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Nominal Christianity and Final Charge Towards Evangelism

Nominal Christianity- This is a person who knows about Jesus, but doesn't know Jesus. They may be a practicing church member or attender, but this is a person who has not responded in repentance and faith to Christ Jesus.

Matt 7:21-23

1. Names Associated with the Nominal Christian:

Cafeteria Christian

Sunday Christian

James 1:22-24

Eph 1:15-16

2. Tests for the Nominal Christian

Test of Belief

Test of Practice

3. Contributing factors to Nominal Christianity.

A. The rise of consumer Christianity

Michael Horton- "When we don't focus on the gospel, we drift back to self-obsession."

B. The Impact of false teachers.

Gal 1:9

2 Tim 4:3-4

Jude 3

JC Ryle- “We must draw the sword and cast away the scabbard! We must stand to arms and fight. Our warfare no doubt must be waged spiritually, but really. I repeat, we must fight!”

C. A growing culture that is soft on sin.

John 14:21

1 Cor 13:6

4. Common Lies the Nominal Christian believes:

I grew up in the church, so I’m good.

I have been baptized, so I’m good.

I am not as bad as _____, so I’m good.

My parents are Christians, so I’m good.

I am a decent person, so I’m good.

5. How Do We Evangelize Nominal Christians?

Ask, Listen, and Share

- Ask a vague question with a precise purpose.

Ask the second question.

Listen to their answers.

Share

Final Charge: 2 Tim 4:5

2 Things to Remember: It is a rescue mission, and they are without hope.

Be Clear-headed

Be prepared to suffer

Be willing to work

Be faithful to fulfill your ministry