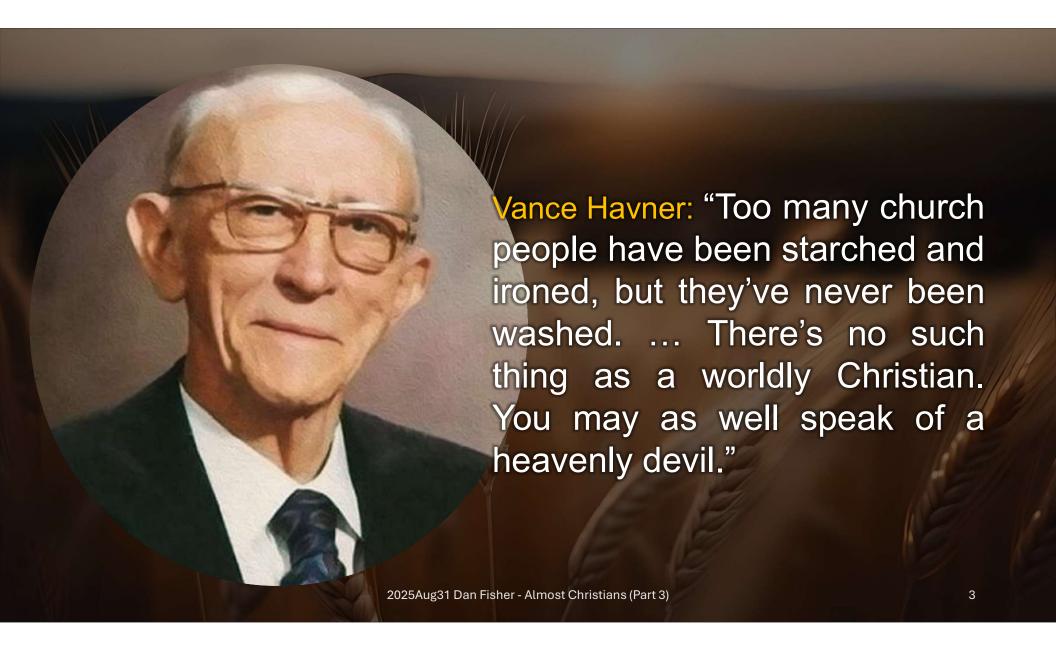
"almost" Christians tares in the wheat





John Gill, 17th century English Baptist pastor & Bible scholar:

"An almost Christian is one that has much light and knowledge, but no grace; he may know something of himself and of sin, of its being a violation of the law of God, and of the bad consequences of it, but has not true repentance for it; he may know much of Christ in a speculative way, concerning His person and offices, as the devils themselves do, and of the good things which come by Him, as peace, pardon, righteousness, and salvation;











The wheat and the tares are sown together

The wheat and the tares are grown together

The wheat and the tares are known together

The wheat and the tares are NOT thrown together

Jn 2:23–25 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. ²⁴ But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, ²⁵ and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

Ps 139:1-4 O Lord, you have searched me and known me! ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

Prov 15:11;21:2 Sheol [hell] and Abaddon [destruction] lie open before the Lord; how much more the hearts of the children of man! ... ² Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart.

Jer 17:10 "I the Lord search the heart and test the mind,

Mt 9:4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?

