

Living Insight

How easily are you persuaded? King Agrippa was very close to being persuaded and converted, but he still needed something more. What more evidence do you need before you become a Christian? How much more study is needed before you become absolutely 100% convinced and converted? Those of us who are Christians may need to ask ourselves a few questions. Are we completely faithful to Christ in all areas of our lives? Are we almost persuaded in some areas and not at all persuaded in others? Let's determine to not be almost Christians. Let's be altogether Christians!

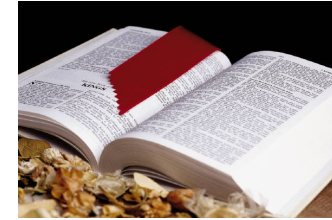
~ Through His Grace, Mercy & Power,

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Almost Persuaded



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Sermon Outline

Acts 26:25-29

Date: Sunday, March 30, 2014

Time: 11:00 A.M.

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I. Introduction: Our Faith is Tried and Tested.

- A. The Lord has a unique view of trials.
 - 1. He understands them as periods of testing.
 - 2. James appreciated this fact. ~ ***James 1:2-4***
- B. We can actually be blessed through our trials.
 - 1. Trials test our faith and produce patience.
 - 2. Patience brings us to perfection & completion.
- C. Paul found himself on trial.
 - 1. He was correctly accused of being a Christian.
 - 2. He was incorrectly accused of sedition.
 - 3. Paul defended himself and preached Christ.

II. Body: The King who was Almost Persuaded

- A. Paul moved from the courtroom to the church.
 - 1. He started speaking and ended preaching.
 - 2. The apostle took full advantage of the setting.
 - 3. ***Are we ready to give a reason for our hope?***
- B. There is danger in knowing & not responding.
 - 1. Agrippa heard one of Paul's finest sermons!
 - 2. We are sometimes given great opportunities.
 - 3. Are you ***“not far from the kingdom of God?”***
- C. It is so important to make a decision.
 - 1. Joshua called his people to choose!
~ ***Joshua 24:14-15***
 - 2. Elijah called on the prophets to choose!
~ ***1 Kings 18:21***
 - 3. We must be willing to make a decision.

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III. Conclusion: Are we “Almost Christians” today?

- A. We may try to be ***“almost Christians”*** even now.
 - 1. Some people will not fully commit to Jesus.
 - 2. Almost Christians did not come to worship.
- B. We may never get around to serving the Lord.
 - 1. Some believers almost share their faith.
 - 2. We must choose this day whom we will serve!
- C. The Lord wants us to be ***“altogether Christians.”***
 - 1. We must be willing to commit ourselves.
 - 2. We either gather with Him or scatter.

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