

Almost and Altogether Christian

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Introduction

1. Acts 26:27-29
2. Paul before Agrippa and Festus Acts 25:23ff
3. Agrippa knew the Jewish religion, he was listening to Paul for Festus so Festus would know what to write to Caesar about Paul Acts 25:23
4. Agrippa could not deny the facts that were presented Acts 26:27
5. Paul was defending himself by telling of his conversion. Paul uses the prophets to show that this system of religion is from God
6. What is implied in being an almost or an altogether Christian?

II Discussion

1. What do we mean an Almost Christian?
 1. Some think they are Christians because they were born, reared, and educated in this nation or by venture of being in a certain family
 2. Some think they are Christians because they have espoused the morals of Christianity. They are honest, not thieves, don't cheat, they are truthful, they don't take the name of the Lord in vain, they don't drink nor commit fornication.
 3. Examples: Matthew 19 rich young ruler, Acts 10 Cornelius
 4. We might say to these people that they are not far from the kingdom of God but they need to become an altogether Christian
2. Who is an almost Christian?
 1. One who believes but has not acted on this faith John 1:12
 2. One who has repented but has not completed his obedience to God Acts 2:38
 3. One who confessed Christ to be the Son of God but that is all John 12:42-43
 4. We might say to these people they are not far from the kingdom of God but complete obedience will put one into Christ Galatians 3:26-27
3. Why some are almost Christian?
 1. Family, friends and foes keep some from becoming an altogether Christian
 2. Family has a religion and don't want to condemn them
 3. Friends might laugh at you or call you names
 4. Foes tell you to wait
 5. False hopes or beliefs -search the Scriptures to make sure of your salvation
 6. Fear or shyness 2 Corinthians 6:2 Put your fears behind you!
4. Who is an altogether Christian?
 1. One who has obeyed the commands of God and followed the examples that His book contains
 2. One who believes, repents, confesses, and is baptized
5. Why be an altogether Christian?
 1. Men are lost without God Romans 3:23
 2. There is going to be a judgement Acts 17:30-31
 3. Promises of God 2 Peter 1:4
 4. Life is uncertain James 4:14
 5. Because hell is all that is yours if you are an almost Christian

III Conclusion

1. Society is described as a pantomime Christianity, seesaw theology, sabotaged Bible, minimized sin, glorified science and liquorized society!
2. A better world can be had with people becoming altogether Christians
3. We have given you the how and the why not, it is up to you to act.

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