

# **Are You An Almost Christian?**

**We humans may be fallible, but God is not.  
We may not recognize them, but God surely  
does.**



## Introduction

- *Many years ago, there was a preacher of a large church. (Matthew Mead, 1630-1699)*
- *He wrote that the most dangerous thing on the face of the earth was an “almost Christian”.*
- *What we need to learn is how not to be one.*
- *We need full-blown genuine Christians.*



## Introduction

- *We are not talking about those who almost became a Christian.*
- *Acts 26:28 Agrippa said “almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.*
- *Some have not made that commitment to live for Jesus.*
- *But there are some who said they would live for Jesus, but they do not do it.*

# The Wheat And The Tares

- ***Matthew 13:24-30***
- ***Some want to call this the parable of religious tolerance because the master was not willing to possibly hurt the good wheat.***
- ***Our focus is upon those tares that are among the church.***
- ***These are our “almost-Christians”.***

# How To Be An Almost Christian

- ***1. Live somewhat worldly, just not worldly enough to get kicked out of church.***
- ***2. A “tare” could speak evil of others, even railing against some without much fear of being expelled from the church.***
- ***If a gossiper has ever been withdrawn from it has to be quite rare.***
- ***A crafty "tare" here could be pretty safe.***
- ***3. Never contribute either money or talent.***

# How To Be An Almost Christian

- *Nobody will really ever know whether you give according to how you have prospered – you know, that thing about the right and left hands (Matthew 6:3).*
- *4. You never need to teach an alien sinner the way of salvation.*
- *Almost-Christians just don't do that.*
- *5. You really never need to assist any suffering person, whether they are Christians or not.*
- *Tares don't do that either.*
- *We could add so much more to this list.*



## ***The Great Battle***

- ***The Lord's church has always been fighting this battle.***
- ***There will always be those who are not fully committed to the Lord,***
- ***And there will be those who show no zeal for the work of God.***
- ***Our concern has to be to not allow them to influence us to turn away from God.***



# Conclusion

- *Almost persuaded, almost but lost.*
- *Almost Christians are not real or genuine.*
- *They do more harm to the work of the Church than anyone else, even the enemies of God.*
- *Titus 1:16 speaks of these.*
- *As in the parable, these will be gathered up on that last day and cast into the fire.*