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ALMOST...

Spurgeon said: "There was a man who was *almost* saved in a fire, but he burned to death. There was another who was *almost* healed of a disease, but he died. There was one who was *almost* reprieved, but he was hanged. And there are many in hell who were almost saved." There was a man in the Book of Acts who said, **"Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."** History tells of his life and death and it is certain he died lost. What about you? You are either saved or lost! To be almost saved is to be lost. Trust Christ today!

MONEY AND HAPPINESS

John D. Rockefeller, old and broken in health, said, "I have made many millions, but they have brought me no happiness. I would barter them all for the days I sat on an office stool in Cleveland and counted myself rich on three dollars a week." Jesus said, **"What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or, what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"** ~Mark 8:36,37. You had better put your trust in God rather than gold!

PERHAPS THE GREATEST NEED TODAY

F. B. Meyer said the following about one hundred years ago: "If there is one thing that pierces the Savior's heart with unutterable grief, it is not the world's iniquity but the Church's indifference." What would Mr. Meyer say if he saw the Church today? I have said for a long time that what the world needs most is for God's people to be real Christians, on fire for God. Though few Bible believers would agree with me, I think for the most part that Fundamentalists today are Laodicean – just lukewarm. God says, **"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then, because thou art lukewarm and neither cold or hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."** ~Revelation 3:16,17.

TELL IT LIKE IT IS!

The Bible tells it like it is and like it should be. But who wants to hear it? If you try to witness to people or even help those who profess to be saved, you will find that those who really want the truth are not plentiful. Most are like the people you find described in Isaiah 30:10: **"Which say unto the Seers, See not, and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits."** Most people would rather have a nice sounding lie than the hard truth that will save their souls; or set them right. However, one day everyone is going to have to face the truth; **"Everyone of us must give account of himself to God."** How much better to deal with the truth NOW!

THE BASIS OF UNITY

Martin Luther said, "I do not want to know anything of peace and concord, when the Word of God is thereby lost... It is not right for me here to draw back and to give way out of love toward you, or any other man; but before the Word of God everyone must give way; whether he be friend or enemy... Don't talk to me therefore, of love and friendship if the Word and faith are to be compromised... But the Bible does not state that love brings us everlasting life, God's grace...but that the Word of God brings them to us. Worldly things may go as they go; the devil has not yet gained anything by it. But if you err in such a way that he robs you of this Word, you have lost everything, and have no counsel and help left; for the main thing is then gone..."