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THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

Hebrews 2:1-4
Lesson #4
Drifting Away
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The majesty of Christ

HEBREWS

2:1-4
"Drifting away"
(treating spiritual drifter disorder)

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HEBREWS

The Superiority of Christianity

"therefore" "therefore"

Majesty of Christ / *Ministry of Christ* / *Message of Christ*

1:1-4:13 / 4:14-10:18 / 10:19-13:25

Majesty of Jesus Christ

Greater than Prophets / *Greater than Angels* / *Greater than Moses / Law*

1:1-2 / 1:3-2:18 / 3:1-4:13

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Hebrews 2

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The crisis - DRIFTING

The cause - NEGLECT

The cure - ATTENTION

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Lest we drift away from and lose sight of our spiritual inheritance we must not neglect, but attend to this great gift of grace that comes through Jesus and his Apostles.

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The crisis - DRIFTING



Our character is revealed in our response to troubles and blessings.

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The crisis - **DRIFTING**

Diagnosing Spiritual Drifting symptoms



#1 Stress -
Whining about the past, worried about the future, and weary in the present.

#2 Legalism or license -
double down or give up.

#3 Disillusionment -
This Christianity is not working for me.



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Its all about ME, NOW and EASY.

1 Peter 2:11
“I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.”

Matthew 6:24
“No one can serve two masters;”



A sign of “drifting away” is being at peace with this world’s values & game plan.

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James 4 “The Fruit of the Fall”

Unmet longings

“¹ What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?”

Lust and Envy

“² You lust and do not have; . . . and you are envious and cannot obtain;

SOCIAL CONFLICTS

so you commit murder. . . . so you fight and quarrel.


Frustrated religion

You do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.”

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Jeremiah 2:13

“For My people have committed two evils. They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, to hew for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water.”




Worldliness is seeking hope in all the wrong places.

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The cause - **NEGLECT**

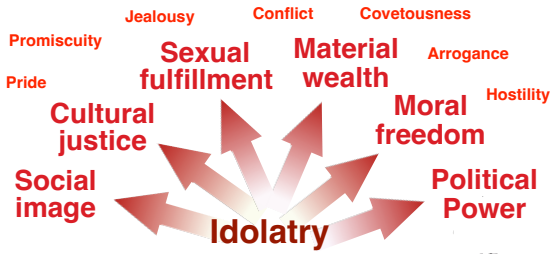
Hearing	but not listening
Seeing	but not understanding
Following	but not believing
Living	but not maintaining



Drifting away

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The seedbed of drifting away



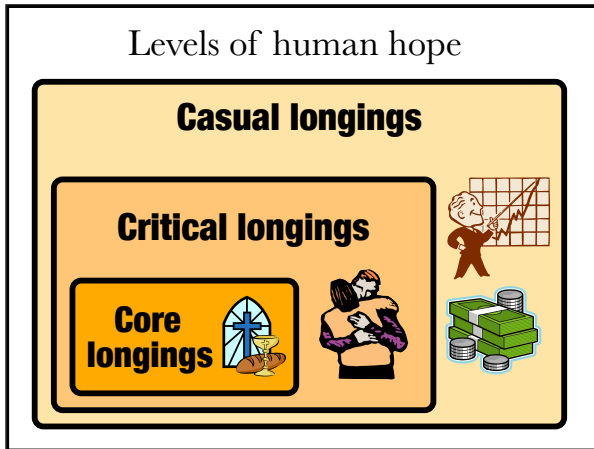
Idolatry
(looking in the wrong places)

Baptism addresses the root of our longings.

