

# **“So Great Salvation”**

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*“How shall we escape, **if** we neglect so **great salvation**; which at the first began to be **spoken** by the Lord, and was **confirmed** unto us by them that heard him.” (Hebrews 2:3)*

Christians should think long and meditate often about the wonderful salvation that God has made available to us through His Son. Look at this text, and realize that we are the recipients of a:

**“Great Salvation”** — It is great because our past sins have been forgiven; we enjoy a present relationship with God as our loving Father; and we have the hope of a beautiful future in eternity.

**“Spoken Salvation”** — Too many people in the religious world are trusting their subjective feelings concerning their eternal souls. They wouldn't do that if it involved their material possessions or their financial security, but they do it with their souls. It simply doesn't make sense. God doesn't ask us to trust our salvation to such uncertainty. Instead, he has given us His spoken word, whereby we can learn and understand the things essential to salvation (Romans 1:16; 10:17; Ephesians 3:3-5).

**“Confirmed Salvation”** — We can be sure that the salvation offered through Jesus Christ is legitimate. The message of salvation was confirmed by the men who knew Jesus, who saw Him, heard Him, worked with Him. They were eye-witnesses to His life, and their words and accounts assure us that these things are true. In fact, their willingness to die for His cause is one of the surest proofs of all. Furthermore, God also confirmed their testimony by way of the miracles they were empowered to do (see the next verse, Hebrews 2:4).

**“Conditional Salvation”** — A key word in this great text is the word **IF**. It clearly teaches that our salvation is conditional upon meeting the requirements set forth in God's word. God offers us this wonderful gift. We show our willingness to accept it by doing His will. Salvation is for *“all them that obey him”* (Hebrews 5:8,9).