

Ignoring the Son

Hebrews 2:1–4

The author gives three reasons why we must not “neglect such a great salvation.”

Consider . . .

1. The _____ of Christ
Hebrews 2:1

2. The _____ of Judgment
Hebrews 2:2–3

3. The _____ of God
Hebrews 2:3–4

Life Group Questions

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1. Back in school, which subjects were you least attentive to? Why?

Read Hebrews 2:1–4

The writer of Hebrews uses a couple of nautical terms. Look at these two words and discuss the importance of each.

2. “Pay much closer attention”—The word literally means to “moor down, to tie down firmly.” It can mean to grasp firmly or even anchor down. According to verse 1, to what are the readers of Hebrews supposed to pay attention?
What do you think the writer of Hebrews means by “what we have heard”? As a follower of Jesus, what can you do to “pay much closer attention”? Give as many examples as you can think of.
3. “Drift away”—This word occurs only here in the New Testament. Elsewhere in Greek writing, it speaks of something drifting away, like a ship that breaks anchor, or a ring that slips off a finger.
In the context of verse 1, from what are we not supposed to drift away? How do we drift away from God and his word?
What steps can we take to ensure we don’t slip past “such a great salvation”?
4. What is the answer to the rhetorical question in verse 3?
5. Read the following passages. What assurances do they give for Christian faith?
1 John 1:1–3
2 Peter 1:16–18
Luke 1:1–4
How do you respond to these assurances?
6. Have you ever drifted away from your faith? Why?
If so, what “evidence for the faith” helped bring you back?
7. When are you tempted to walk away from faith?
How can you respond to these tempting times to ensure you don’t drift away?
8. Hebrews 9:27–28 affirms a great promise. What is it?
How does that promise relate to Hebrews 2:1–4?

Memory Verse: Hebrews 2:1

*Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard,
lest we drift away from it.*