Acts 15:8 And God, who knows the heart

Jn 2:24 But Jesus did not commit [entrust] Himself to them

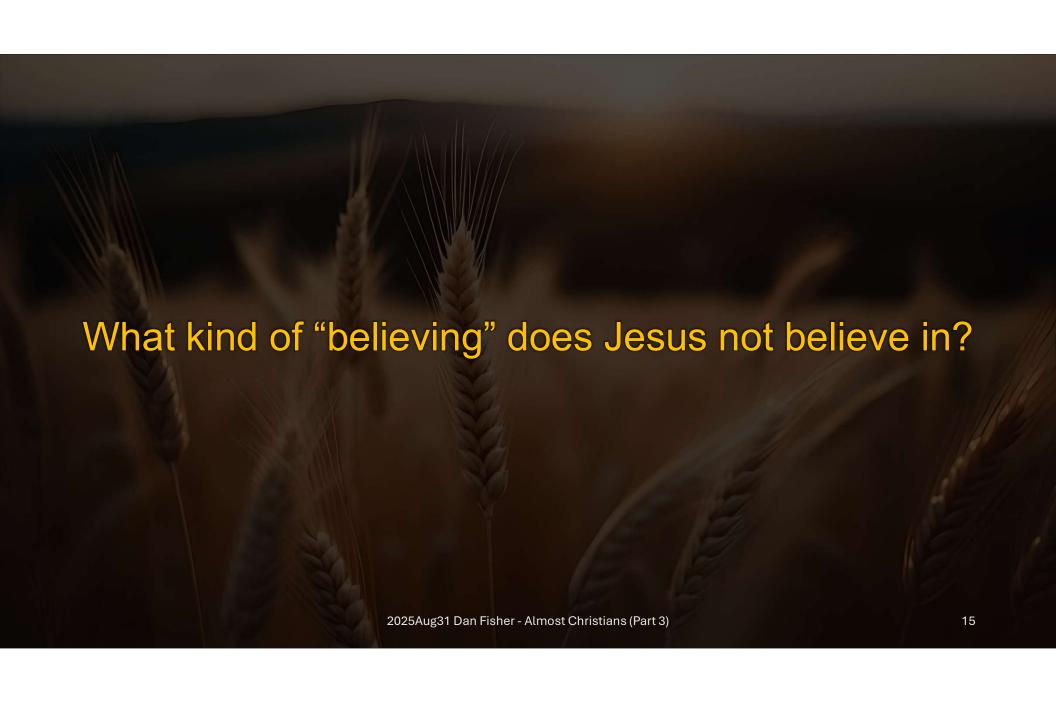
- The words commit & believe are the same in the Greek language
- Jesus did not believe in their believing



Acts 26:28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."

²⁹ And Paul said, "I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains."

Mk 12:34 And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."





Jn 4:48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe."

Acts 26:28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."



Js 2:19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe – and tremble!

Rom 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness

Acts 8:37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

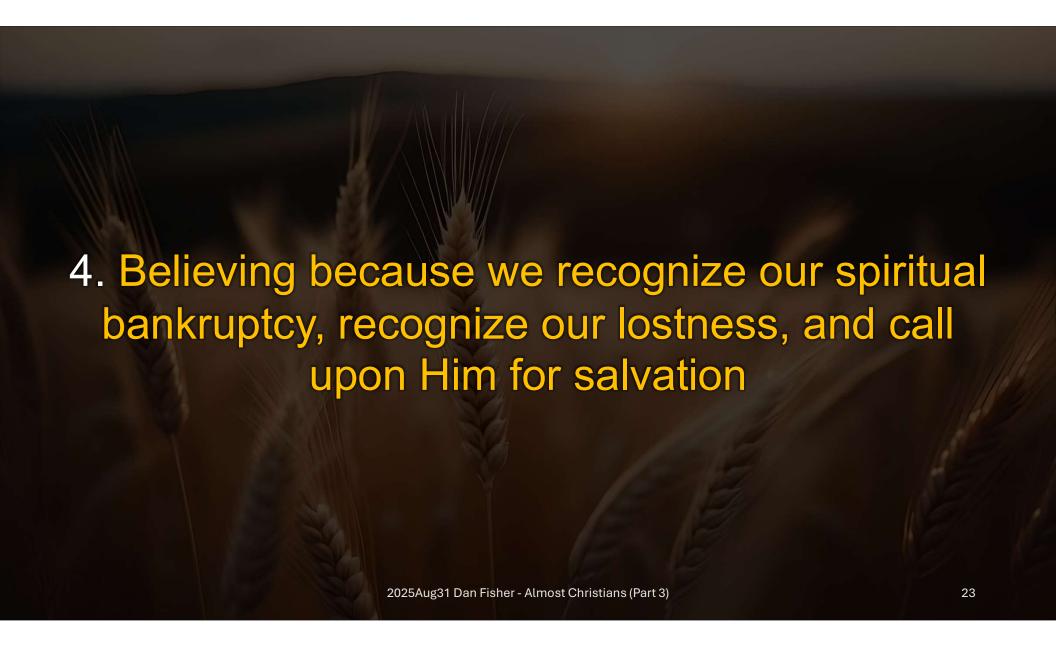


Jn 6:26,34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ... ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ... ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

Acts 8:9-13,18-24 — Simon wanted to purchase the power of the Holy Spirit

Eternal life insurance policy





Mt 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Rom 10:9 if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Lk 23:42-43 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

1 Jn 1:9-10 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.



"I fasted for 36 hours twice a week. I prayed formal prayers several times a day and almost starved myself to death during Lent, but only felt more miserable. Then by God's grace I met Charles Wesley, who put a book in my hand that showed me from the Scriptures that I must be 'born again' or be eternally lost." George Whitefield



"If you could be saved by living right then Calvary was a blunder. Salvation is not an attainment, it is an atonement. ... Justification is when you put your faith where God put your sins – on the Lord Jesus Christ and God stamps 'righteous' over your name in His 'Book of Life." Adrian Rogers

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