

# Hebrews 2:1

## Dangerous Drift

The heartbeat of this verse is the urgent need for obedience. It moves through every word. The gospel is not just information, it is information which requires, which demands a response, it demands and it deserves our absolute obedience. Here is are a set of reasons, a set of instructions, a reminder and a warning. All are contending for the same end result - that the gospel of Jesus Christ be treated in a manner which is worthy of what it is. That it become the core, the center and the essence of our lives. Nothing else matters, nothing else is worth everything.

### I. BECAUSE OF WHO IS GIVEN

a. Creator God

b. Incarnate Messiah, promised of Old

c. Victorious Savior

d. Faithful Redeemer

e. Superior Head

## II. BECAUSE OF WHAT IS GIVEN

a. Knowledge of the truth of God

1Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV)

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

b. The Faith to believe it

Ephesians 2:8–9 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,  
<sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast.

c. The promise of acceptance by God

Ephesians 1.4 – 10

- d. The promise of forgiveness
- e. The promise of Eternal life

John 3.16

- f. The Victory

- i. Over This present evil age

Galatians 1:3–5 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, <sup>5</sup> to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

- ii. Over indwelling sin

Colossians 1.21 -23

- iii. Over the enemy of our souls

#### iv. Over death

1 Corinthians 15:53–58 (NKJV)

<sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “*Death is swallowed up in victory.*”

<sup>55</sup> “*O Death, where is your sting?  
O Hades, where is your victory?*”

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death *is* sin, and the strength of sin *is* the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

### III. WE MUST GIVE

- a. Imperative - this is a command, it is not optional. We have some limited experience with commands... and we often obey, simply to avoid the consequence.
  - i. Your boss giving you a "do it or be fired"
  - ii. Your doctor telling you "do this or die"
  - iii. Your spouse telling you "change this or live alone"

This obedience of expediency is NOT sufficient for God's command. God requires obedience which is born of desire. This is a problem for us, for we desire the flesh in ourselves. However, God graciously given us what He requires with the gift of a new heart at regeneration. But here is the thing, that grace is part of the reason for the imperative. He has the right to command! He has even more right to expect us to obey what He has required for He has provided what he commands.

- b. Necessary - more than that, this instruction is absolutely vital
  - i. More than anything else which contends for your attention
  - ii. More than anything else which cries for your energy
  - iii. More than anything else which has a grip on your affections
- c. Urgent - but it doesn't stop there, this is singular in its press. It is absolutely URGENT
  - i. Today
  - ii. Right now
  - iii. Without delay
  - iv. Wake up NOW

## **IV. EARNEST HEED**

- a. Full mental attention

Removal of distractions

- b. Complete emotional dedication

Removal of Excuses

- c. Obedience in action

- i. Plan
- ii. Practice
- iii. Persevere

## **V. WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN**

- a. We have not come to this knowledge alone

- i. Had we done so we could argue that the knowledge was ours to do with as we wished
- ii. Had we done so, it would only be our effort, our energy, our lives which we waste

- b. We have taken the gift, which incurs obligation
  - i. The gift was given for a reason, in taking it we state our agreement to, and desire for that reason
  - ii. We become partners with God in the fulfillment of His reasons
- c. Someone else paid the price
  - i. Consider the value
  - ii. Consider the cost paid
  - iii. Consider the effort spent to communicate that truth to us
  - iv. Consider the complete package and apply it to our souls

## **VI. GUARD AGAINST THE DRIFT**

- a. Subtle
- b. Gentle
- c. Slow and easy, not alarming
- d. A rowboat slowly drifting out to sea rather than the violent struggle against the riptide