

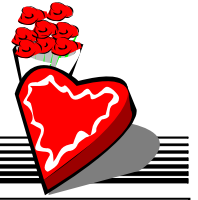
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Focal Point Radio Ministries
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part 1

Almost a Christian

Watching Out for the Pacifying Benefits of Dating Christ



1. Beware of _____ (vv.4-5; cp. v.9)

A. The Possibility 

B. The Diagnosis 

Hebrews 6:4-5

⁴ It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵ who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age... (NIV)

2. Consider the _____ (vv.4b-5)

(*Serious Dabbling*)



(*In with Both Feet*)



A.

vs.

B.

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C.

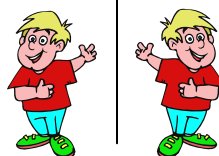
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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. What are the differences *and the similarities* between being in a dating relationship and being someone's fiancée?
2. If you are a Christian, describe the period leading up to your conversion to Christ. How did Christ "draw you to himself" (cf.Jn.12:32)? Did you ever "kick against the goads" (cf.Ac.26:14)?
3. What were some of the things that weighed on your mind that were hard to let go of just prior to your "new birth" (compare Nicodemus' struggles in John 3)?
4. Read **Matthew 13:20-21** and **1 John 2:19**. What stories have you heard of people who have enthusiastically plugged into church for a while only to bale out and renounce their "belief" in Jesus?
5. Read **2 Corinthians 13:5**. What evidence do you have that you are doing more than just dabbling in the benefits of going to church?

Downstairs on the patio near the basketball court you will find the "Focal Point Ministry table" which has Pastor Mike's sermons available on CD. Today's sermon will be recorded and available within 5 to 10 minutes after the service concludes. The list below references other recordings of past sermons which may help you in your follow up study of today's message.

CD # 0520 – **The Gospel: Understanding God's Follow Up Program**
CD # 0614 – **A Crash Course in Repentance & Faith**
CD # 0652 – **Good Works & Eternal Life**
CD # 0564 – **Understanding the Primary Components of the Good News**
CD # 9724 – **But I've Always Been a Christian**
CD # 9606 – **Changed: God's Transforming People**
CD # 9607 – **Unchanged: God's Commentary on Untransformed "Christians"**

Through the Bible in 2006

Chapters of the Bible you need to read this week!

July 2nd

2Chr. 10-12 & Ps.37

July 3rd

2Chr. 13-14 & Ps.38-39

July 4th

2Chr. 15-16 & Ps.40-41

July 5th

2Chr. 17-18 & Ps.42-43

July 6th

2Chr. 19-20 & Ps.44-45

July 7th

2Chr.21-22 & Ps.46-47

July 8th

2Chr.23-25 & Ps.48-49

July 9th

2Chr.26-28 & Ps.50-51

Here are some other resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To view other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other series please go to **www.CompassBooks.org**.)

Boice, James M. **Christ's Call to Discipleship**. Moody Press, 1986.
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Pettegrew, Larry D. **The New Covenant Ministry of the Holy Spirit**. Kregel, 2001.
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Saucy, Robert L. "'Sinners' who are Forgiven or 'Saints' who Sin?" **Bibliotheca Sacra** vol.152, no.608 (October 1995).
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Spurgeon, C. H. **All of Grace**. Whitaker House, 1985.
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Watson, Thomas. **The Doctrine of Repentance**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1987.