

# Are You Unsinkable?

Young and old have heard of the disaster that befell the ship *Titanic* which was the “*last word*” in naval design and a luxury liner for the North Atlantic route.

Early in the morning of April 10<sup>th</sup> 1912, after the *Titanic* left England on her first voyage, the ship received a radio message warning of icebergs. The radio operator ignored this and other warnings that followed.

“*Wasn’t this ship unsinkable?*” some of the crew joked.

Again warnings came to reduce speed and change course.

The transmitting station was told to clear the air for personal messages to be transmitted by the passengers on board.

Why interrupt the unsinkable?

One person even said, “*the Lord God Almighty could not sink this ship.*”

On the night of April 14<sup>th</sup> 1912 at ten minutes to midnight, the *Titanic*, still sailing at full speed, hit an iceberg and sank two hours later into the deep icy waters of the North Atlantic.

Only 705 people survived out of more than 2,200 passengers and crew.

The greatest ship of her time became one of history’s most famous shipwrecks.

**Satan would like us to believe that we too are unsinkable, that nothing could cause us to stumble and fall spiritually.**

**Yet nothing or no-one is unsinkable in all the universe except God Himself.**

**1 Timothy 1:18-19** [NIV] “*Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.*”

Paul the apostle warns Christians that they can suffer spiritual shipwreck.

It is possible for any of us to shipwreck our faith as some did in the early church.

**To avoid spiritual shipwreck we must always stay on a safe course in life.**

**1 Timothy 2:16-19** [NIV] “*Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some. Nevertheless, God’s solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.”*

Hymenaeus and Philetus had strayed from God’s truth and had substituted their own doctrines.

Less than 20 miles ahead of the *Titanic* was the ship *Californian*. It had sent messages back to the *Titanic* loud and clear, warning of what was ahead.

The *Californian*’s message was interrupted by the *Titanic*’s radio officer who told them to clear the airwaves.

After the investigation into disaster, reports blamed officers and crew with complacency and arrogant casualness.

**Are we on a safe course in our life journey with God as our pilot?**

**Or are we ignoring the warning given in God's Word and heading for shipwreck?**

**2 John 7-9 [NIV]** *“Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.”*

We have to hold on to our faith in God and what we are taught in God's Word, the Christian Bible, if we are to avoid shipwreck.

**2 Timothy 4:6-8 [NIV]** *“For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”*

**Only then can we join Paul who said this at the end of his life.**