

Lifting up Jesus' Salvation **Heb 2:1-4**

1 ¶ Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*, 4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

This morning we conclude our series on lifting up Jesus. But hopefully we have not left off lifting Him up.

Jesus provides salvation through His work on the cross. It is grace and not works. That is what separates Christianity from the other religions of the world.

I. Jesus Salvation is Real

A. It is real because He is real.

1. Jesus is the best attested fact of history.
2. If we cannot be sure of His record than nothing else is sure either.

B. Because it demonstrates the wisdom of God.

1. Man has struggled with this for thousands of years.
2. How can sinful be reconciled with God?

C. It answers all the questions.

1. How can a perfect God accept imperfect man?
2. How can we ever be forgiven and God still be holy and just?

II. His Salvation is Unique

A. Basically there are only two forms of salvation taught among the religions of the world.

1. By grace and by works.
2. Christianity is the only one with grace supplied by the sacrifice of the Son of God.

B. No others attempt it.

1. Muslims do not believe that Jesus died on a cross or arose from the dead.
2. Hindoo think that you are endlessly reincarnated until you reach nirvana.

3. The atheist and the Darwinian have no one to answer to, they gave us the death camps of WWII and Stalin.

III. His Salvation is Free

- A. Not free to Him but free to us.
- B. No mixture of works will work with grace.
- C. It is solely of grace through faith.

IV. His Salvation is Sure

- A. Because of what He did.
- B. Because the price has been paid.

V. His Salvation is Complete

- A. There is nothing to add.
- B. There is nothing we can do to complete or continue it.
- C. Only trust in His finished work.