

Hebrews

- Hebrews 2:1-4 We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.(NIV)

- John 10:28-30 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."(NIV)

# Danger

- This danger is for every Christian. It is the danger of neglecting his salvation by drifting away from the truth which God has revealed. This truth has to do with the great salvation which we enjoy

# The greatness of this salvation

- Because of its Author
- Christ presented as being superior to all

# Because of its effect

- Provides purification for sins once and for all
- Provides access to the Father (intercession)

# The Cause of Drifting

- The lure of the past life
  - Tempted to fall away
- The difficulties of the present
  - persecution
  - The forfeiting of certain opportunities
- Distorted priority
  - Failure to understand fully the superiority of Christ

# Drifting

- The Christian will forfeit the blessings that are derived from holding on to the truth of God's revelation
- When we drift, we get less of God than He intended for us to get

# Is drifting easy?

- Yes, it requires no effort.
- Drifting away
- Proverbs 4:20-23 My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life (NIV)