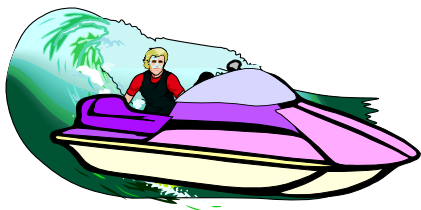


Man Overboard



“... God our Saviour ... will have all men to be saved ... For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time” (1Tim 2:3-6).

MAN OVER-BOARD!

A friend of mine (I'll call him Andy) loved the sea and had a passion for the boats.

One day while sitting on the side of his speedy motor boat, a wave tipped him up and over into the water; and the powerful blades of his out-board motor chopped into his legs.

Poor Andy, though a good swimmer, was going under, sinking beneath the deep blue waters of the Caribbean Sea. The water became red with blood. He would surely die a bloody, watery death.

As Andy sank beneath the surface of the sea, someone saw what had happened and raced to the spot in another boat. The person was a good friend of his and cared about his friend. He sized up the situation quickly. Urgent action was needed.

Andy's friend raced his own boat to the spot, he switched off his engine, he dived into the water, and he grabbed the drowning young man, pulling him to the surface. He got him to the beach, called the ambulance service, got him to the hospital where emergency surgery was performed and Andy's life was saved.

Dear sinner friend, you too are drowning in your sins. You too need a Saviour, someone who can remove your sins from you “as far as the east is from the west.” *“For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us”* (Psa 103:11-12).

The Bible says, *“But God commendeth his love towards us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”* (Romans 5:8).

My friend, urgent action is needed on account of your sins and the Lord Jesus has sized up your situation and left heaven in order to save you from a lost eternity and from the judgment of a holy and just God. The Lord Jesus has compassion on you and has come to your aid and mine.

Just as time was running out for Andy, time is quickly running out for you, if you are still in your sins.

The Lord Jesus is urgently calling to you. He is saying, *“Come unto me, all you who labour and are heavy-laden and I will give you rest”* (Matthew 11:28).

He is also saying, “*Come now, and let us reason together, ... though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool*” (Isaiah 1:18).

Andy lived to tell the tale. He had been rescued by someone else; someone who cared, someone who was able to help him.

If you surrender your heart and life to the Lord Jesus he will save your soul from eternal separation from God.

It is an urgent matter. Do it now, my friend.

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