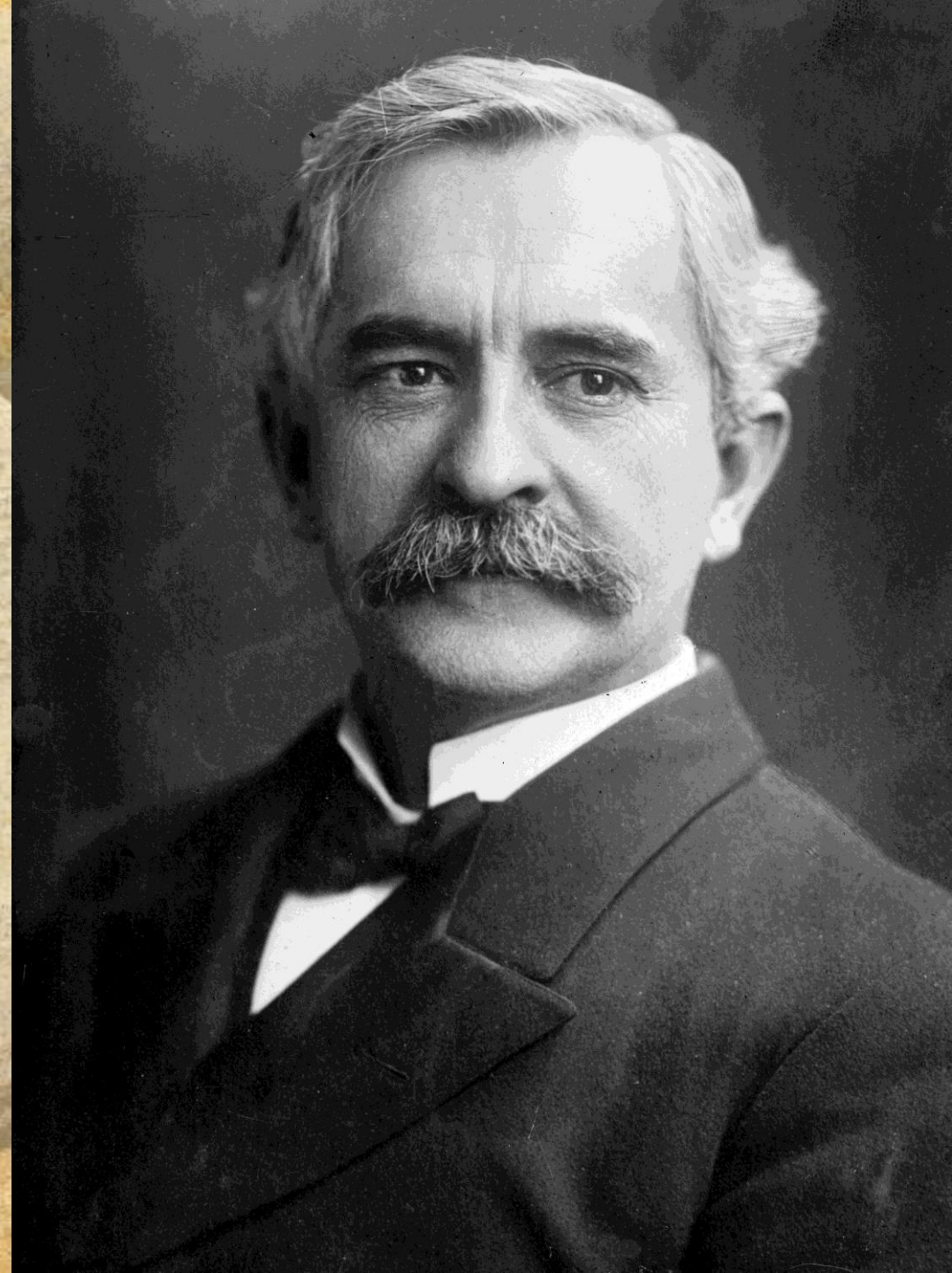
Moody Memorial Church



Moody Memorial Church

Senior Pastors

1. J.H. Harwood (1866–1869)
2. Rev. William J. Erdman, D.D. (1876–1878)
3. Charles M. Morton (1878–1879)
4. George C. Needham (1879–1881)
5. Charles F. Goss (1885–1890)
6. Charles A. Blanchard (1891–1893)
7. Dr. Reuben A. Torrey (1894–1906)
8. A.C. Dixon, D.D. (1906–1911)
9. Paul Rader (1915–1921)
10. Rev. P.W. Philpott, D.D. (1922–1929)
11. Dr. Harry A. Ironside (1930–1948)
12. S. Franklin Logsdon (1951–1952)
13. Alan Redpath (1953–1962)
14. George Sweeting (1966–1971)
15. Warren W. Wiersbe (1971–1978)
16. Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer (1980–2016)
17. Philip Miller (2020–Present)



Matthew 28:19-20

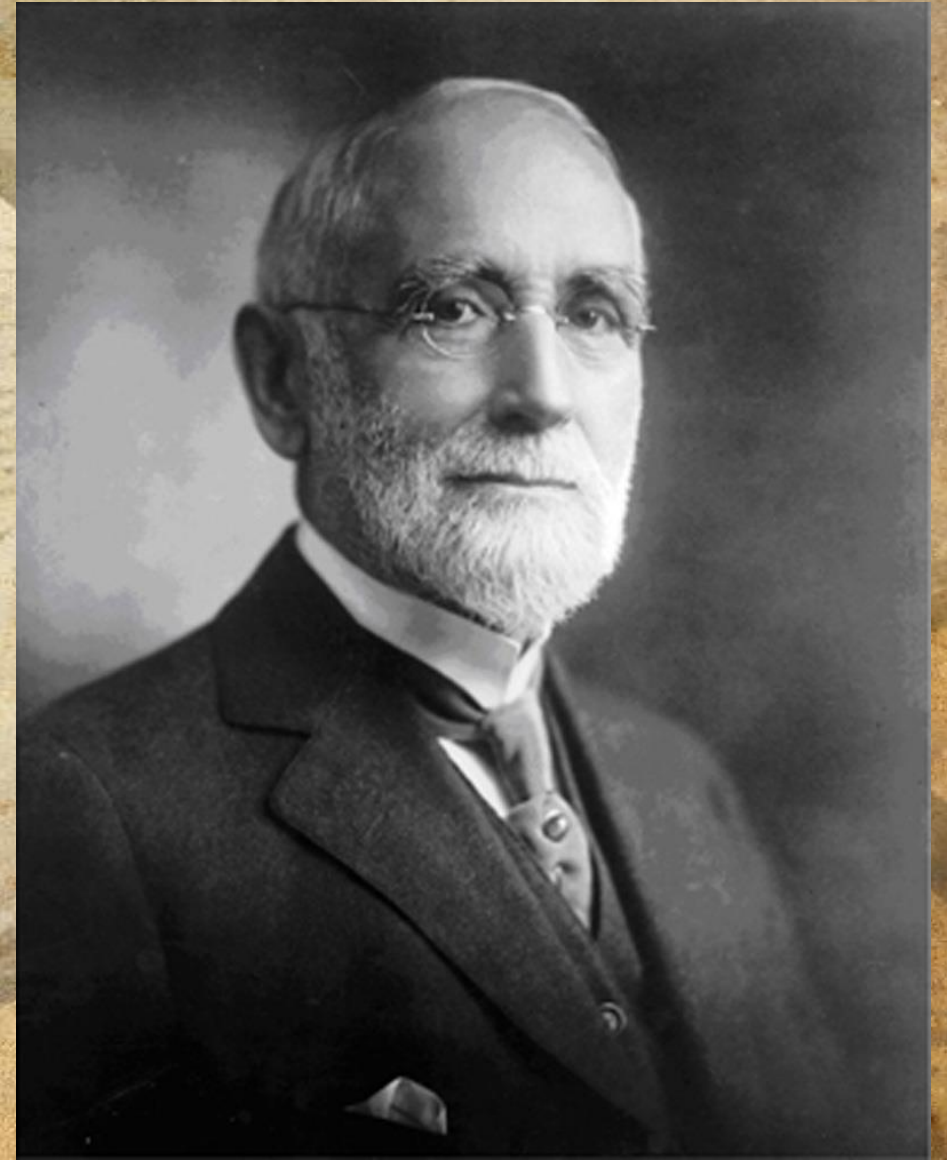
19 Go ye therefore, and **teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Lyman Stewart



