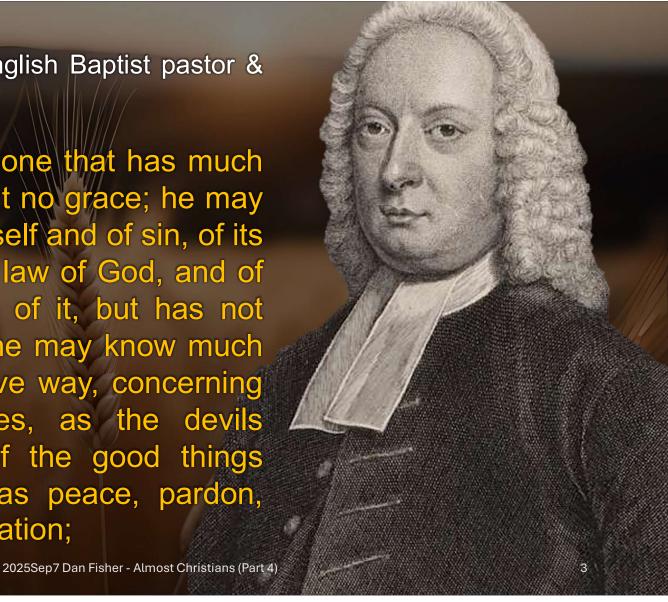
## "almost" Christians tares in the wheat 2025Sep7 Dan Fisher - Almost Christians (Part 4)



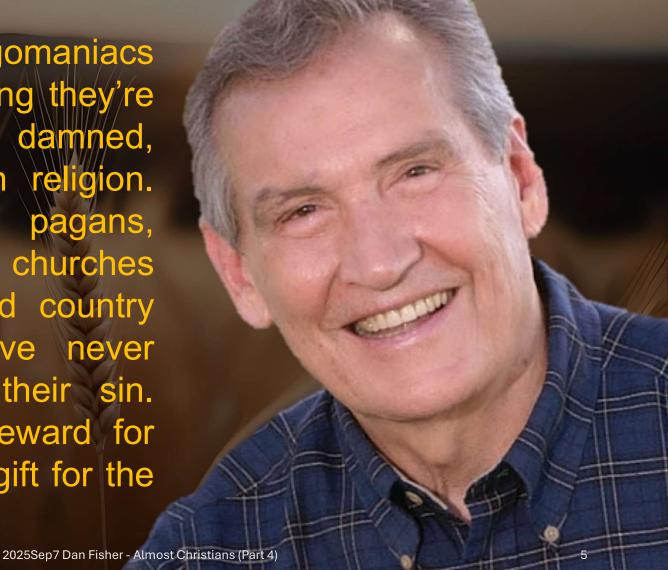
John Gill, 17<sup>th</sup> century English Baptist pastor & Bible scholar:

"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;





"Most people are egomaniacs strutting to hell thinking they're too good to be damned, trusting in their own religion. They are baptized pagans, having united with churches like they have joined country clubs, but they have never been broken over their sin. Salvation is not a reward for the righteous, it is a gift for the guilty." Adrian Rogers







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

## So, what are the mistakes tares make? 2025Sep7 Dan Fisher - Almost Christians (Part 4)

Rom 10:1-4 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup> For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup> For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. <sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.



Jn 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

1 Tim 2:4,6 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ... 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all

1 Jn 2:2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

2 Pet 3:9 not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.



1 Tim 6:15-16 He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion.

Ex 15:11 "Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

Is 57:15 For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place,

Is 6:1-3 I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" <sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

Rev 4:2-6,8,10-11 a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. <sup>3</sup> And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. <sup>4</sup> Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup> From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, <sup>6</sup> and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures ... 8 and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" ... 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Rev 15:3-4 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! <sup>4</sup> Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."



Is 64:6 But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Is 6:5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Rom 3:10-11,23 "None is righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> no one understands; ... <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Rom 3:12-18 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." <sup>13</sup> "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." <sup>14</sup> "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." <sup>15</sup> "Their feet are swift to shed blood; <sup>16</sup> in their paths are ruin and misery, <sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they have not known." <sup>18</sup> "There is no fear of God before their eyes."



Rom 5:8-9 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. 2 Cor 7:10

"Many have never been broken over their sin. Godly sorrow is not mere regret – being sorry for what we've done. It is not remorse – being sorry in the heart, seeing the sin and its consequences and not being able to see past them. Regret and remorse are dead end streets. In contrast, repentance is a highway that looks beyond the sin to Calvary. A remorseful person loves his sin and hates himself at the same time. A repentant person hates his sin because he loves his Savior. Many people waltz down our church aisles with regret and others come with remorse. But the only true way forward is repentance." Adrian Rogers