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...BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

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THE GRAVE DANGER OF A SLOW DRIFT
Hebrews 2:1-4

1. The <u>danger</u> we <u>face</u>.

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. Hebrews 2:1

...I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Revelation 2:4

2. The <u>discipline</u> we <u>need</u>.

"I should as soon expect a farmer to prosper in business who contented himself with sowing his fields and never looking at them till harvest, as expect a believer to attain much holiness who was not diligent about his Bible reading, his prayers, and the use of his Sundays." J. C. Ryle

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

3. The <u>consequences</u> we <u>risk</u>.

For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, 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, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. Hebrews 2:2-4

...Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:14-15

"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." John 10:28

"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us." 1 John 2:19

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? 2 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)