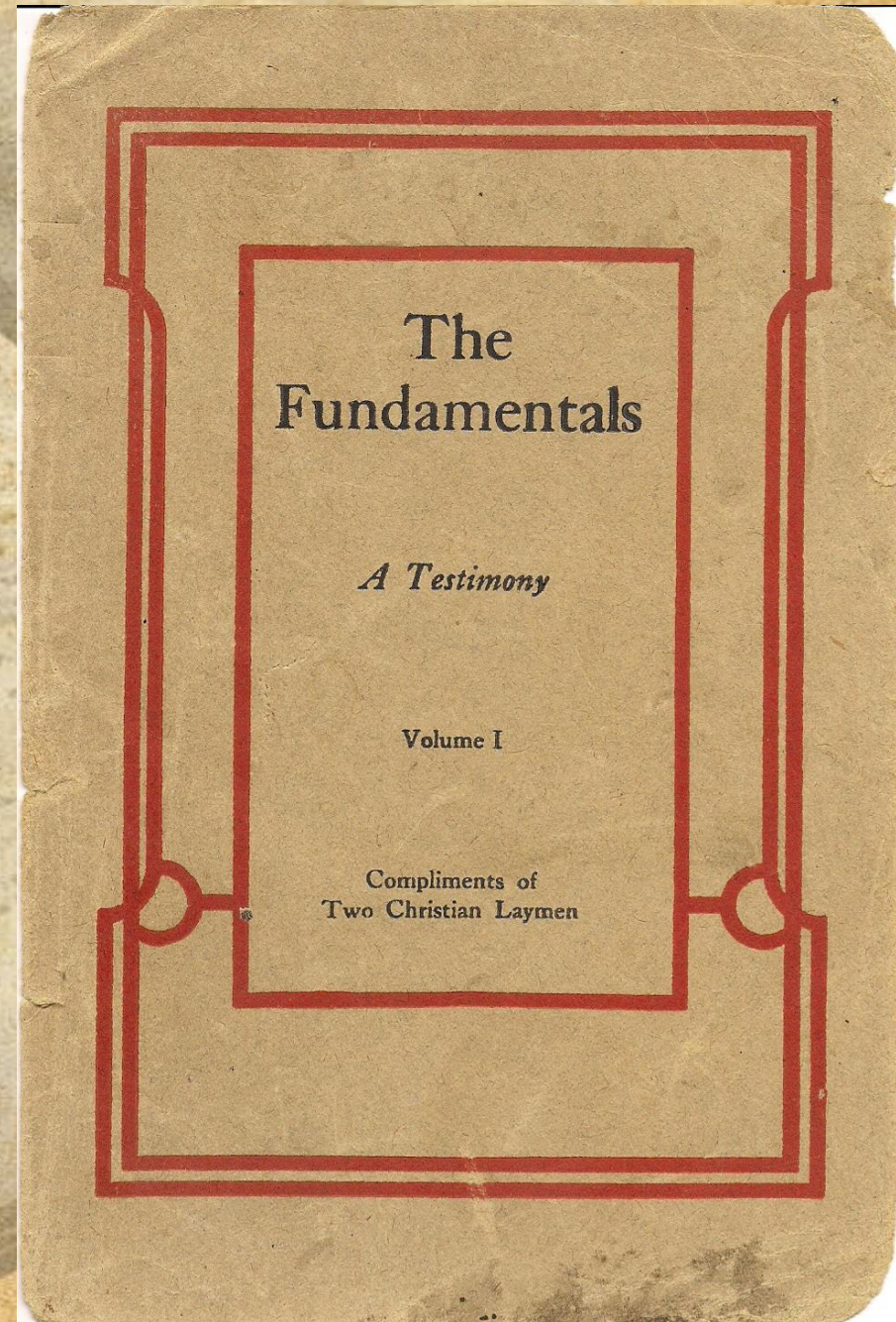
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The Fundamentals (1910-1917)





1911 Glasgow, Scotland

- John's three months of meetings at Moody Memorial Church were such a blessing, he was invited back to conduct another four-month revival in 1912.
- He would purchase his passage on the newest and grandest ship in existence at the time. The Titanic. Its sister ship the Olympic was already carrying passengers across the Atlantic, but improvements and upgrades to Titanic made it even more grand.
- Sadly, when encouraging people to travel on the Titanic, the White Star Line would use this phrase, "Even God Himself couldn't sink the Titanic." Oh, how wrong they were...

