



HEBREWS 2

The Danger of Drifting

When we think of spiritual shipwreck, we usually imagine a sudden, catastrophic moral failure. But as Pastor Steve reminds us in this study of Hebrews 2, the most dangerous threat to the believer is not a sudden storm—it is a slow, silent drift. The writer of Hebrews issues the first of six severe warnings in this letter: “We must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.” Because Christ is superior to the prophets and the angels, His message carries infinitely more weight, and ignoring it carries infinitely more danger. This chapter challenges us to examine how we handle the “so great a salvation” we have been given. Are we actively anchoring ourselves to the Word of God, or are we passively allowing the currents of culture, busyness, and apathy to pull us away from the safe harbor of Christ? Furthermore, Hebrews 2 reveals the profound beauty of Christ’s humanity. The Superior Son became a man, tasted death for everyone, and conquered the grave, all so He could call us His brethren and come to our aid when we are tempted.

Pastor Steve compared drifting away from the faith to a boat slowly unmooring from a dock. Why is spiritual "drifting" often so difficult to detect in our own lives until we are far from shore? (OT: Proverbs 4:23 | NT: Hebrews 2:1)

Study Questions:

1. To give "earnest heed" means to proceed with an intense and serious state of mind. What specific, practical steps can you take this week to actively "tie up to the dock" of God's Word? (OT: Joshua 1:8 | NT: Colossians 3:16)
2. The warning in verse 3 is against *neglecting* our salvation. How does taking the grace of God for granted actually cheapen the profound suffering Christ endured to secure it? (OT: Malachi 1:6-8 | NT: Hebrews 10:29)
3. There is a false teaching that living under the New Covenant of grace means believers will not face consequences or chastisement for sin. How does the biblical doctrine of "sowing and reaping" correct this dangerous assumption? (OT: Proverbs 3:11-12 | NT: Galatians 6:7-8)
4. Jesus is our merciful and faithful High Priest who made propitiation (appeasement) for our sins. How does Christ's continuous mediation protect you from the righteous wrath of God? (OT: Zechariah 3:1-4 | NT: 1 John 2:1-2)
5. Pastor Steve emphasized that Christ gives us aid through His Word and the Holy Spirit. How can you become more sensitive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit the next time you face a specific temptation? (OT: Psalm 143:10 | NT: Galatians 5:16)