

STUDY PAK 6

THE MESSAGE OF THE APOSTLES - HEBREWS 2:1-8

“It was not the gospel that might “slip away” but the people who heard it might by inattention drift away from it. The world is ever tugging at the believer...”

~~ William Newell, *Hebrews*, p. 35. ~~

I. THE HISTORICAL BASIS FOR THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION

- A. We have a _____.
- B. Many human teachers have taught their own plan of salvation. Anyone can say anything.
- C. There is a three-fold basis for our doctrine of salvation.
- D. God judged believers when they did not obey the Word of Angels - see Lot’s wife.
- E. The plan of salvation was delivered by _____ -
John 10:11. The miracles of Christ authenticated His claims of deity. His claims could only be made by deity.
 1. He claimed to be the Christ (the anointed one of God) - Mark 14:61-64. This made the high priest so angry that _____.
 2. He claimed to be equal with _____ - John 10:30-33; 5:17-18.
 3. He called Himself “I Am” - _____ - John 8:58-59; Exodus 3:14; Deuteronomy 32:39; Isaiah 43:10.
 4. Jesus claimed that he is due the same honor that God the Father is due - John 5:22-24.
 5. He claimed that to know Him was to know _____ - John 8:19.
 6. He made belief in Himself equal to _____ - John 14:1.
 7. He claimed that His words were eternal - Mark 13:31.

8. He accepted worship reserved _____ - John 4:20-24; Matthew 4:10.
9. He claimed to be able _____ - Mark 2:5; Luke 7:48.
10. He claimed to be the source of life - John 6:32-35; 1 John 5:11-12.
11. Jesus claimed to be sinlessly perfect - John 8:46 - and no one refuted him.
12. C. S. Lewis (*Mere Christianity*, p. 522-553) oft quoted statement summarizes this issue.

“A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

F. The apostles confirmed this message.

1. The Scriptures are clear concerning the role of the apostles as _____ of the resurrection and as _____ - Hebrews 2:3-4; 1 John 1:1-2; 2 Peter 1:16-18; 2 Corinthians 12:12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; Jude 3; 2 Timothy 2:2.
2. The apostles created a closed system of doctrine, which could not be added to in any way.
3. They appealed to the _____ and _____ and to _____ as sign gifts. - Hebrews 2:3-4.
4. Closed system of doctrine was created to provide an objective standard for doctrine - 2 Thessalonians 3:6; Jude 3; 2 Timothy 2:2; Ephesians 2:20.

G. No one was asked to believe by blind faith. Eyewitnesses and miracles prove the message of Christ.

II. THE EARTH WILL BE SUBJECT TO CHRIST, V 5-8

A. Angels are not in authority, v. 5.

- B. Psalm 8:4-6 promises the future triumph of Christ. See Psalm 110:1.
- C. He does not currently rule and reign on the earth but we have _____
_____.

III. WE AND US

Who are the we and us of chapter 2? The author is _____.
This is a warning for believers.

IV. THERE IS NO OTHER PLAN OF SALVATION, V 3

- A. The judgment for neglecting this plan of salvation is terrible.
- B. Man is _____, v. 7. See Genesis 1:26. We don't exist for the planet. The _____.