Departing on the
Titanic

Southampton,
England

April 12, 1912



Titanic's Course



Captain E. J. Smith







2nd Class Accomodations



State Rooms

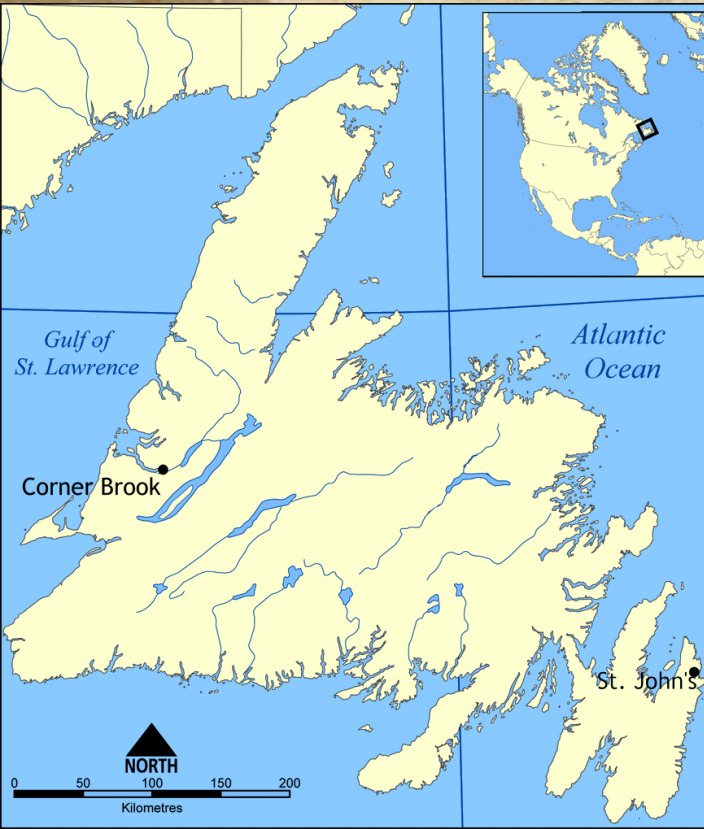
2nd Class Accommodations



Promenade

2nd Class Accomodations

Marconi



Dining

2nd Class Accommodations





TRIPLE SCREW STEAMER "TITANIC."

2ND. CLASS

APRIL 14, 1912.

DINNER.

CONSOMMÉ TAPIOCA
BAKED HADDOCK, SHARP SAUCE
CURRIED CHICKEN & RICE
SPRING LAMB, MINT SAUCE
ROAST TURKEY, CRANBERRY SAUCE
GREEN PEAS PURÉE TURNIPS
BOILED RICE
BOILED & ROAST POTATOES
PLUM PUDDING
WINE JELLY COCOANUT SANDWICH
AMERICAN ICE CREAM
NUTS ASSORTED
FRESH FRUIT
CHEESE BISCUITS
COFFEE

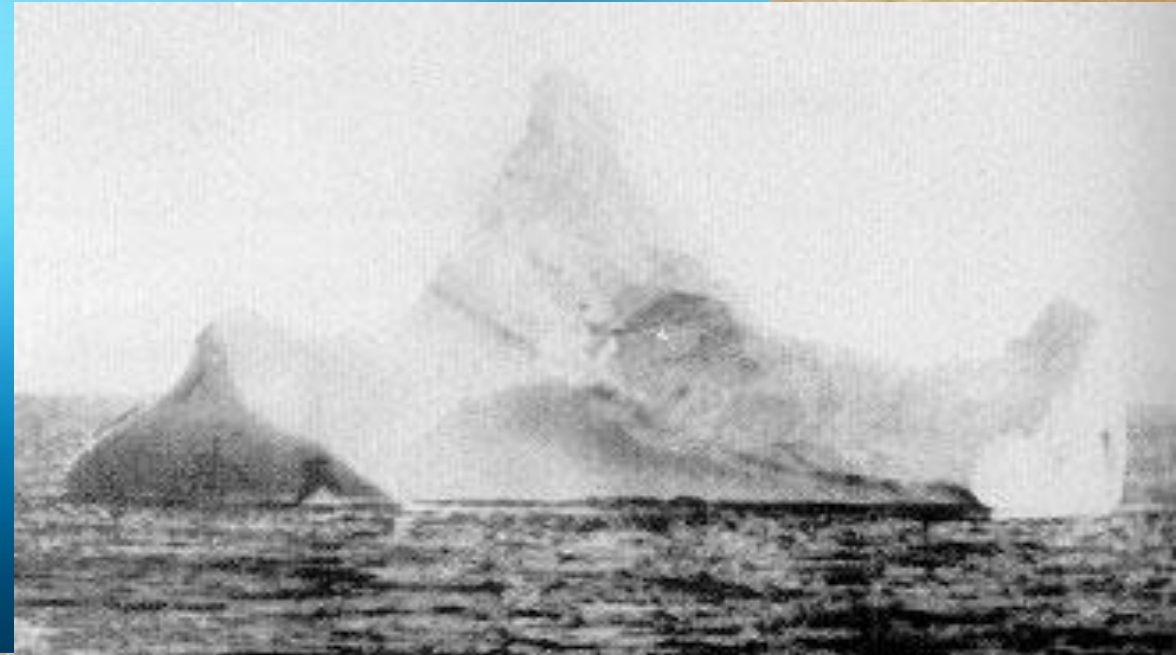
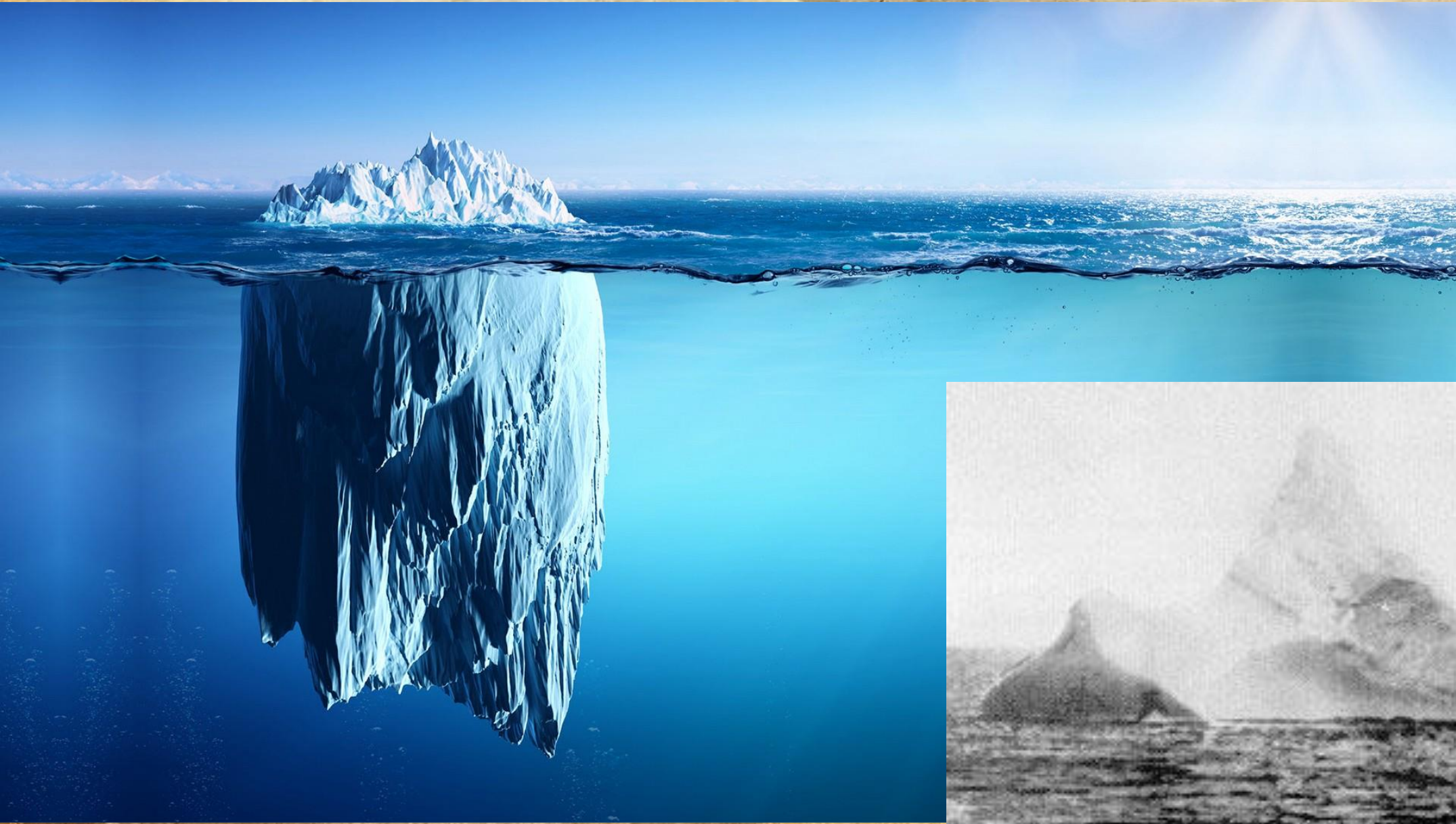
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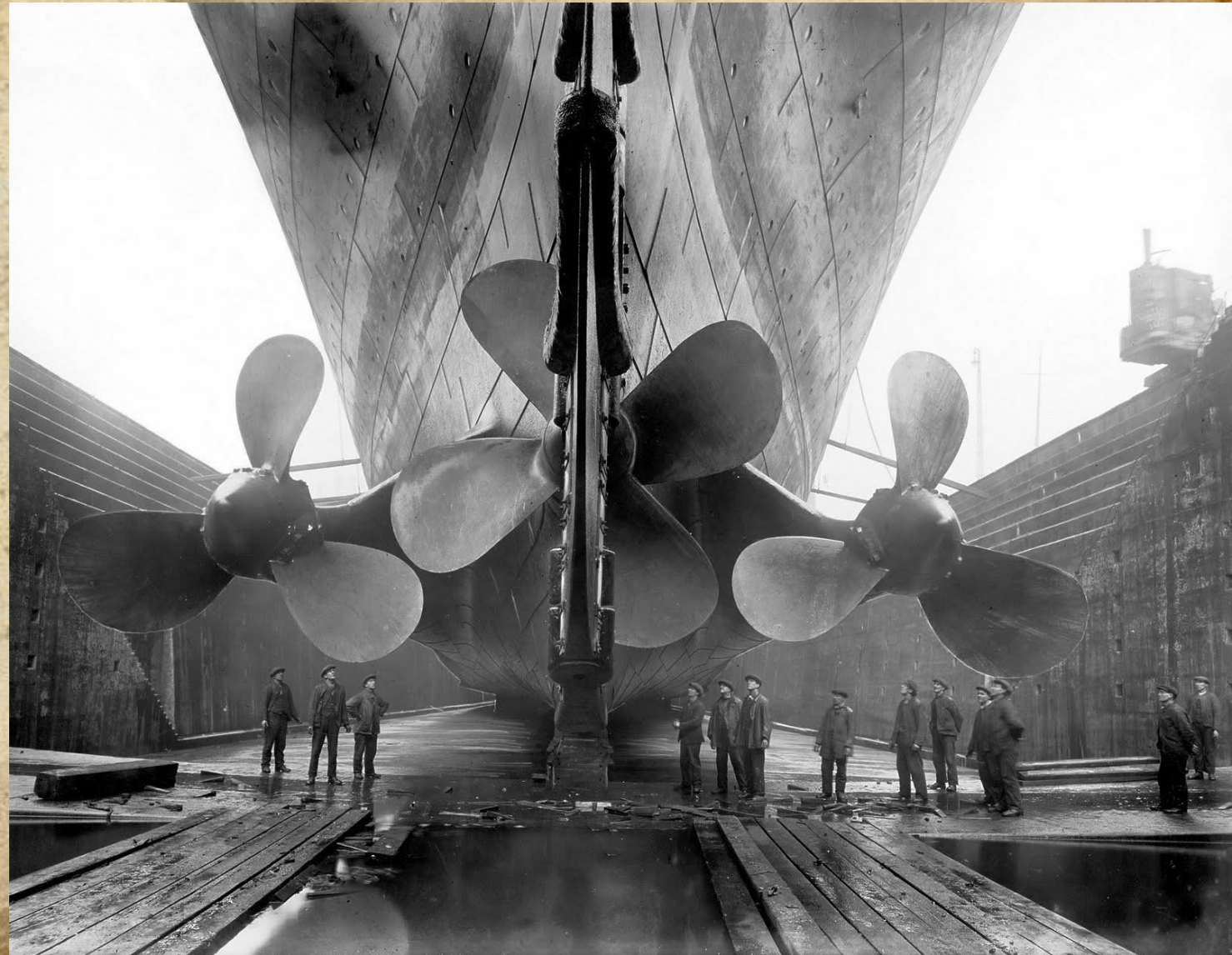
