

The Danger of Silent Currents!

The Goal of every Follower of Christ is Heaven!

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I. What does it mean to drift

Hebrews 2:1-4 (NASB 2020) For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, **so that we do not drift away from it.**

Drift: 3901. παραρρέω pararreō; from 3844 and 4482; to flow by; slip away;-- drift away.

Examples of those who drifted:

Judas –

Luke 6:16 (NASB 2020) Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Matthew 27:3-4 (NASB 2020) Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

Samuel –

1 Samuel 10:1 (NASB 2020) Then Samuel took the flask of oil, poured it on Saul's head, kissed him, and said, "Has the LORD not anointed you as ruler over His inheritance?"

1 Timothy 4:1 (NASB 2020) But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons.

Fall Away: 868. ἀφίστημι aphistēmi; from 575 and 2476; to draw (Drag) away; to leave; to fall away;

II. What causes one to drift away?

Hebrews 2:1-4 (NASB 2020)For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every violation and act of disobedience received a just punishment, how will we escape if we **neglect so great a salvation?**

This verse does not say **reject**, but **neglect**! **Neglect:** to give little attention or respect to.

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT) And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.

Inaction in spiritual things proves fatal. One commentator writes... **More spiritual problems are caused by neglect than perhaps by any other failure on our part. We neglect God's Word, prayer, worship with God's people (see Heb. 10:25), and other opportunities for spiritual growth, and as a result, we start to drift. The anchor does not move; we do.¹**

Matthew 23:23 (NASB 2020) "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the Law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

The Church at Ephesus –

Revelation 2:4-5 (NASB 2020) But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Therefore, remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and I will remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

Luke 8:14 (NASB 2020) And the seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked by worries, riches, and pleasures of this life, and they bring no fruit to maturity.

¹ Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). [The Bible exposition commentary](#) (Vol. 2, p. 282). Victor Books.

III. What can be expected result of drifting

Hebrews 2:1-4 (NASB 2020)For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every violation and act of disobedience received a just punishment, how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?

Hebrews 10:38-39 (NASB 2020) BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE WILL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM. But we are not among those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith for the safekeeping of the soul.

1 Timothy 1:19 (NLT) Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked.

IV. Consistency and Endurance is the Key

Hebrews 10:35-36 (NLT) So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

****Acts 2:42 (NASB 2020)** They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Matthew 24:13 (NASB 2020) But the one who endures to the end is the one who will be saved.

****2 Peter 1:5-10 (NLT)** In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection...