Saving the Best for Last

"Staying the Course" - Part 2

Introduction: One of the tenants of a popular theological model calls for the "Perseverance of the saints." In other words, if you're a true Christian, you'll hang in there until the end. We would all like to think we will never wander from Jesus, but it does seem to happen to members of our churches. How do you guard against the tendency to grow weary in our pursuit of Christ? The author of Hebrews suggests two ways – one positive and the other, not so much.

Hebrews 2:1 – Don't take chances with your faith.

The flow thus far:

- God is **Speaking** to you through His Son Jesus.
- Jesus is the most complete and personal Revelation ever.
- God the Father testifies to the <u>Deity</u> of His Son.
- Jesus is Over All creation.
- Therefore, Pay Attention to the Son's message. (Hebrews 2:1-3)

With the testimony of the angels, the disobedience was a conscious Rejection of God's law.

With the message of Jesus, the disobedience was due to Apathy.

The second offense carries a greater measure of punishment!

Drifting: An <u>unanchored</u> ship out on the ocean – it may miss the <u>safe</u> harbor. If we crash on the rocks, who will come to our rescue?

Salvation is the message of Christ (Mark 1:15).

This has been confirmed by God Himself and testifies to this truth who an <u>Unassisted</u> triple play and through ordinary people who do extraordinary things. (Hebrews 2:4)

The sermon in three words: Stay The Course.

We must make a commitment to be Enders and to pay close attention to His Word.

Christianity is like baseball: You don't get credit for runners Left On Base.

Our prayer: 2 Timothy 4:7.