

THE DANGER OF DRIFTING

Hebrews 2:1-4

Big Idea: *Drift away today, and you'll face judgment one day.*

1. Spiritual drifting is _____ .

¹ “For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away *from it*.”

Matthew 7:21-23 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*.²² Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’”

Mark 12:34 “When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.”

Titus 1:16 “They profess to know God, but by *their* deeds they deny *Him*, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.”

2. The consequence of spiritual drifting is _____ .

² “For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty,³ how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?”

Matthew 13:50 “And will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 “Dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.⁹ These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.”

3. God has confirmed His message so that _____ .

^{3b} “After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,⁴ God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.”

John 20:30-31 “Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

John 10:37-38 “If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;³⁸ but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.”

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