

NEGLECTING YOUR SALVATION

Hebrews 2:1-4

I. Our Great Salvation**A. Propositional** (Jn 1:1, 18; Heb 1:1)—There is content, a verbal message**B. Authoritative**—the credibility of the messengers; who says?**1. Declared by the Lord Jesus** (1:2; 2:3; Dt 32:47; Mat 21:33-39)—the Son of God.**a. Outranks the Prophets** (1:1)—not just the greatest prophet**b. Outranks the Angels** (2:2; Dt 33:2; Act 7:53; Gal 3:19)—they worship Him**2. Attested to by those Who Heard** (Lk 6:13; Act 1:8, 21-22)—the Apostles**3. Confirmed by God the Holy Spirit**—miraculous, supernatural validation**C. Historical** (Act 2:42-43)—credible witness and documentation**1. The Apostles' Teaching** (Act 2:42; 2 Tim 2:2)—public preaching**2. The Written Gospels** (Jn 1:14-15)—credible accounts by eye witnesses**3. The Apostles' Letters** ()—doctrine and instructions to the church**D. Powerful** (2:4; Mk 16:20)—testified to by God, supernatural validation**1. Miracles as Signs** (Joel 2:30-32; Mk 16:17, 18, 20; Jn 14:10-12; 20:30-31; Act 2:43; Rom 15:19)—they mean something, point to something.**2. Gifts of the Holy Spirit** (Joel 2:28-29; Act 2; 1 Cor 12:7-11, 13:24-25, 14:24-25)—evident in the community

II. **A Serious Warning**

A. **Pay Careful Attention** to what we have heard (Act 17:11)—

1. What does the Scripture **say**? (Mat 22:29)
2. What does it **mean**? (2 Pet 3:16)
3. What does faith **require** of me? (Jam 1:22 & 2:26; Mat 7:24-25)

B. **Don't Drift Away** (1 Tim 4:16)—intention, attention, and effort

1. **Watch Your Life** (1 Tim 6:10)—know where you are
2. **Watch the Teaching**(Act 4:12; 1 Tim 6:20-21; Gal 1:8;)—know where you're going

C. **Don't Neglect/Ignore** (Ps 119:16; Php 1:27 & 2:12-13; Col 2:6-8; Ju 1:20-21)—disregard, take for granted, abuse

1. **Prioritize it**—value, treasure, protect, central, visible
2. **Think about it**—study, delight, discuss, forefront of your mind
3. **Maintain it**—keep it up, take care of, cultivate, develop, feed, support
4. **Live it**—on it, out of it, and live it *out*.

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