

Warning! Drift Ahead!

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I. Therefore

1. The Heir of All Things
2. Creator of the World

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. – John 1:3

3. The Radiance of the Glory of God
4. The Exact Imprint of God
5. The Upholder of the Universe
6. The Purifier for Sin
7. The Ruler of All

“That’s the message of chapter 1: God has spoken by his Son and this Son is Creator and Sustainer and Owner and Ruler and Redeemer of the world. There are no commands for us here. Only declaration and celebration of the greatness of Jesus, the final Word of God.” – John Piper

II. Pay Attention!

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“It’s crucial that we keep a firm grip on what we’ve heard so that we don’t drift off. If the old message delivered by the angels was valid and nobody got away with anything, do you think we can risk neglecting this latest message, this magnificent salvation? First of all, it was delivered in person by the Master, then accurately passed on to us by those who heard it from him. All the while God was validating it with gifts through the Holy Spirit, all sorts of signs, as he saw fit.” – The Message

III. Detecting Drift

“Drifting is the besetting sin of our day.” R. Kent Hughes

How Do We Drift?

1. Inattentiveness/Carelessness

“If you examined a hundred people who lost their faith in Christianity, I wonder how many of them would turn out to have been reasoned out of it by honest argument? Do not most people simply drift away?” - CS Lewis

2. Familiarity

3. Busyness

4. Years

“I fear the Dark Spectre may come too soon –
Or do I mean, too late?
That I should end before I finish
Or finish, but not well.
That I should stain your honor, shame your
Name, grieve your loving heart.
Few, they tell me, finish well...
Lord, let me get home before dark.” – Robertson McQuilkin

IV. Go Back! The Protection Against Drift

1. Go back to the supremacy of Jesus over all things!

2. Live in the revelation of what you have seen and heard!

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. – Deuteronomy 6:4-9