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part 2

Almost a Christian

Taking a Closer Look at Spiritual Defection



1. Know There's _____ (Mt.-Rev.)



Hebrews 6:4-6

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 ⁶ if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace. (NIV)

2. See the Difference Between _____ (v.6a)

3. Understand _____ (v.6b)

A) Serious

B) Serious

C) Serious

D) Serious

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. Was there ever a time in your life when you thought you were a Christian but now looking back on it and having learned more about God's word and the gospel you realized you actually were not a Christian? While such a period may have been preparatory, it can also be deceptive. What were some of the things that gave you a false assurance that you were okay with God during that time?
2. How did the comparisons and definitions in the second section of the message (point #2) help you understand the important difference between **1 John 1:8-9** and **Hebrews 10:26-27**?
3. Read **John 10:27-29**; **Romans 8:35**; **Philippians 1:6** and **Hebrews 13:5**. What is your response to these statements and how do they affect your feelings regarding genuine Christianity?
4. Have you known anyone who had massive exposure to the truth about Christ and yet walked away with a complete renunciation of that truth? What was that like to witness that defection? Where is that person's spiritual life today?
5. Take some time right now to pray for those you know in the "dating" phase of their "connection to Christ" and ask that God would swiftly bring them to the place of genuine repentance & faith which will result in a lifelong process of sanctification.

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

Through the Bible in 2006

Chapters of the Bible you need to read this week!

July 9th

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

July 10th

2Chr.29-31 & Ps.52-53

July 11th

2Chr.32-34 & Ps.54-55

July 12th

2Chr.35-36 & Ps.56-57

July 13th

Ezra 1-2 & Ps.58-59

July 14th

Ezra 3-4 & Ps.60-61

July 15th

Ezra 5-6 & Ps.62-63

July 16th

Ezra 7-8 & Ps.64-65

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.)

Beeke, Joel R. **The Quest for Full Assurance: Legacy of Calvin & His Successors**. Banner of Truth, 1999.
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Chapell, Bryan. **The Promises of Grace: Living in the Grip of God's Love**. Baker Books, 2001.
Guinness, Os. **God in the Dark: The Assurance of Faith Beyond a Shadow of Doubt**. Crossway Books, 1996.
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Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. **Assurance of Our Salvation: Studies in John 17**. Crossway Books, 2000.
MacArthur, John. **Saved Without A Doubt: How to Be Sure of Your Salvation**. Victor Books, 1992.
Owen, John. **Christians Are Forever**. Reprint, Grace Publications, 1993.
Pettegrew, Larry D. **The New Covenant Ministry of the Holy Spirit**. Kregel, 2001.
Piper, John. **Future Grace: The Purifying Power of Living by Faith**. Multnomah Press, 1998.
Schreiner, Thomas & Bruce Ware. **Still Sovereign: Perspectives on Election, Foreknowledge & Grace**. Baker, 2000.
Sproul, R. C. **Willing to Believe: The Controversy over Free Will**. Baker Books, 1997.
White, James R. **The Potter's Freedom: A Rebuttal of Choose But Free**. Calvary Press, 2000.
Whitney, Donald. **How Can I Be Sure I'm a Christian? What the Bible Says About Assurance**. NavPress, 1994.
Wright, R. K. McGregor. **No Place for Sovereignty: What's Wrong with Freewill Theism**. InterVarsity Press, 1996.