**GIVE ME ONE SOUL TODAY**

SOS is the best known international distress signal.   The code for SOS is 3 short, 3 long and 3 short signals.

**Survival Options**

Sometimes survival depends on SOS – an international distress signal. The letters don't stand for anything, such as "Save Our Ship" or "Save Our Souls," but they create an unmistakable sound pattern and are easy to remember in Morse code: three short - three long - three short - pause - repeat (· · · – – – · · ·). The term, SOS, is now often used to refer to all distress signals with or without Morse Code and vary depending upon where you are.

* Sailors use whistle blasts or light flashes to send Morse Code SOS signals.
* Campers send three puffs of smoke or lay out markers in a triangle to signal a search plane.
* Hunters fire three gunshots.
* Mountain climbers use six long whistle blasts or light flashes, repeated at one-minute intervals.
* Airplane pilots send a “Mayday! Mayday!’ radio message which is more distinctive vocally than "SOS."
* Drivers with a CB radio call for help on either channel 9 or 19.

But what is the S.O.S. Distress Signal for those who are lost in sin and about to die in their sins?

The answer is:  G – O – D found in the B – I – B – L – E

The Bible contains the GOSPEL, which is the Good News that God has sent into the world to ***S***ave ***O***ur ***S***ouls.

All men and women of accountable age before God have sinned, resulting in the wages of death (Romans 3:23; 6:23).  They are therefore lost, fallen into slavery to Satan, separated from God, and bound for a devil’s hell (Ephesians 2:11-12; Romans 6:12-16).  The wrath of God awaits the sinner who has not been saved by the gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9), with the Judgment Day bringing upon him or  her the verdict of “Guilty!” and then the sentence of “Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41).

But thanks be to God that He has recognized our danger of death and sent out His own distress signal in the very person of His only begotten Son, Jesus the Christ.

“ ***But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.  For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life***.”  (Romans 5:8-10)

It is now our duty as those who have been rescued from Satan and Sin to throw out the life-line to others who are perishing.  What Jesus gave as the "great commission" to His apostles in Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-16 has been passed on to all future generations by the apostle Paul.  Here it is:

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." (2 Tim. 2:2).

Paul taught Timothy to teach others to teach others.  And the beat goes on.

Freely you have received, freely give.  You have been saved in order to save.  To see a drowning man and not throw him a lifeline is negligence.  His blood is upon me at judgment (Ezek 3:18-20).

My prayer for today is simple.  In fact, it's a prayer hymn I love to sing:

Lead me to some soul today; O teach me Lord just what to say;  
Friends of mine are lost in sin, and cannot find their way.

Lead me to some wayward soul, To one who's wandered from the fold;  
He me turn him unto Thee, Thy blessings to behold.

Lead me from self righteousness, may Christ always be seen in me;  
How can I do any less than lead more souls to Thee.

Open hearts of those I love, to hear and heed the gospel call;  
May they start to heaven above, and may they never fall.

Chorus:  Few there are who seem to care, and few there are who pray;  
Melt my heart ad fill my life, give me one soul today!

Like the Marine Corps advertisement, be among "the few" who care and pray.  Lord, give me one soul today!

I love you.   - Rick