

Paul's Defense Before Agrippa

A crowd of dignitaries Acts 25:23 (p 1288)

Gospel shakes one man to the core

Acts 26:24-29 (p 1289)

"To be almost saved is

to be totally

lost."



I WILL LATER BUT NOT NOW

The temptation of procrastination!

No middle ground with Jesus.

Two choices: yes or no!



Delay can be dangerous.

The challenge is to impress the conviction of the heart to

respond to a desperate

need for grace.

Acts 2:27 (p 1254)



I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH YET

Christianity is a constant growth process.

Obedience is only taking the first step!

1 Peter 2:2 (p 1391)

Matthew 28:19-20 (p 1150)





What did these people know?

- * Pentecost *Acts 2 (p 1253)*
- * Eunuch *Acts 8 (p 1263)*
- * Jailer Acts 16 (p 1275)

I WANT TO WAIT UNTIL I CAN LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH YET – I WANT TO IMPROVE MY LIFE Everyone begins as a babe in Christ

1 Peter 2:2 (p 1391) 2 Peter 3:18 (p 1397)

The Christian must grow



THERE ARE HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH

Consider the church at Corinth

The church is a place of sick people – a hospital

1 Corinthians is a letter about people

1 Corinthians 11:1 (p 1319)

Imitate Christ





I WANT TO WAIT FOR PARENTS / SPOUSE

We do not stand before God in family groups!

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2 Corinthians 5:10 (p 1329)

Personal – *Romans 14:11-12 (p 1307)*

Jesus talked about obedience and family

Luke 14:26, 33 (p 1203)



I DON'T WANT TO CONDEMN MY FATHER, MOTHER, OR GRANDPARENTS

Feelings of family can supersede obedience to God My actions do not judge another person

"The soul who sins shall die."

Ezekiel 18:4 (p 972)



DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT ONLY MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ARE GOING TO HEAVEN

Many look at the church as another denomination

Some members think the same thing

"I'm church of Christ"

There is one church in the NT

Salvation is found only in

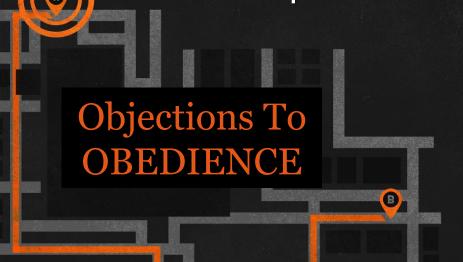
the NT church

YOU'RE TOO PICKY AND NARROW-MINDED

We must not be ashamed of being narrow-minded God gave Ten Commandments; not Suggestions

* Build an ark of gopher wood

* Dip seven times in the Jordan





But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!

Luke 18:23-24 (p 1208)

