

“So Great Salvation”

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Hebrews 2:1-4

- “Slip” Gk. “to flow by, i.e. (figuratively) carelessly pass (miss):--let slip”.
- Life is somewhat like a stream - If not alert, important things may slip past!
- Being loyal to Christ keeps us aware.

To Keep Us from “Drifting”

- Heb. 2:1 “let them slip”: the Gospel
- Heb. 2:3 “neglect so great salvation”
- Heb. 3:12-14 “departing from the living God”
- Heb. 6:4-6 “if they shall away” – complete apostasy.
- Heb. 10:26-27 “sin willfully” rejects the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ!
- The exhortation of Heb 2:1-4 intends to prevent falling from the faith, inadvertently or intentionally, due to inattention and neglect!

To Save Us from Punishment

- “every transgression and disobedience received a just reward”
- “How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?”
Escape what?
- 2 Pet. 2:20-21 “again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse”
- 1 Pet. 4:17 “for the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?”

Potential Causes of Drifting

Passage of Time

- Gal. 6:9 “as we have therefore opportunity”
- Eph. “redeeming the time, because the days are evil”

Routine/Habit/Familiarity

- Routine, ritual, and habits instead of love – Rev. 2:4 Can we may lose our “first love”?
- Lk. 6:46 “And why do ye call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”

Influence of Culture/Worldliness

- 1 Cor. 15:33 “Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.” **Are your friends are who you will become?**
- 2 Tim. 4:3 – Popular religion & Col. 2:8 – Human philosophies.
- 1 Pet. 2:11 “abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul” Cf. Rom. 13:14
- Lk. 8:14 “choked with the cares and riches and pleasures of this life”
- **2 Thes. 2:12 – The pleasures of unrighteousness compete with the belief of the truth.**

How To Prevent Slipping

- **Heb. 2:1 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.**
- Give heed to inescapable judgment v. 2-3
- Give heed to our salvation v. 3
- Give heed to the Lord and His apostles v. 4
- Give heed to the witness of God v. 4

Decision...

- Have you neglected this great salvation that Jesus offers?
- Although the text deals with Christians, everyone should give “the more earnest heed” to the gospel of Christ!
- “How shall we escape?” – The question is rhetorical...
- **There is no escape but through faithfulness to Christ!**