

Staying Perilously Adrift
Hebrews 2:1-4

The reward at the Judgement Seat will be for those whose record is good, and those who have neglected their great salvation 'will suffer loss.' This we believe to be the meaning of Hebrews 2:3, How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation. Escape what? Not hell, for escaping hell is by grace—not works. It is escaping God's disapproval at the time of reckoning [1 Cor. 3:13-15].

These indeed are solemn words. Just because we are saved does not mean we can live as we please and do as we wish. Grace does not give license to sin or constitute as excuse for carelessness. We must all appear before the Judgement Seat of Christ to answer for the things done after we are saved. In view of the clear revelation of God, we can appreciate the solemn warning of Hebrews [Heb. 2:1-2].

This is the message of Hebrews so sadly overlooked. Thousands of Christians need to learn the lesson that conversion is only the first step in a process which will only be completed when we are perfectly and completely conformed to the image of Jesus. God will not cease to deal with us until we are brought to the maturity of our growth in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus.”
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- I. The word “**therefore**” in the beginning of chapter two tells us that all the truths of chapter one are the reason for our need to pay more careful attention to what we have heard. The fact that Christ saved us, must keep our attention throughout life, so that we can keep ourselves from neglecting our responsibility of living well for him in the brief time he has given us here on earth. We must understand that we cannot neglect or disregard our salvation. To do so hurts us spiritually, emotionally, and physically because of the negative consequences neglect can bring.

Heb. 2:1

2 Peter 1:3-11

Psalm 18:2 *The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

- II. One of the things that happens if we become lazy or fickle toward God's truth is the ***danger of drifting*** from a biblical world view and a biblical mindset. Drift means to leak out, slip away, flow out or escape from the mind in the Greek. We are warned about this because once there, it is very hard for someone to stand firm again in the faith. Unfortunately, if we drift from the faith, it could take us places sinfully far from the firm foundation of God's truth (2 Ti. 2:19). The Bible calls it a falling away, of which we all are susceptible.

Heb. 2:1

1 Cor. 15:1-4

Col. 1:21-23

2 Thess. 2:3 *Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion [falling away] occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.*

The Bible indicates that there will be a great apostasy during the end times. The "great apostasy" is mentioned in 2 Thessalonians 2:3. The KJV calls it the "falling away," while the NIV and ESV call it "the rebellion." And that's what an apostasy is: a rebellion, an abandonment of the truth. The end times will include a wholesale rejection of God's revelation, a further "falling away" of an already fallen world. gotquestions.org

- III. Another word that has a lot of connotations is the word "***ignore***." It could mean to have nothing to do with, turn your nose up at, refuse to think about, or turn your back on. Anyone who ignores the gospel ***and the impact*** it has had on their lives means that they have turned their back on the binding message of the gospel. To ignore the grace of Christ is to turn our backs on the benefits of grace and its power.

Heb. 2:3-4

Gal. 3:19

Acts 7:53

Isa. 7:9b *If you do not stand firm in the faith, you will not stand at all.*