

The Great Salvation Must Not Be Neglected
(Hebrews 2:1-4)

Introduction:

1. As the book of Hebrews begins, Christ is identified as God's spokesman today (1:1-3).
2. The remainder of chapter 1 shows how Christ is superior to the angels.
3. Following this information, a strong warning is given in 2:1.
4. The writer continued in 2:2-4 by showing that there is no escape for those who neglect the *"great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord."*
5. In our lesson we are emphasizing the fact that "the great salvation must not be neglected."
6. Let us first consider several . . .

Discussion:

- I. BASIC PRINCIPLES THAT RELATE TO THE GREAT SALVATION
 - A. The Bible explains why salvation from sin is so important.
 1. The Bible identifies sin as the transgression of God's law (1 John 3:4).
 2. The Bible identifies who is guilty of sin (Romans 3:23).
 3. The Bible reveals the effects of sin (Romans 6:23a; Isaiah 59:1-2).
 - B. The "Gospel" [Good News] is that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and was resurrected so we may be saved (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).
 - C. According to Hebrews 5:8-9, Christ saves those who obey Him.
 - D. These few principles help us understand why:
 1. the salvation that Christ provides is *"great"*
 2. the great salvation must not be neglected.
 - E. Let us turn our attention to . . .
- II. THE LORD'S REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GREAT SALVATION
 - A. To be saved, we must believe that Jesus is God's Son (John 3:16-17; 8:24).
 - B. To be saved, we must repent (Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 3:19).
 - C. To be saved, we must confess that Jesus is God's Son (Romans 10:9-10).
 - D. To be saved, we must be baptized.
 1. Matthew 28:18-20
 2. Mark 16:15-16
 3. Acts 2:37-38; 22:16
- III. WE ARE TAUGHT IN ACTS 2:47 THAT THE LORD ADDS THOSE WHO ARE SAVED TO HIS CHURCH

Conclusion:

1. We learn from 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 that the Lord will punish those who do not obey the Gospel.
2. Therefore, we must not neglect the great salvation that Jesus provides (Hebrews 2:3).