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Hebrews 2:1-4

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution,

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³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

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You are either drifting away from Jesus by neglecting the gospel or you are drawing close to Jesus by deliberate effort and attention to receive and believe the gospel.

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The Saving Son

1. We are all in danger of gospel drift.
2. The gospel is a great salvation and the only means of escape from the terrible consequences of our sin.
3. The gospel is reliable since it has been proclaimed by the Son, attested by eyewitnesses, and authenticated by God's own divine power.

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3. The gospel is reliable since it has been proclaimed by the Son, attested by eyewitnesses, and authenticated by God's own divine power.
4. Practical means to how we might fight gospel drift.

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The natural inclination of the heart is to drift.

“You will say that these are very small sins; and doubtless, like all young tempters, you are anxious to be able to report spectacular wickedness. But do remember, the only thing that matters is the extent to which you separate the man from the Enemy.”

It does not matter how small the sins are provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing. Murder is no better than cards if cards can do the trick. Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one-the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.

Prosperity knits a man to the world. He feels that he is finding his place in it, while really it is finding its place in him. His increasing reputation, his widening circle of acquaintances, his sense of importance, the growing pressure of absorbing and agreeable work, build up in him a sense of being really at home in earth, which is just what we want.”

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The gospel is a great salvation and the only means of escape from the terrible consequences of our sin.

Hebrews 2:2-3a

² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?



Redemption: God liberates hopeless slaves by the blood of His Son.

Justification: God allows a guilty sinner to stand in His Son's perfect righteousness.

Reconciliation: God takes a rebellious enemy and makes them a forgiven friend.

Adoption: God brings a wayward stranger into His house as a Son.

The Saving Son

The gospel is reliable since it has been proclaimed by the Son, attested by eyewitnesses, and authenticated by God's own divine power.

Hebrews 2:3b-4

It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.



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Practical means to how we might fight gospel drift.

1. Don't look for something new and novel, but to what we have heard.

“The law is divine and holy. Let the law have his glory, but yet no law, be it never so divine and holy, ought to teach me that I am justified... Here I must take counsel of the gospel. I must hearken to the gospel, which teaches me, not what I ought to do, (for that is the proper office of the law,) but what Jesus Christ the Son of God has done for me :

to wit, that He suffered and died to deliver me from sin and death. The gospel wills me to receive this, and to believe it. And this is the truth of the gospel. It is also the principal article of all Christian doctrine, wherein the knowledge of all godliness consists. Most necessary it is, therefore, that we should know this article well, teach it unto others, and beat it into their heads continually.”

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2. Get rid of any idea that you are somehow supposed to be passive as a Christian.

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3. Be active in forming real spiritual community.
4. Consider how you can put into practice what you hear in these sermons



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