**Such a Great Salvation!**

**Hebrews 2**

Four questions:

* What have we heard?
* What should be our response?
* What has Jesus done for us?
* What is Jesus doing for us now?

1. What have we heard?

A. We have heard the gospel of Jesus Christ!

B. Who did they hear this message from? They heard it from **eye-witnesses**: the apostles and from **Paul** himself.

1. This salvation was **first announced** by Jesus himself.
2. It was **confirmed** by those who heard him and witnessed his life—namely, the apostles.

**1 John 1:1-2** *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and has appeared to us*.

1. God **testified** to it Himself with signs, wonders and various miracles.
2. The Holy Spirit **sealed** it.

**Matthew 23:37-38** One day, when Jesus looked out over Jerusalem, he said, “*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you,* *how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you* ***desolate***.”

* This word *desolate* comes from the Greek word, aphiḕmi (αϕίημι), which means ‘to abandon,’ ‘to leave alone,’ ‘to forsake.’

**Romans 1:21-24** *For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.*

*Therefore,* ***God gave them over*** *in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodes with one another.*

1. What should be our response?
2. **The Law** was given to Moses on Mount Sinai with the assistance of angels.

* **In Acts 7:53** When Stephen stood before the Sanhedrin he said, “*You who have received the law that was put into effect through the angels but have not obeyed it.*
* **Galatians 3:19** says, “The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator.” That mediator was Moses.

1. God is just and He does not change. If He carried out the law during the time of the Old Testament, nothing has changed. He is still just and we all will receive the punishment that fits the crime if **we ignore** so great a salvation.
2. What is the punishment for those who refuse to believe the gospel? Romans 6:23 says, “The wages of sin is **death**!”
3. **A warning:** Verse 3: How shall we **escape** if we ignore so great a salvation? Escape what? The wrath of God that is coming on the day of judgment for those who ignore the gospel message!

**1 Thessalonians 1:10** “Jesus—who rescues us from the coming wrath!”

**SO GREAT A SALVATION:**

Whenever God brings judgment, in that judgment, there is always **a ray of hope**. Jesus is our **great hope**, because he has offered such a great salvation to all of us.

1. What has Jesus done for us?
2. In the **world to come**, when the Lord Jesus returns to this earth, God is going to subject everything, not to angels, but **to us** who belong to Him.
3. Not only do we **escape** Hell, but we are going to be given dominion over the world that is coming. We are going to reign with Christ.
4. By his death and resurrection, he **brought many sons to glory**. And glory is where we are headed.
5. Who is Jesus?
6. Jesus is our **victorious Captain**.
7. Jesus is our **elder Brother**.
8. What is Jesus doing for us now?
9. Jesus is our **great** and **merciful High Priest.**

Why is this such a great salvation? Because our brother Jesus, is leading us victoriously toward the new heavens and the new earth where He will wipe away every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain for the old order of things will have passed away.

1. What should be our response? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved!