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(v3) "IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT A SALVATION"

(Hebrews 2:1-4)

INTRODUCTION

"how shall we escape" - we won't escape.

"if we neglect" - regard not; give little attention; omit; forget; overlook; ignore.

"so great" - highest degree; magnanimous; sizable; vast; utmost importance.

"a salvation" - spiritual and eternal deliverance; redemption; forgiveness; saved.

WHAT MAKES SALVATION "SO GREAT?"

1. BECAUSE OF THE SOURCE OF SALVATION

It came from above: (John 3:16; Hebrews 12:2)

One purpose of Jesus' coming was to provide salvation: (Matthew 1:21; John 1:29)

2. BECAUSE OF THE COST OF SALVATION - Hymn #376

Purchased not by animal sacrifice (Hebrews 10:4) and not by treasure (1 Peter 1:18-19).

Jesus paid the bloody price: (Ephesians 1:7) "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace"

3. BECAUSE OF OUR SITUATION FROM WHICH SALVATION DELIVERS

(Ephesians 2:1) "And you He made alive who were dead in trespasses and sin"

(Romans 3:10) "There is none righteous, no, not one" - Hymn #396

4. BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIP SALVATION BRINGS - Hymn #129

(Ephesians 2:4-5) "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved" (v19) "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God"

(Galatians 3:26-27) "For you all are sons of God through faith ... were baptized ..."

5. BECAUSE SALVATION IS AVAILABLE TO ALL

(Titus 2:11) "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men"

6. BECAUSE THE TERMS OF SALVATION ARE EASILY UNDERSTOOD

(Acts 2:38; 8:38; 9:18; 10:48; 16:15; 16:33; 18:8)

CLOSE: (Hebrews 5:9) "He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him"