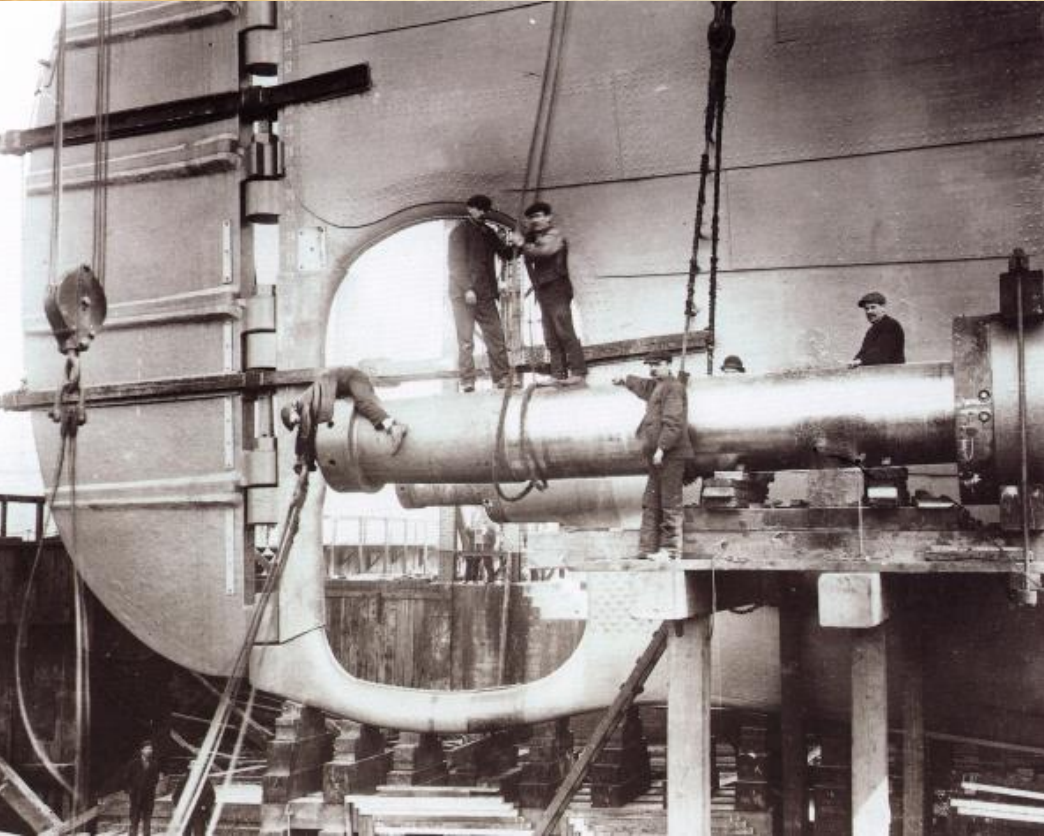
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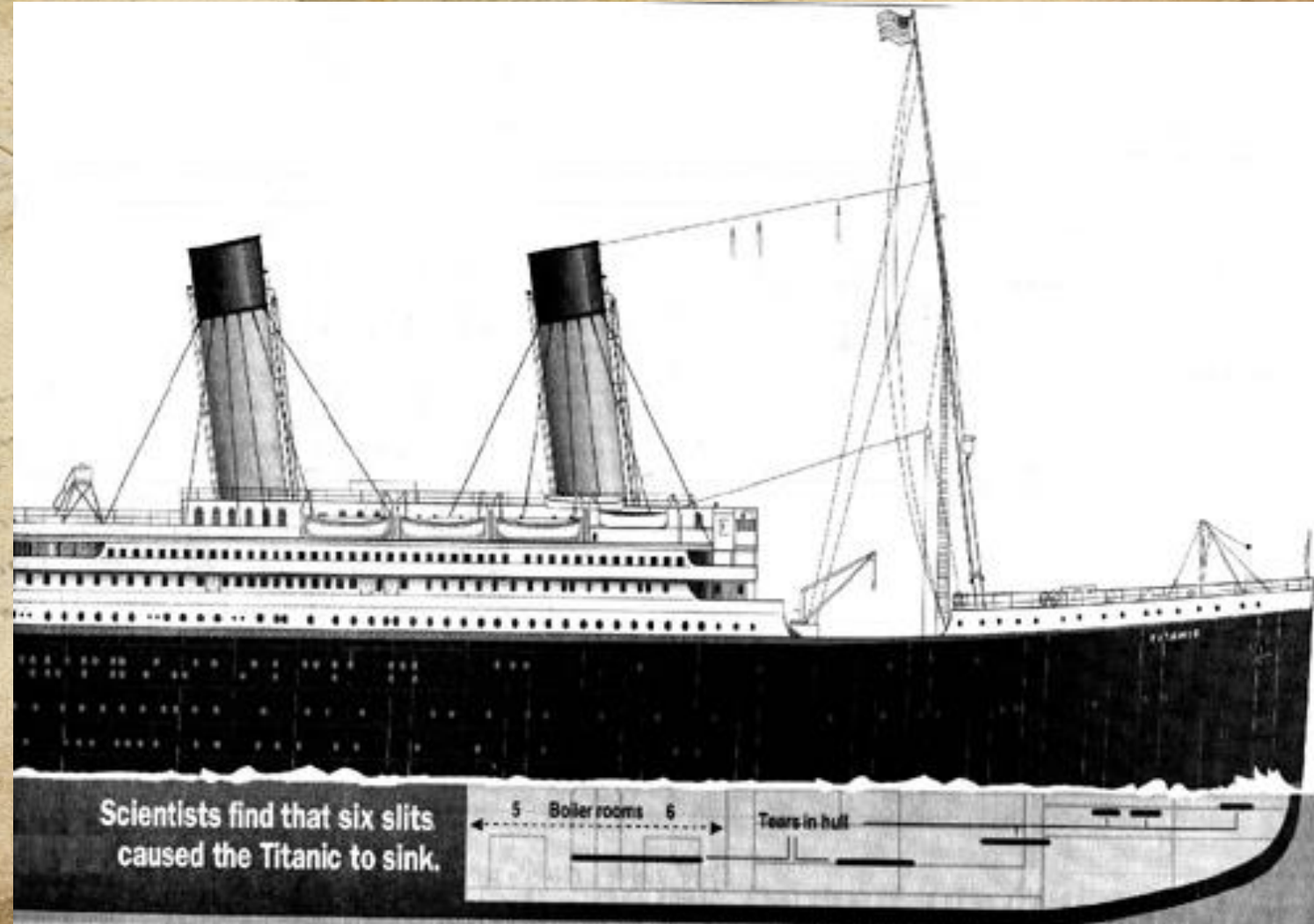
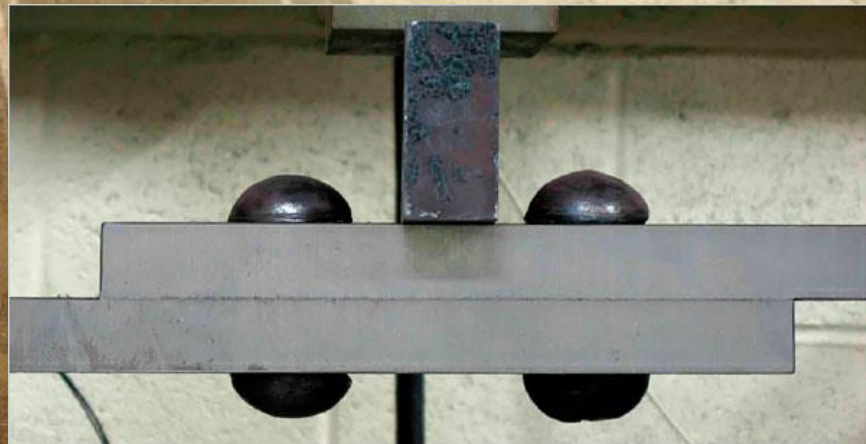
