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Reading: Hebrews ch 2 v 3

“How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?”

Why does the Bible say, “So great Salvation”?

The term great is used loosely. A descriptive term. It is appropriately used in the Bible to describe Salvation. If it is great what are we speaking about?

It is the central aspect of the message of the whole Bible. We can be saved by God. We need to be saved because we are sinners. Sin is missing God's mark or failing to meet God's standard.

“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23)

It does not matter how moral or immoral we are. We all fall short and there are consequences to face having sinned. We are born separated from God because of our sin. God in His love has provided Salvation. It is God's means of bringing us to Himself; God's message for all men.

God's Salvation is the evidence of a great love. “God who is rich in mercy for His great love” (Eph 2:4)

God has not turned His back on us; He has not excluded us from His thoughts. You are loved of God which is so unlike the way we love. Human love is dependent on response. God's love is towards us although there is nothing about us that is attractive to God. We constantly sin against Him.

This is an undeserved love and is undesired sometimes. Jonah tried to run away from God but you cannot run away from Him. He is the Creator and Sustainer of all things. He is vast in His being. We may try and resist His love but God's love keeps pouring out towards us. We are the objects of the love of God.

God's love is an all-knowing love.

God knows our heart, our motivation, our interests, our thoughts and very depths of our heart. He loves us but not our sin.

God's love is active.

The love of God moved Him to provide a solution to our sin. It is not a passive love. He has manifest it in action. We generally think that gifts are great to receive. “The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom 6:23). Many people doubt the love of God. He proved it when He sent His Son to provide Salvation.

Salvation is great because it contains a great mystery.

In the Bible, a mystery is something that God has revealed. His Son came as God manifest in flesh. He did not come in pomp and ceremony. God's plan of Salvation was so great that His son was born of a virgin grew up and was crucified. He was born, lived, died and rose again. While he was on earth He did miracles, taught the people, had an outstanding life, could control the elements and heal disease.

Our sins had to be judged.

He went to Calvary and gave Himself for our sins. - “The just for the unjust” (1 Peter 1:18)

He bore the judgment so that we could have a relationship with God.

Salvation provides great promises.

A promise is not worth anything if it is given by someone who cannot deliver it. Once you are in eternity there is no possibility of change. You are either in God's presence or without God.

The Lord Jesus Christ can produce on His promises. On the cross God was satisfied in relation to sin. Salvation has been purchased

What are the promises? What is His word?

“He that believes on the son has everlasting life” (John 3:36)

“If the son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed” (John 8:34) Free from things that bind you - Sin

“I give unto my sheep eternal life and they shall never perish” (John 10:28).

Evidence of great love.

How shall we escape if we neglect?

It is possible to reject this salvation. To reject Gods offer of mercy. To reject Christ is to take on the burden of your own sin.

You may not out rightly reject but neglect by saying:

“Maybe someday” or

“I would love to die as a Christian but not live as one” or

“I’m too young, too old, too scared, too busy, too much fuss, too much hassle, too much change.”

Maybe one day it will be too late!

“Now is the accepted time now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor 6:2)

This is the most important matter in your life. The most important decision as to where you are in eternity.

“It is time to seek the Lord” (Hosea 10:12).

How shall we escape?

You will not because there is no escape. God has not neglected us. He has given His Son in sacrifice over to you and me. Will you take it or leave it?

This is a personal decision about a personal relationship with God.

If you believe that Jesus Christ died and rose again for your sins. Tell this to God and accept Christ as your Saviour.