"And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world."

—1 John 4:14

The Scottish preacher, John Harper, as the story goes, was a passenger aboard the Titanic. When the ship went down, he was clinging to a piece of the ship in the cold, dark ocean. Another passenger drifted close to him crying with fear, and Harper shouted to him, "Are you saved?" the man replied, "No." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Then the man drifted away but the waves brought him back once again. Harper asked the man again to which the response was again, no.

Not to long after the S.S. Carpathia answered the distress call, and the man was rescued. Harper was never found and went home to be with his savior, Jesus Christ, preaching to the very end.

What would drive John Harper to do such a thing and so many before him? All but one of the apostles gave up their very lives preaching the same message, why? Because they had seen, lived, and walk with Jesus.



Jesus has done the same for you. Letting go of heaven and sinking to the depths of earth to seek out and find those who are lost, and to save them. The wood he clung to while here was a cross, the cross that was yours to bear, he did it for you.

That act of love that only God could do he did it to save you. Since that day until this many have testified to the fact that Jesus is savior of the world, (John 4:42). That he came into the world to save sinners, (1 Timothy 1:15). Jesus himself said he did not come to condemn but to save, (John 12:47).

Yet the fact that he did means there is no other name that can save, (Acts 4:12). We need not rundown other religions, but the simple truth is that none of those can make the claim of "savior of the world."

This is His world, and He is the savior of it, by the means in which he chose to accomplish it. The good news is that you can be saved from death and hell, from the wrath of God that is to come. Jesus has answered the distress call of your life, he is calling you, don't drift away.

In what ways does the world drift away from Jesus? How could you be more like John Harper where you live, work and play? What hinders or stops you? Ask God for the courage to call out.