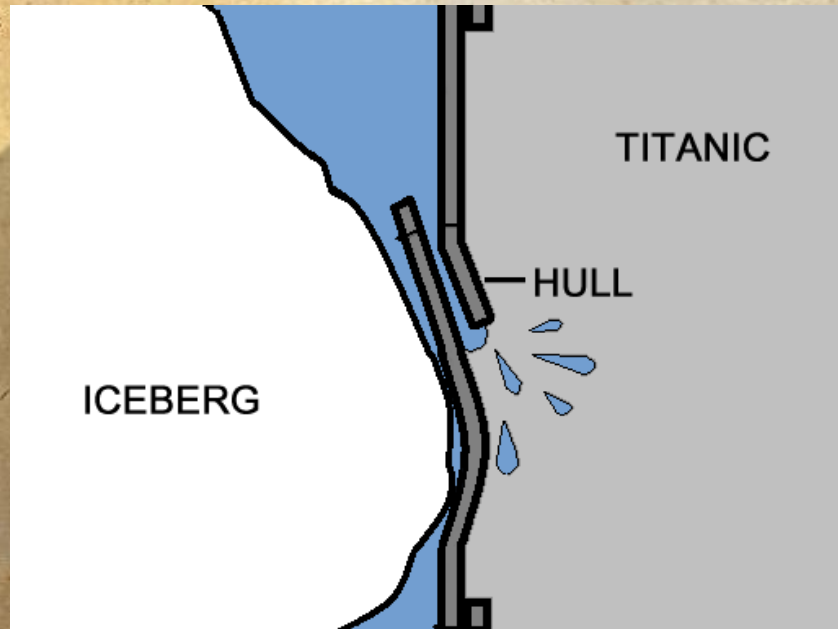
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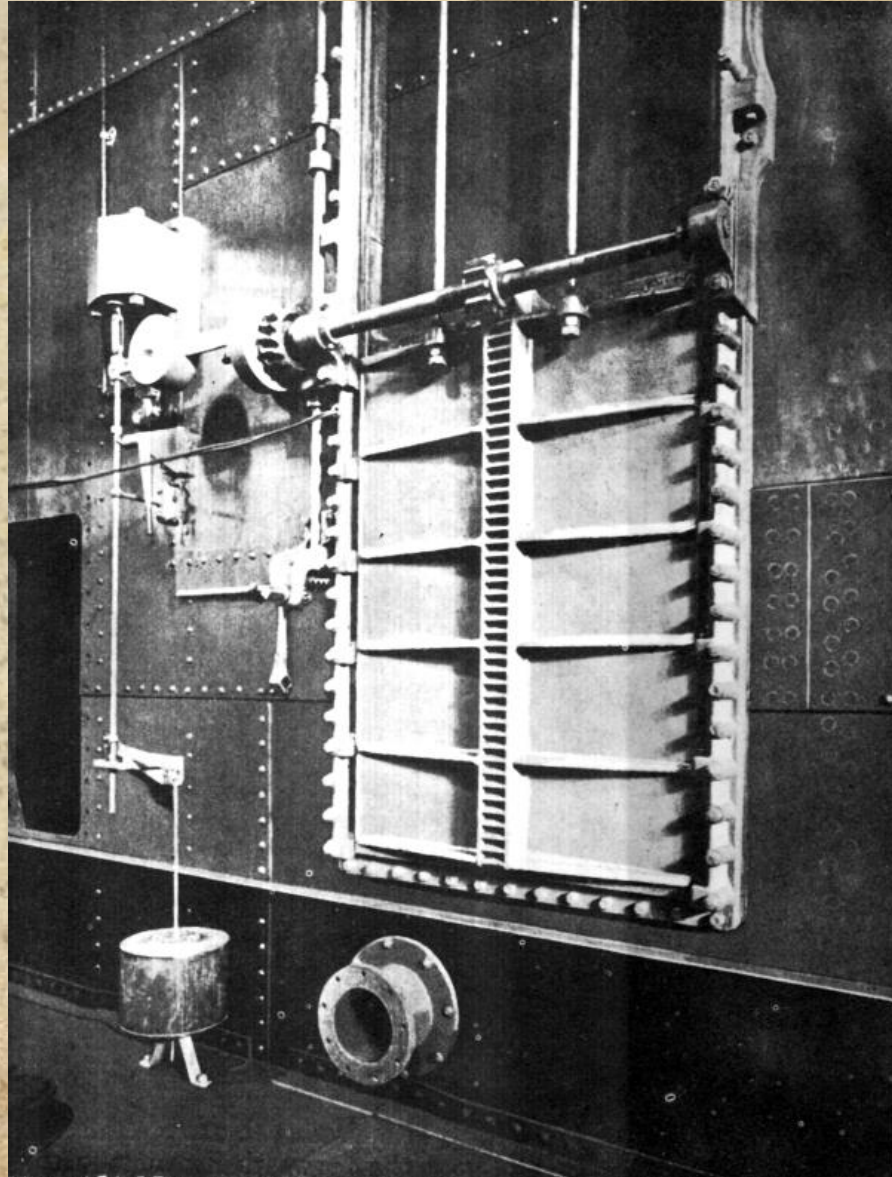
40 seconds to impact...Decide



