

MISSED IT BY THAT MUCH.

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INTRO.

A. Acts 26:27-29.

B. Being almost persuaded does not make one a Christian.

1. There was a news release about a 747 jumbo jet that landed at the wrong airport. Granted it was just a few miles from the intended airport, but it missed it by that much. Just a few miles.
2. A person needs 10 points to make a passing grade but only gets 8 points. He missed promotion by just that much.
3. A person does not have to miss the goal by a lot. To miss the goal by just a little means you have missed it!

C. Those examples might not carry much of a consequence.

1. However, when we consider spiritual matters (our salvation) and if we miss heaven by just a little bit it will be our greatest mistake.
2. Let us notice why some will miss heaven by just a LITTLE BIT!

I. SOME WILL LOOK FOR A MORE CONVENIENT SEASON.

A. Acts 24:25.

B. Some will put off obeying the gospel and wait until it is too late.

1. James 4:14-16.
2. Job 14:1-2.

C. These do not take advantage of the opportunity they have today.

1. 2 Corinthians 6:2.
2. Matthew 25:1-13 The parable of the 10 virgins.

D. What are you going to do tomorrow?

II. SOME MAY BE GOOD PEOPLE BUT NOT A SAVED PEOPLE.

A. Acts 10.

1. Acts 10:2.
2. A devout man, yet not a saved man (Acts 10:5-6).

B. Some will follow the teachings of men.

1. Matthew 15:9.
2. Some will say the "sinner's prayer."
3. Some will have denominational baptism and think it is sufficient.
4. There are things one must understand before immersion
 - 1) Acts 8:5, 12. Acknowledge there is only one church. Believe and confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Be baptized for the remission of sins.
 - 2) You cannot be taught wrong and baptized right.
5. Some come close but miss it by just that much!

III. SOME WILL BELIEVE THE GOSPEL... BUT WILL NOT OBEY.

A. Acts 26:24-29 King Agrippa believed.

1. Vs. 28 "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."
 - 3) Missed it by that much.
 - 4) To be almost a Christian is to be lost.
2. Mark 10:17-22. He came, he heard but went away grieved.

B. Do not miss heaven.

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. Philippians 3:14 "I press toward the mark for the prize..."

B. The song says ALMOST -- BUT LOST.