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(Heb. 2:1-3) "IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT A SALVATION"

Eph. 2:1-10

INTRODUCTION

"so great" - highest degree; magnanimous; enormous; sizable; vast; important.

"a salvation" - spiritual and eternal deliverance; preservation; redemption; rescue ...

"neglect" - regard not; slight; give little attention; omit; forget; overlook.

WHAT MAKES SALVATION "SO GREAT?"

1. BECAUSE OF THE SOURCE OF SALVATION

- 1) It is not the invention of man, majority rule, board, council, convention, committee, etc.
- 2) It came from above: (John 3:16; Heb. 12:2)
- 3) One purpose of Jesus' coming was to provide salvation: (Matt. 1:21; John 1:29)

2. BECAUSE OF THE COST OF SALVATION

- 1) We cannot sacrifice animals (Heb. 10:4); cannot buy it (1 Peter 1:18-19); and not by keeping the old law (Rms. 9:32).
- 2) Jesus paid the bloody price: (Eph. 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Heb. 9:22, 28; Isa. 53:5-6)

3. BECAUSE OF THE CONDITION FROM WHICH SALVATION DELIVERS

- (Eph. 2:1) "dead" (v12) "without Christ ... strangers ... no hope ... without God"
(v13) "were far off"
(Romans 3:10) "none righteous" (v23) "sinned ... fall short"
(Rms. 6:6) "without strength ... ungodly" (v8) "while we were yet sinners"

4. BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIP SALVATION BRINGS

- (Eph. 2:5) "when ye were dead in sins, hath quickened us ... saved"
(v19) "fellow-citizens ... household of God"
(Rms. 8:15-17) "received Spirit of adoption ... children of God ... heirs ... joint-heirs"
(Gal. 3:26-27) "the children of God"

5. BECAUSE SALVATION IS FOR ALL (1 Tim. 2:3-6; Titus 2:11; Mark 16:15-16)

6. BECAUSE OF THE ETERNAL BLESSINGS

- (Rev. 2:10 "crown of life" (2 Tim. 4:6-8) "crown of righteousness"
(1 Cor. 9:24-25) "incorruptible crown" (2 Tim. 2:10-12) "obtain the salvation ... eternal glory"

7. BECAUSE THE TERMS OF SALVATION ARE EASILY UNDERSTOOD

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

CLOSE: (Heb. 5:9) "he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him"