



# *Welcome To Open Bible Hour*

*Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!*

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.*

*If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.*

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**“HOW WILL WE ESCAPE?”**

Heb. 2:2-4

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## **Heb 2:2-4**

- 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? 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.

# How will we escape?

## Argument #1

The Word spoken in the O.T. was so firm, so steadfast, so reliable, so unchangeable, that to violate it in any way, at any time, and any where always brought judgement. (vs. 2)

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**Deut 33:2**

*2 He said,*

*"The Lord came from Sinai,*

*And dawned on them from Seir;*

*He shone forth from Mount Paran,*

*And He came from the midst of ten thousand holy ones;*

**Acts 7:53**

*3 you who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it."*

**Gal 3:19**

*19 Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.*

## Argument #2

The Word spoken through the Son is so much clearer, so much more complete, and so revealing, that it leaves the one who rejects it with the certainty of final judgement with no escape (vs. 3a)

***3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?***

- 1. “How” – put first in the sentence for emphasis.***
- 2. “escape” – to flee, to run.***
- 3. “neglect” – unconcerned, careless, no regard, to make light of.***
- 4. “great” – vast, huge, large, massive.***

## ***The Greatness of Our Salvation***

***Justification*** – the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of our salvation where the unbeliever is declared righteous.

***Sanctification*** – the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of our salvation where the believer is being saved from the power of sin.

***Glorification*** – the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of our salvation where we will be saved from the presence of sin.

***Atonement*** - the payment made by Christ for our sin.

***Expiation*** – the removal of sin and guilt from the unbeliever.

***Substitution*** – Christ taking our place and absorbing the wrath of God on the cross.

***Propitiation*** – the satisfaction payment required by the wrath of God.

***Reconciliation*** – the bringing together of God and the “alien” unbeliever on the basis of the death of Christ on the cross.

***Redemption*** - the purchase of the unbeliever out of captivity and slavery of sin.

***Adoption*** – on the basis of Christ’s death God declares the unbeliever a child and son with full inheritance rights.

# The Believer's Position in Christ

## The believer is:

1. Elect/Chosen (Eph. 1:4)
2. Foreknown (I Pet. 1:2)
3. Predestined (Rom. 8:29,30)
4. Called (I Thes. 5:24)
5. Redeemed (Rom. 3:24)
6. Reconciled (Rom. 5:10)
7. Related to God through propitiation (Rom. 3:24-26)
8. Forgiven all sin (Eph. 1:7)
9. Joined to Christ (Rom. 6:1-10)
10. Free from the Law (Rom. 7:2-6)
11. Made a child of God (Gal. 3:26)
12. Adopted (Rom. 8:15, 23)
13. Made acceptable to God through Christ  
(Eph. 1:6; Col. 1:12)
14. Made righteous (Rom. 3:22)

15. Sanctified (1 Cor. 1:30; 6:11)
16. Perfected forever (Heb 10:14)
17. Justified (Rom. 5:1)
18. Made close to God (Eph. 2:13)
19. Delivered from the power of darkness (Col.1:13)
20. Translated into the Kingdom (Col. 1:13)
21. Planted on the Rock, Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:9-15)
22. A gift from God to Jesus Christ (Jn. 17:6,11,12,20)
23. Circumcised in Christ (Col. 2:11)
24. A Priest in the Holy and Royal Priesthood of believers (1 Pet. 2:5,9)
25. Part of a chosen generation, a holy nation, and a peculiar people (1 Pet. 5:9)
26. A heavenly citizen (Phil. 3:20)
27. In the family & household of God (Eph. 2:19)
28. In the fellowship of the saints (Jn. 17:11,21-23)
29. In a heavenly association (Col. 1:27; 3:1)



30. Given access to God (Eph. 2:18)
31. Within the care of God (Rom. 5:8-10)
32. An object of God's love (Jn. 3:16)
33. An object of God's Grace (Eph. 2:7-9)
34. An object of God's power (Eph. 1:19)
35. An object of God's faithfulness (Phil. 1:6)
36. An object of God's peace (Rom. 5:1)
37. An object of God's consolation (2 Thes. 2:16,17)
38. An object of God's intercession (Rom. 8:26)
39. God's inheritance (Eph. 1:18)
40. Given the inheritance of God Himself (1 Pet. 1:4)
41. Given light in the Lord (2 Cor. 4:6)
42. United to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (1 Thes. 1:1)
43. Blessed with the earnest or first-fruits of the Spirit (Eph. 1:14)
44. Born of the Spirit (Jn. 3:6)
45. Baptized in the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13)
46. Indwelt by the Spirit (Rom. 8:9)
47. Sealed by the Spirit. (2 Cor. 1:22)
48. Complete in God (Col. 2:9,10)
49. Blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3)
50. Glorified (Rom. 8:18)

## **Argument #3**

The Word spoken was supernaturally confirmed by the ministry of the Holy Spirit. (vss. 2b, 3)

**3 . . . 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.**

**2 Cor 12:12**

**12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.**

**4 sign gifts:**

<b>1. Gift of Healing</b>	<b>3. Gift of Tongues</b>
<b>2. Gift of Miracles</b>	<b>4. Gift of Interpretation of Tongues</b>

# **Application**

## **1. *Revelation brings condemnation.***

The more you know the more you are responsible for. No one will escape the judgement of God. Will you?

## **2. *Salvation escapes condemnation.***

***How will you escape:***

- Mr. & Mrs. Religious person?
- Mr. & Mrs. Atheist?
- who were born in a Christian home but have neglected Christ?
- who were born in a Christian nation but have neglected Christ?
- who were born and raised in a Christian church but have neglected Christ?
- who attend a Christian church but have neglected Christ?

## **3. *Confirmation seals condemnation.***

The dismissal of the clear demonstration of the power of God confirming the truth of the gospel, leaves no excuse to those who reject it.