

Almost or Altogether

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Introduction

1. Acts 26:27-29
2. Paul is before Agrippa and Festus, Acts 25:23ff
3. Agrippa knew the Jewish religion; He was listening to Paul for Festus so would know what to write to Caesar. Acts 25:26
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. But what is implied by being almost or an altogether Christian.

II Discussion

- A. What do we mean by being almost a Christian?
 1. Some think they are Christians because they were born, reared, and educated in this nation, or by virtue 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 Lord's name in vain, they don't drink, nor commit fornication.
 3. Examples. Matthew 19 the rich young ruler, Cornelius Acts 10
 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.
- B. Who is almost a 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 has 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 compete would put you into Christ. Galatians 3:26-27
- C. Why some are almost a Christian.
 1. Family, friends and foes keep some from becoming altogether Christians.
 - a. Family has a religion and we don't want to condemn them.
 - b. Friends may laugh at you or call you names.
 - c. Foes tell you to wait.
 2. False hope or beliefs – search the scripture to make sure of your salvation.
 3. Fear or shyness 2 Corinthians 6:2 Now put your fears behind you.
- D. 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.
- E. 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 almost a Christian.

III Conclusion

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

Sources: old sermon