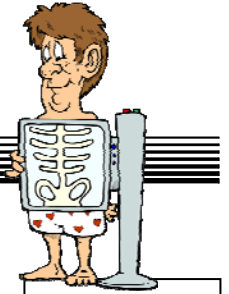


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# Almost a Christian

## Examining the Difference That Really Matters



1. Look for \_\_\_\_\_ (v.7)

(v.7)

versus



Hebrews 6:7-9

<sup>7</sup>Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. <sup>8</sup>But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned. <sup>9</sup>Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case—things that accompany salvation. (NIV)

2. Look for \_\_\_\_\_ (v.8)

(v.8)

versus



3. Look for \_\_\_\_\_ (v.9)

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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. Read **Psalm 139:23-24**. When was the last time you took a hard, objective and vulnerable look at your own life in an attempt to evaluate the quality and authenticity of your relationship with God? What did (or would) that involve? What did you discover?
2. Why are motives so hard to discern?
3. How much "selfishness" do you detect in your day to day motives? Which "God-related" or "church-related" decisions are sometimes motivated by selfishness?

Describe some of your actions and decisions that are arguably motivated by a love for God and a desire to glorify him.

4. What are some of the areas of sin and temptation that have been largely overcome in the last few years of your walk with Christ?

5. Write out a prayer that expresses your desire to grow in your sanctification.

Through the Bible in 2006

*Chapters of the Bible you need to read this week!*

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Ezra 7-8 & Ps.64-65*

**July 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Ezra 9-10 & Ps.66-67*

**July 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Neh.1-2 & Ps.68*

**July 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Neh.3-4 & Ps.69*

**July 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Neh.5-7 & Ps.70-71*

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Neh.8-9 & Ps.72*

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Neh.10-11 & Ps.73*

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Neh.12-13 & Ps.74-75*

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 # 0301 – **Connecting with the Heart of a Holy God**

CD # 0303 – **Why Being Holy is Such a Big Deal**

CD # 0304 – **When the Monastery is Not an Option**

CD # 0537 – **A Question of Perseverance, Salvation & Eternal Security**

CD # 0534 – **Setting Our Sights on a Lifetime of Serving God**

CD # 0557 – **Three Important Truths About Your Spiritual Growth**

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](http://www.CompassBooks.org).)

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