

Warning Signs for a B.C. Beach



Two young men were walking along a rugged and remote beach near Port Renfrew on the southwest edge of Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada. The waves were rolling onto the beach in regular succession. They would hit outcroppings of rock and send spumes of spray high into the air. The regular pattern of the waves was broken when a rogue wave several times bigger and stronger than the other waves crashed onto the men and knocked them over. The wave took them completely by surprise. When it receded, it swept them both out to deeper water. One of the men swam against the current and was able to fight his way back to the beach. The second man was caught in the strong current and carried rapidly many yards away from the shore before he was able to grab a strong piece of bull kelp to stop his outward progress.

Frantically, the man on shore looked around for some way to save his friend. If only he could throw a rope to his struggling friend in the water so he could pull him back to the safety of the shore, but he had nothing of the kind. At last he decided his best chance to rescue his friend was to run and look for help. He was gone only a short time before he returned with some people to assist in the rescue. But his friend who had been clinging to the bull kelp had disappeared from sight.

A search effort was organized which included US Coast Guard helicopters, but the man's body was never found.

To prevent such a tragedy from ever reoccurring, the authorities erected three large signs along this section of the beach warning hikers of Dangerous Waves. Hopefully, beach walkers will read the signs and use proper precaution.

In the Bible, God has warned us about sin, death, and hell too. God warns us so we use the proper caution to avoid them. Listen to the strong warnings contained in these verses. The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). The soul that sinneth it shall die (Ezekiel 18:4). These shall go away into everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46). And if thine right eye offend thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee, for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish and not that thy whole body be cast into hell (Matthew 5:29).

These are but a few of the verses that warn us about death and hell because of sin. It is interesting to note that the Lord Jesus spoke more about hell than any other person in the Bible. These warnings were given by God in the hope men will see their danger and realize their need to repent and believe on the Lord Jesus for the remission of sins.

On the cross the Lord Jesus gave his life so that hell deserving sinners may go free. Because the death of his beloved Son means so much to God, He is willing to forgive, pardon, and justify all who believe on him.

Be it known unto you men and brethren that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins, and by him all that believe are justified from all things which ye could not be justified by the Law of Moses (Acts 13:38, 39).

If you read Gods warnings about sin and realize your lost condition, you may reach to Christ and receive the salvation he freely offers. You may receive his salvation as simply as a man who is being swept away to his death by a powerful ocean current may reach and grab a rope that is thrown to him. The Lord Jesus is the only Savior this world will ever know. There is no escaping the consequences of sin except through him. If you place your faith in him, you will never be in danger of perishing because of sin. O believe the warnings God has given and reach out to the Savior today. He will never lose you, if you do.