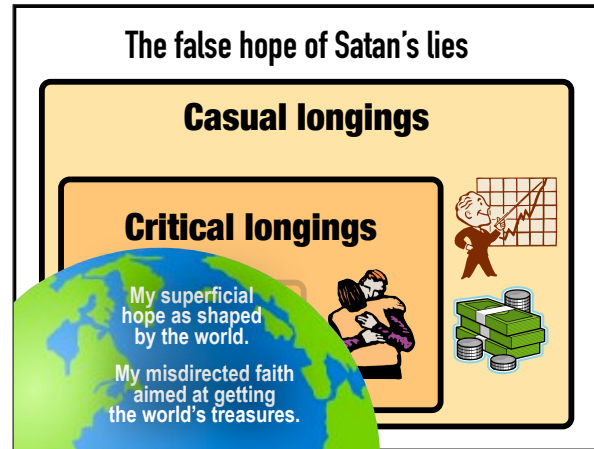
Longings for Life



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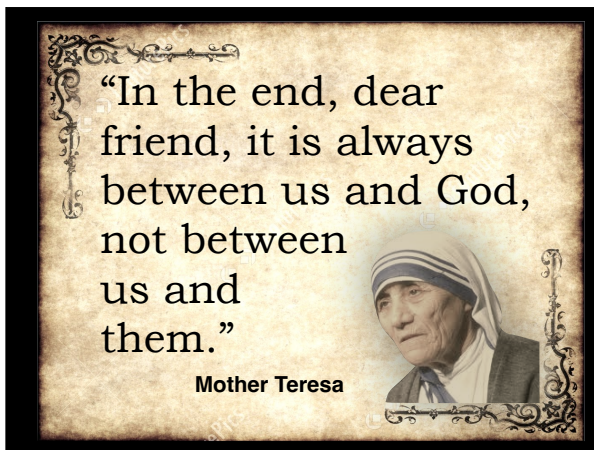
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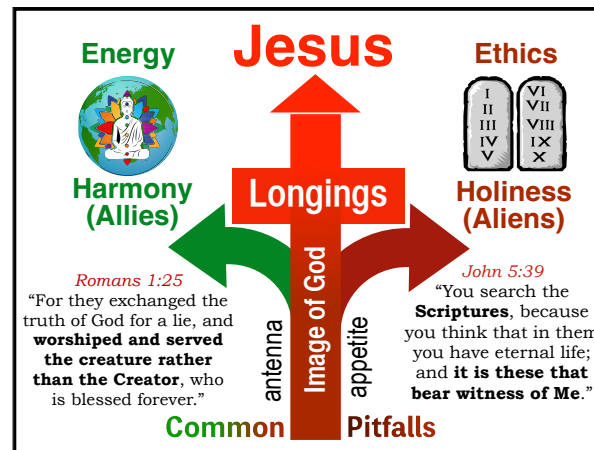
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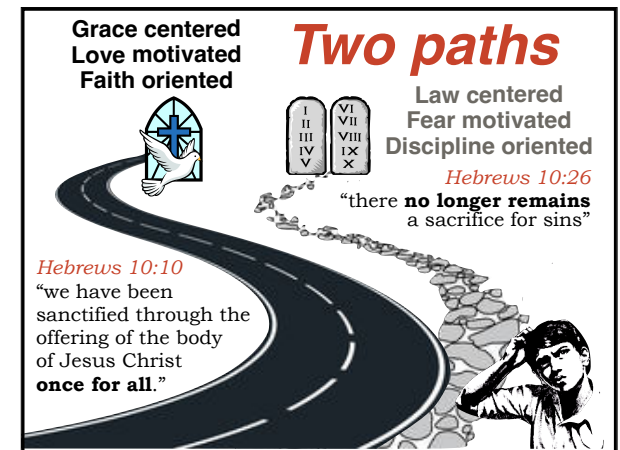
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The cure - **ATTENTION**

Proverbs 29:18

“Where there is **no vision**, the people are unrestrained”



Matthew 6

“22 **The lamp of the body is the eye**; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!”

The Great Physician is an Ophthalmologist.

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Paul’s letters start with addressing **the way we see God and ourselves “in Christ”.**

Accepting our identity as coheirs with Christ

is our key to a, serene, secure, and significant life.

Ephesians 1:18

“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,”

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“We take a new convert and immediately make a worker out of him. God would first have us teach him how to worship so that his work would have God in it.”



A.W. Tozer

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A rich inheritance inspires a walk by faith.



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We have two competing natures.

We can sow to the Spirit

Galatians 6:8-10

We can sow to the flesh

The one we feed is the one that grows.
The one we starve is the one that fades.

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Take your baptism seriously.

- Baptism points us in the right direction and makes it easier to stay on the path.
- When our blessed hope has our attention it is easier to keep from drifting away.




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Water Baptism
 is a reminder of our sharing in
 Christ's death and resurrection.

“. . . baptism now saves you, not the washing of the filth of the flesh but the answer of a good conscience toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 3:21




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The Lord's Table
 is a reminder of our union
 with Christ and each other.









“14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak as to wise men; you judge what I say. 16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?”

1 Corinthians 10



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There are many biblical images that remind us of our union with God “in Christ”.

Baptism (Rom.6:3-7)		Bread & cup (1 Cor.10:16)		Crucifixion (Gal.2:20)	
Cornerstone & Building (1 Peter 2:4-7)		Bride & Groom (Eph. 5:22-32)		Indwelling Spirit (1 Cor.12:13)	
Vine & Branch (John 15:1-16)		Body & Head (1 Cor. 12:27)			

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**THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST
 POINTS US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION**



**CHRISTIANITY HAS MORE TO DO
 WITH WHAT WE ARE DRAWN TO
 THAN WHAT WE TURN FROM.**

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**God's post-its
 to His anxious children**



“It's not about your circumstances but about your response to them.”

“Are you after My job AGAIN?”

“This is no big deal.”

“You're missing a learning moment.”

“This is not heaven.”

“I thought we already settled that.”

“Don't Worry I've got it covered.”

“My Son came to save your soul not your plans.”

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Hebrews

Next week
 2:5-9

The 2nd Adam



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