

## Pastoral Notes

'The Almost Dilemma' Acts 26:24-29.

**One thing worse than lacking wisdom is 'almost' having wisdom because you have access to it but fail to use it. The Bible teaches that 'the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom'.**

Every Sunday in some church in America, someone 'almost' becomes a Christian. They hear the Word of God and feel a move on their Spirit. They almost stand up, almost walk down the aisle,

Jesus, he considers us to be altogether because he justifies us which completes the qualifications of salvation and a life living in the presence of God. For this reason, as Christians have both an 'almost praise' and 'altogether praise'.

**At one time or another, all of us have almost done something that we eventually didn't end-up doing only to later wish we had.** Haven't you almost invited someone to church, almost told a neighbor about your testimony of how Jesus made a difference in your life. Few of us accepted the

### Key Sermonic Points

1. *A good offense may be your best offense.*
2. *A person can almost become a Christian.*
3. *A person cannot almost go to heaven.*

almost give their life to Christ. They are, unfortunately **caught up in the "Almost Dilemma"**.

In the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts, the Apostle Paul speaks to **King Agrippa, a man who knows there is a God but not persuaded that Jesus is the Son of God and the messiah the scripture spoke of. Paul tells Agrippa that he wishes that he were BOTH Almost and Altogether ready to make Jesus the Lord of his life.**

None of us, who confess to be Christian, have it all together, but when we surrender our lives and serve

wooing of the Holy Spirit when we first were drawn to Christ. For years, I "almost" accepted my call to be a minister but I was not "altogether" ready to give up the old me and become the new me. **If you are in almost dilemma, I encourage you to let go and let God to remove yourself from the almost dilemma.**

If you or someone you know are caught in the almost dilemma, I encourage you, or them, to visit our website, or get a CD, for more depth on this teaching.

Stay Blessed,  
Pastor Robbie

## Nuggets:

- The Word of God reveals the Wisdom of God. The Wisdom of God reveals the purpose of God. The Purpose of God reveals the Holiness of God. The Holiness of God reveals the Love of God. The love of God reveals the Salvation of God.