



Lesson 30

*The Almost Christian Discovered*

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**Question:** How far may a man go in the way of heaven and yet be but almost a Christian?

1. A man may have much knowledge and yet be almost a Christian.
2. A man may have great and eminent gifts, yea, spiritual, and yet be but almost a Christian.
3. A man may have a high profession of religions, be much in external duties of godliness, and yet be but almost a Christian.
4. A man may go far in opposing his sin and yet be but almost a Christian.
5. A man may hate sin and yet be but almost a Christian.
6. A man may make great vows and promises, strong purposes and resolutions against sin, and yet be but almost a Christian.
7. A man may maintain a strife and combat against sin in himself and yet be but almost a Christian.
8. A man may be a member of the Church of Christ, and yet be but almost a Christian.
9. A man may have great hopes of heaven and yet be but almost a Christian.
10. A man may be under visible changes and yet be but almost a Christian.

11. A man may be very zealous in matters of religion and yet be but almost a Christian.
12. A man may be much in prayer and yet be but almost a Christian.
13. A man may suffer for Christ and yet be but almost a Christian.
14. A man may be called of God and embrace his call and yet be but almost a Christian.
15. A man may have the Spirit of God and yet be but almost a Christian.
16. A man may have faith and yet be but almost a Christian.
17. A man may have a love to the people of God and yet be but almost a Christian.
18. A man may obey the commands of God and yet be but almost a Christian.
19. A man may be sanctified and yet be but almost a Christian.
20. A man may do all (as to external duties and worship) that a true Christian can and yet be but almost a Christian.