## **MINING DISASTERS**

Intro.

Many disasters..Titanic, 1912, 1500+; Hindenburg, 1937, 35; Ferry, S. Korea, 284; Mining disasters, 150 yrs.100's of thous.. China, 1942, 1549; World, 5670 in 3082 accd.; +many car fatalities.. MINING..2014, Soma, Manisa, 284; China, 214; Turkey, 274 WHAT DO WE LEARN? (about those "Freed, and those that Perished"

- 1) All were "trapped" in the mines. Cf Js.1:13-16; Ro.3:23
- 2) All were separated from loved ones. Some..sev. Months a) From family members...b) From God. Isa.59:1f; Ep.2:12
- **3) They could not save themselves.** (Someone had to rescue..) Tit.3:5; Lk.19:10...Concern from outside source. Jn.3:16; Ro.5:8 save "selves" in sense of submission to instr. Ac.2:38,40F
- 4) Had to have faith in rescuers. He.11:6; 12:1f; Mk.16:16; Ac.8:37
- 5) Had to act on their faith.
  - 1. Had to DO something—not devise own plan..Mt.7:21
  - 2. Not own "works", but that of others. Cf Jn.6:28; Col.2:12
- 6) Freedom was not free. Millions of \$..God, Jn.3:16, Jesus. 1Pe.1:18f
- **7) Rescued one at a time.** (Could not all come out at once...individ. "he" Mk.16:16; "every one"..Ac.2:38; "one"..Lk.15:10
- 8) Brought from darkness to light. Jn.8:12; Col.1:13
- **9) Few saved..many lost.** 1Pe.3:20f; Mt.7:13f

Concl.

**I. After rescued, WHAT THEN?** Boast? Go back..tested again? Cf Israel...Num.14:1-4; cf He.10:26,38f...Tell others of danger? Lk.9:62; 2Pe.2:21f...

Freed. Rejoice. Jn.8:32,36; Ro.6:7,18; Gal.5:1

II. Lost—no more oppor. Cf He.9:27; 2Co.6:2