

The Greatness of Salvation

Heb. 2:1-4

Introduction:

- A. We need salvation because all have sinned (Rom. 3:10, 23)
 - 1. Sin separates one from God (Isa. 59:1-2; 2 Jno. 9).
 - 2. Sin keeps one from heaven (Jno. 8:21)
 - 3. Sin leaves one dead “without God” (Eph. 2:1-3, 12)
- B. We have salvation because Jesus died for our sins (1 Cor. 15:3).
 - 1. We accept it by personal obedience (Heb. 5:8, 9)
 - 2. We neglect this salvation to personal ruin.
- C. Text give two considerations to think about before we neglect salvation.

Discussion:

I. The Greatness of Salvation.

- A. Great because of what it does for us in the present world.
 - 1. It encourages us to live at the highest possible level (Rom. 6:16-18)
 - 2. It gives us continuous access to forgiveness (1 John 1:7; 2:1)
 - 3. It sustains us through the problems of living (Heb. 6:19-20)
 - 4. It bring all saved people together in one church (Eph. 2:16; Acts 2:47)
 - 5. It gives us the best kind of fellowship (1 John 1:3,7)
- B. Great because of what it does for us in the world to come.
 - 1. It delivers us from the wrath to come (1 Thess. 1:10)
 - 2. It gives us eternal life (Mark 10:30)
 - a. Ever with the Lord (1 Thess. 4:17)
 - b. Eternal state of bliss (Rev. 21:3, 4)

II. The Assurance of Salvation.

- A. It at “first began to be spoken by the Lord.”
 - 1. His word shall not pass away (Mt. 24:35)
 - 2. His word is most dependable (John 14:2)
 - 3. His word of salvation in the great commission (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16)
- B. It “was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.” (John 14:26)
- C. Its was witnessed “with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles.”
 - 1. Miracles confirmed their claim to revelation and inspiration.
 - 2. Miracles were not needed once that fact was well established (cf. Luke 16:29-31)
- D. It is assured by object evidence, not subjective feelings.

Conclusion:

- A. Let us receive the great salvation, by believing the facts and obeying the commands.
- B. Let us not neglect the great salvation and let it slip from us.