~300 Hundred feet of Hull Compromised...



Thomas Andrews, "We have less than 90 minutes!"





Abandon
Ship!



12:15 The first
CQD Sent

12:45 The first Life
Boat lowered



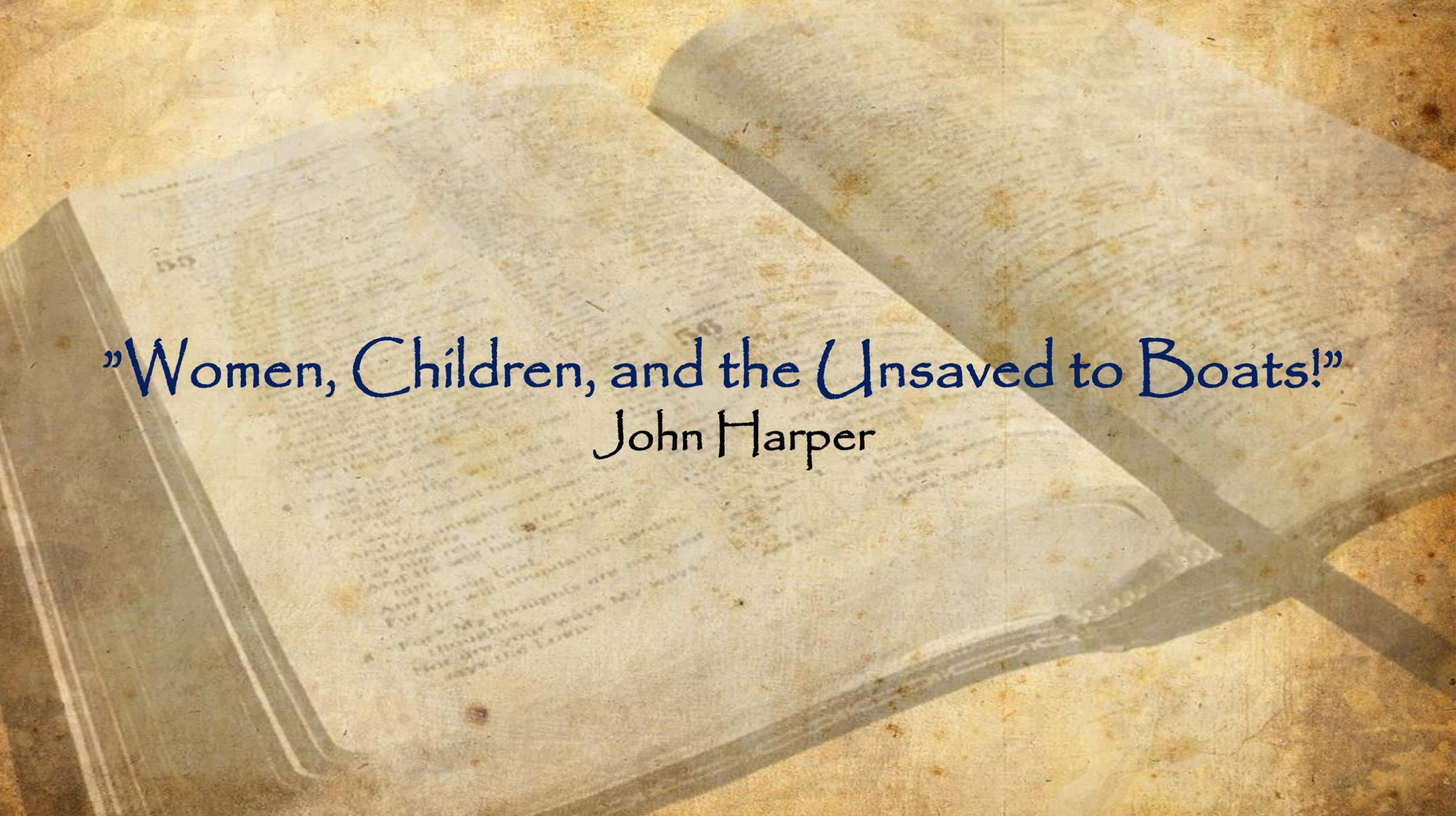
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Ship!



Hebrews 13: 5 & 6

5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.



"Women, Children, and the Unsaved to Boats!"
John Harper

Life Preserver



2:20 a.m. Titanic Submerges



Hypothermia

Water Temperature in Degrees F (Degrees C)	Loss of Dexterity (with no protective clothing)	Exhaustion or Unconsciousness	Expected Time of Survival	Recommended Paddling Clothing*
32.5 (0.3)	Under 2 min.	Under 15 min.	Under 15 to 45 min.	Drysuit with fleece layers, neoprene booties, beanie, gloves
32.5 to 40 (0.3 to 4.5)	Under 3 min.	15 to 30 min.	30 to 90 min.	Drysuit with fleece layers, neoprene booties, beanie, gloves
40 to 50 (4.5 to 10)	Under 5 min.	30 to 60 min.	1 to 3 hrs.	Drysuit with fleece or polypro layers, neoprene booties, beanie, gloves
50 to 60 (10 to 15.5)	10 to 15 min.	1 to 2 hrs.	1 to 6 hrs.	Drysuit with polypro layers or wetsuit plus drytop, neoprene booties, hat
60 to 70 (15.5 to 21)	30 to 40 min.	2 to 7 hrs.	2 to 40 hrs.	Wetsuit with light paddling jacket, paddling shoes, hat
70 to 80 (21 to 26.5)	1 to 2 hrs.	2 to 12 hrs.	3 hrs. to indefinite	Thin or shorty wetsuit
Over 80 (Over 26.5)	2 to 12 hrs.	Indefinite	Indefinite	Swimsuit

