

**“Lest We Drift Away”**  
**Hebrews 1: 1 – 4: 13**  
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**8. The Revelation Of Christ’s Supremacy Over Our Lives Calls Us To Pay Closer Attention, (vs. 2: 1)**

**Message Emphasis:** There is a very real danger of drifting away from the supremacy of Christ in our daily lives. We must pay much closer attention to the message of the gospel if we are to remain steadfast in Christ.

*A man ought not to be undecided either in regard to religious doctrine... It is incumbent upon him to make up his mind on the question at issue... These things are important, and his opinions should be formed and fixed upon the ground of satisfactory evidence; and his mind being once made up, he should hold fast what he believes to be truth, and not allow his convictions to be shaken... ~ John Angell James*

**1.1) Christ Calls Us All To Be Even More Diligent In Our Profession** our profession should NOT be hollow convenience  
**“Therefore We Must (Pres.Act.Ind) Pay (Pres.Act.Inf) Much Closer Attention”**

- 1) The Result Of Who Christ Is - “Therefore” ...*Christ is God’s voice (vs.1) ...Christ is God’s Son (vs.5) ...Christ is forever (vs.12) ...we are ministers (vs.14)*
- 2) The Necessity Of What Christ Requires - “We Must (Pres.Act.Ind)” *something which should be done as the result of compulsion, whether internal (as a matter of duty) or external (law, custom)*
- 3) The Cost Of What Christ Provides - “Pay (Pres.Act.Inf)” *to hold firmly to a particular belief – ‘to hold firmly to, to continue to believe*
- 4) The Exactness Of Christ’s Value - “Much Closer Attention” *a degree which is considerably in excess of some point on an implied or explicit scale of extent – ‘very great, excessive, extremely – NOT unknown value*

**“As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.” (Luke 8:15, ESV)**

*What the saints established that I hold for true. What the saints believèd, that I believe too.*

**1.2) Christ Calls Us All To Be Even More Diligent In Our Doctrine** our doctrine should NOT be mere opinion

*My goal is not to quarrel with the pope or the church, but to defend them with more than mere opinion! The gospel cannot be denied for the word of man! ~ Martin Luther*

**“To What We Have Heard (Aor.Pas.Part)” - 1)** *“And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, “We brought no bread.” 2) But Jesus, aware of this, said, “O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? 3) Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? 4) How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” (Matthew 16:7-12, ESV)*

- 1) We Are In Real Danger Of Losing Sight Of Christ - *“So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”” (Matthew 26:40-41, ESV)*
- 2) Christ Shows Us That Faith Is NOT Based On Fact - *“for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.” (2 Corinthians 5:7-9, ESV)*
- 3) Christ Calls Us To Remember What God Has Done & Why “Not yet perceive?” - *“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” (Luke 24:25-27, ESV)*
- 4) Christ Calls Us To Look Beyond The Temporary - *“Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”” (Luke 9:61-62, ESV)*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

**1.3) Christ Calls Us All To Be Even More Diligent In Our Direction**

**“Lest We Drift (Aor.Act.Sub) Away” - 1)** *“Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. 2) I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. 3) And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.” (2 Peter 1:12-15, ESV)*

- 1) We Need To Be Constantly Reminded That We Do Have The Spirit Of Christ
- 2) We Need To Be Constantly Reminded That We Do Not Have Unlimited Time
- 3) We Need To Be Constantly Reminded That We Do Have An Obligation To Pass The Gospel On

**\*\*\* The Question Is Not What Must I Do? Rather, What Must I Do To Be Saved? \*\*\***

**Message Directive:** Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul & consider what is at stake if you don’t pay attention.

**“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.” (Isaiah 45:22, ESV)**

**“See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.” (Hebrews 12:25, ESV)**

9. If We Neglect The Revelation Of Christ's Supremacy, We Will Not Escape The Judgment Of God, (vs. 2 - 3a)  
10. The Revelation Of Christ's Supremacy Has Every Tangible Proof That What God Has Said Is True, (vs. 3b - 4)

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Earthly Realm, (vs. 2: 5 - 18)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Law (vs. 3: 1 - 4: 13)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Temple (vs. 4: 14 - 6: 12)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Abrahamic Identity, (vs. 6: 13 - 7: 10)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Aaronic Priesthood, (vs. 7: 11 - 28)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Old Covenant, (vs. 8: 1 - 10: 39)**
  
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Has Been Demonstrated As Reliable, (vs. 11: 1 - 40)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Will Persevere Through Extreme Difficulty, (vs. 12: 1 - 29)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Changes The Entire Perspective Of The Believer, (vs. 13: 1 - 25)**