

# **“WARNINGS & WORKS OF JESUS”**

**(Hebrews 2:1-18)**

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## **I. WARNINGS from Christ**

- **The COMMANDS**

**1) Don't DRIFT AWAY from God's message of truth**

**Like a boat owner who CARELESSLY ties his boat to the dock – and the boat drifts away. So it is with faith, when it isn't well SECURED and paid close attention.**

**2) Don't DISOBEY God's message of truth**

**Some Christians do study the Word but then claim, “But that doesn't apply to me!” How can we expect to be EXEMPT from following the Word of God? We have already heard from:**

- **The COMMUNICATORS**

**1) The Lord Jesus- He announced HIMSELF as the Author of Salvation**

**2) Disciples and others- TESTIFIED through the Gospels**

**3) God - THROUGH signs and wonders-**

**4) Spiritual gifts- given EVERY believer by the Holy Spirit**

*Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching.” John 14:23*

## **II. WORKS of Christ**

- **His SOVEREIGN ministry**

**It is hard to imagine how God can be aware of us as individuals, but the Bible is clear that he not only knows us, but CARES about us.**

**God the Trinity has crowned Jesus with glory and honor and put EVERYTHING under his feet. He is sovereign.**

- **His SUBMISSIVE ministry**

**Jesus was made, temporarily, lower than the angels, by his own agreement, and for a crucial PURPOSE**

- **His SAVING ministry**

**We have turned our backs on God to seek our own kingdoms. That rejection, whether we see it or not, has caused such a separation from God that we cannot clearly see him. Thankfully: “But we see Jesus...”**

*Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.*

*John 14:9*

**He became flesh so that he could die upon the cross to pay the PENALTY for our sins. God has accepted that payment, but ONLY for those who acknowledge and accept Jesus as Savior and Lord:**

*If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9*

**And as great as his gift of salvation is, he didn't STOP there, but continues through:**

- **His SANCTIFYING ministry**

**Justification is the process of being "justified" (made just) in God's eyes because of the payment Jesus made on the cross for our sins. But, sanctification is ALSO crucial: Sanctification is "the state of proper functioning." To sanctify someone or something is to set that person or thing apart for the use intended by its designer.**

**When Jesus justifies us, he also begins the PROCESS of sanctification – RESTORING us to holiness and usefulness in his Kingdom.**

*And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2Corinthians 3:18*

- **His SUBDUING ministry**

**By his work of death on the cross, Jesus BROKE the power of Satan:**

*Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1Corinthians 15:54-57*

- **His SYMPATHIZING ministry**

**Jesus is able to sympathize with ANY plight we may be enduring. His atonement (payment for sins) may be described as "at-one-ment", being at one with those who put their TRUST in him to carry them through the trials of life.**

**Have you really contemplated all that JESUS has done for you?**