

Descend into the Deep?

*Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)
But what saith it? The word is neigh, thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is,
the word of faith, which we preach;*

*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart: that
God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.—Romans 10: 7-9*

The news this week covered the story of the cruise ship Costa Concordia which was gashed by a rocky reef on the Tuscan coast. At this time there are 12 confirmed dead and 20 missing. As divers search the wreckage they found evidence of passengers who had returned to their cabin to attempt to locate their life preservers and return to safety.

Locating the life preserver was their attempt to be saved from death by drowning. The sad thing is that they were told to proceed to the deck where there were enough life preservers that all could be saved. They went their own way and returned to their cabins sincerely believing that they would be saved once they had their life vests. These passengers were lost in their futile attempt to save themselves.

This is a picture of men who are told that God has provided for their salvation. All they need to do is come to Him and take His provision. Instead they go their own way thinking that they can be saved by their own efforts. They choose the wrong way and are lost for eternity.

God has provided for your passage to Heaven's safety. Don't ignore His provision and choose to try to do it your way. Accept the salvation God offers you.

For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. —*Romans 6:23*.