

Hebrews 2:1-4 (December 17, 2021)

Reflection: *What does it mean when someone says that a Christian is drifting in his/her faith? What are some things that cause us to drift?*

Review of Hebrews 1:1-14

1. What is the message of Jesus the Son, and how is Jesus the Son superior to angels?

Read Hebrews 2:1-4 – Pay Attention or Drift (v.1)

2. Hebrews says we should “pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it”. “What we have heard” is the message of Jesus the Son (Heb 1:1-4, 3:6, 10, 10:23). Why is the message so important? What does it mean to pay closer attention to the message? In your own words describe someone who pays careful attention to the message of Jesus Christ.

3. Answer to “what is drifting”. Practically, what does drifting look like and how does it affect a Christian? If unchecked, what is the worst result of drifting?

4. Key idea from v.1: We either are paying careful attention, or we are drifting. During this time of pandemic, how have you been doing, do you find that you have been drifting or growing in your faith? How would you advise someone (encouraging, admonishing, repairing) the drifting in their faith?

Do Not Neglect this Great Salvation (v.2-4)

5. This message declared by angels was The Law. The New Testament speaks of The Old Testament law being from God but given by angels (also Acts 7:53, Gal 3:19). How does the earlier discussion about Jesus being greater than the angels make us think about the relationship between the message of the Law and the message given by the Son? What is the admonishment given in v.2-3a about neglecting this great salvation? (cf. Rom 2:8-9, Gal 3:10)

6. How can this section's reminder of Jesus' message being greater than the angels' message help us to pay more careful attention to the message of the Son in our everyday life? Are there people's opinion and worldly beliefs today that influence you, how does understanding the above concept help us in filtering and prioritizing the different messages we hear?

This passage encourages us to really think about the state of our faith and how seriously we hold onto the message of salvation given to us by Jesus Christ. We live in a time where it is easy to drift away, adopt worldly beliefs and philosophies, and this should encourage us to be attentive to our faith and lifestyle. We need to ask ourselves, "are we drifting?" If we are, we need to seek out help first from the Lord and then the local body to restore us.