

Are we Drifting?

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Introduction

1. Hebrews 2:1
2. The tenor of the book of Hebrews is to keep the Jewish Christians from slipping from the truth and going back into Judaism
3. Because of this the book of Hebrews is written to show the superiority of Christ over Moses; the law of Christ over the law of Moses; and over any human organization
4. We can slip from the great salvation
5. Today we want to define the word "slip" discuss the symptoms of slipping, what causes drifting, and the consequences of slipping

II Discussing

1. The meaning of the word "slip"
 1. Slip means to flow by or past; to glide by. As a boat with no anchor
 2. To drift is to mealiest one's salvation Hebrews 2:3; Matthew 22:5
 3. To neglect the garden long enough the weeds will take over, so it is in the spiritual real, the weeds of worldliness will take over.
 4. To slip away is to forsake the Lord John 6:66
 5. To slip away is to depart from God Isaiah 59:1-2
2. The symptoms of slipping
 1. We can see it and need to stop it before it is too late, shock!
 2. You can treat the symptoms and never effect the disease
 3. Lose the Joy of Salvation Philippians 4:4 Psalm 51:10, 12
 4. Ceasing to pray 1 Thessalonians 5:17
 5. Discontent; critical Matthew 7:1-3
 6. Excuses Luke 14:16-24; Matthew 22:5
 7. Neglect Bible study 1 Peter 2:2; Psalm 119:105, 130; Hebrews 10:23-25
 8. Neglect the assembly Hebrews 10:25
 9. Less work in the church 1 Corinthians 15:58; Philippians 2:12
 10. Neglect the soul Proverbs 11:30
3. The causes of slipping
 1. Failure to appreciate God's love John 3:16
 2. Failure to appreciate Christ
 3. Failure to appropriate the power of Christ
 4. Failure to appropriate the hope of Christ Hebrews 6:19
4. The consequences of slipping
 1. Deceitfulness is involved. Most don't start out to leave God. Like a boat not anchored - it will be away from where we want it quickly, silently,
 2. Downward not upward. Dead fish go down stream live fish go up stream
 3. Damnation of the soul
 1. We are responsible for our drifting not God 2 Corinthians 5:10
 2. God has given us all we need to keep from drifting.

III Conclusion

1. Each person is responsible for himself 2 Corinthians 13:5
2. Are you drifting, are you off course?
3. If you are drifting return to God!

Source: 1989 sermon