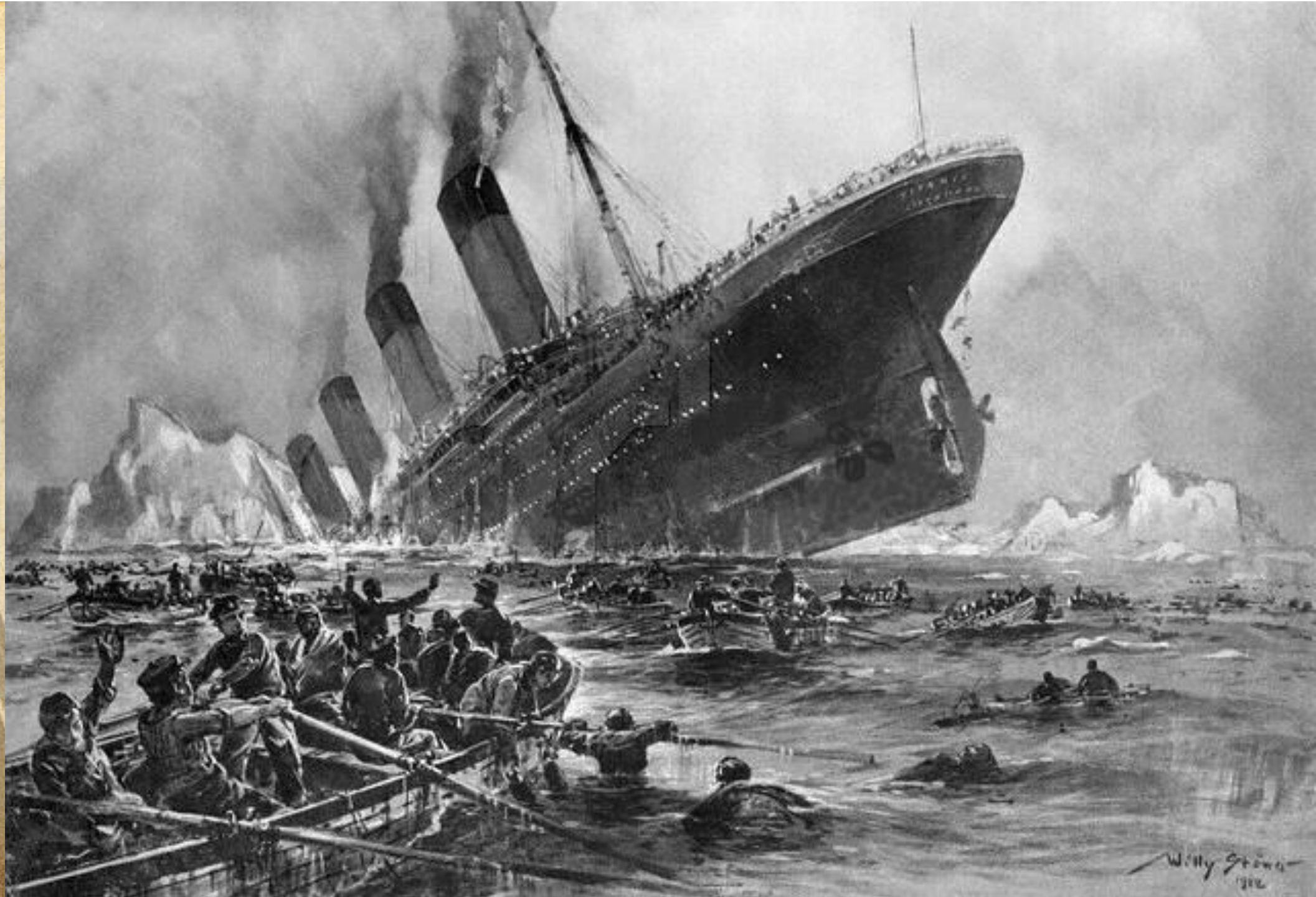
* This table is intended as a basic guide for paddling apparel selection for various water temperatures. If water/weather conditions are rough or paddlers are inexperienced, clothing one or two levels more protective should be considered. Always wear a PFD.

Epilogue



Group of rescued on Carpathia

Only
705
saved
out of
2,228



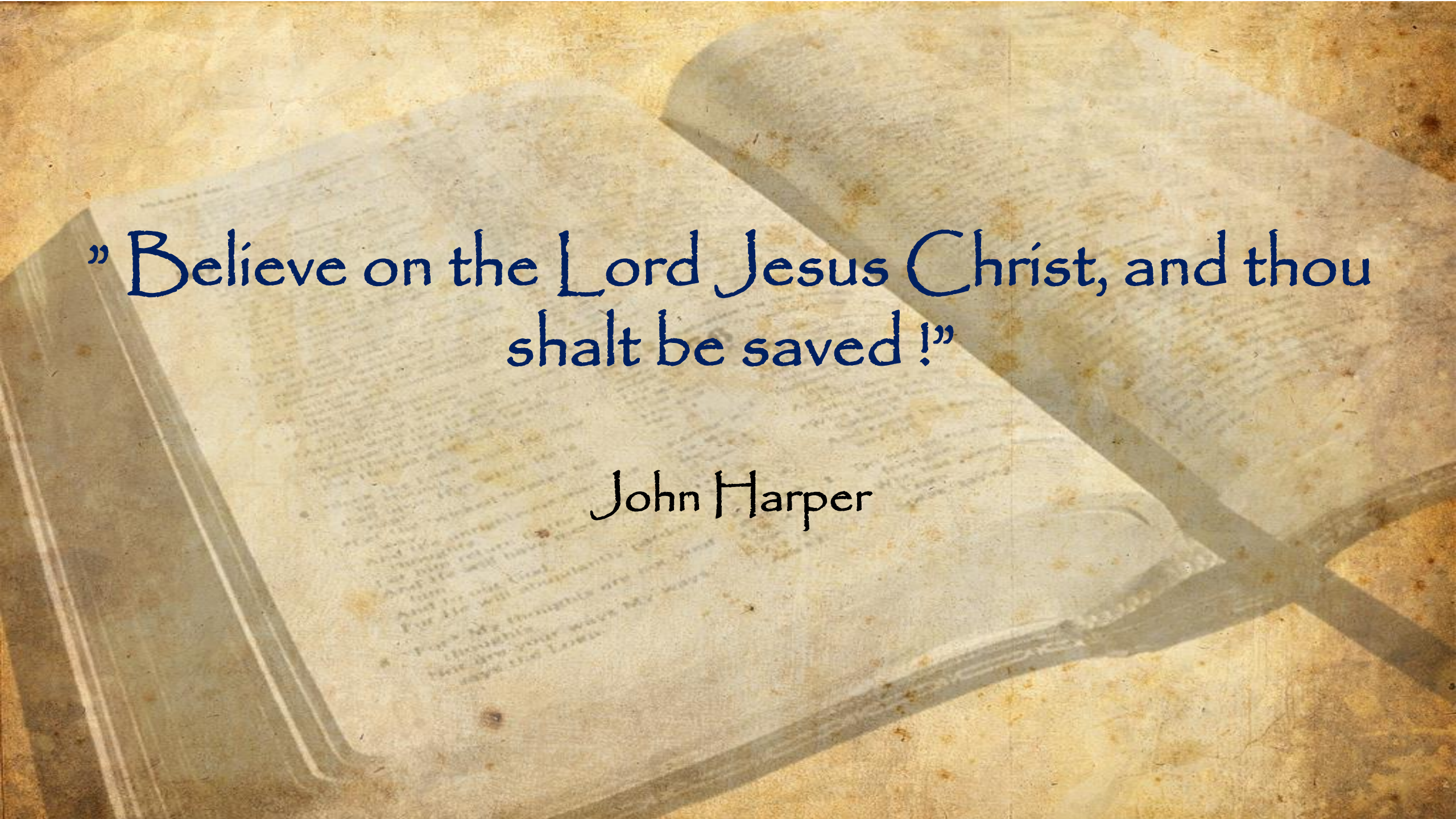
Hamilton, Canada
1916

**"I am the Last Convert
of John Harper."**

John (Jack) Stewart





An open, antique book with yellowed, stained pages is shown from a high angle. The book is open to two pages, with the left page showing some faint, illegible text. A quote is superimposed over the right page. The background is a textured, mottled brown surface.

” Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou
shalt be saved !”

John Harper





” Son, have you Believed on the Lord Jesus
Christ yet?”

John Harper





