

Escape Ruin – Believe Jesus' Truth Everyday Supernatural Living – Part 22

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Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus

John 8:12 (ESV) Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Hebrews 2:1–3 (ESV) Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ... how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard,

Matthew 7:24–25 (ESV) "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock."

Matthew 7:26–27 (ESV) And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

1. See Jesus as the Fulfillment of God's Promises

Acts 13:23–25 (ESV) Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. ... And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.'

Acts 13:28–30 (ESV) And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead,

Acts 13:38–39 (ESV) Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who

believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

2. Understand the Danger of Rejecting the Gospel

Acts 13:40–41 (ESV) Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about: " 'Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.' "

Acts 13:44–45 (ESV) The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him.

Acts 13:46 (ESV) And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles."

Romans 3:10–12 (ESV) "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

3. Receive and Share the Blessing of the Gospel

Acts 13:47 (ESV) For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, " 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

Acts 13:48–49 (ESV) And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

Acts 13:50–52 (ESV) But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

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Intro. In what ways is Jesus the light of the world (John 8:12)?

How does a person drift away from the Gospel (Hebrews 2:1-3)?

What is the difference between the wise man and the foolish men in Jesus' parable of the two builders (Matthew 7:24-27)?

1A. Why is it important to understand that Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies (Acts 13:23-25)?

1B. In what ways are the death and resurrection of Jesus crucial for salvation (Acts 13:28-30)?

1C. What did Jesus accomplish that the law of Moses could not (Acts 13:38-39)?

1D. Explain how the Bible teaches that good people go to hell and bad people go to heaven.

2A. What is the eternal destiny of those who scoff at the Gospel (Acts 13:40-41)?

2B. Why were the Jews upset with Paul's preaching of the Gospel (Acts 13:44-45)?

2C. How did the Jews judge themselves unworthy of eternal life (Acts 13:46)?

2D. Why is no one good according to the Bible (Romans 3:10-12)?

3A. What is God's plan for the Jews and the Gentiles (Acts 13:47)?

3B. Why did the pagan Gentiles respond to the Gospel while the Jews did not (Acts 13:48-49)?

3C. What was the reaction of the missionaries to the persecution of the Jews (Acts 13:50-52)?

3D. How can you spread the good news of the Gospel to those who are lost?