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Almost Saved!

As the apostle Paul shared with King Agrippa of his remarkable conversion to Jesus Christ, the king replied, ***"Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."*** He was **almost saved!** Paul had recounted how Jesus appeared to him and told him to preach the Gospel to the unsaved who ***"should repent and turn to God."*** Agrippa was **moved** and **convicted** of his own spiritual need (Acts 26). Almost--how tragic! He came **so close** but was **yet so far** from being saved! Of course, Agrippa is not the only one who was **almost saved!**

A rich young ruler came ***"running, and kneeled"*** before Jesus asking, ***"what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"*** He claimed to have kept all the commandments. Jesus told him, ***"One thing thou lackest. . . sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up thy cross, and follow me."*** **Only one thing lacking!** Surely he who had **run** so excitedly to meet Jesus would accept the challenge--but no, ***"He was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions"*** (Mark 10). He was **almost saved!**

Paul preached a gospel message on Mars' hill in Athens declaring that God had ***"commandeth all men every where to repent,"*** but most of his listeners put it off replying, ***"We will hear thee again of this matter"*** (Acts 17). They were **almost saved!**

Governor Felix **felt the conviction** of the Holy Spirit and ***"trembled"*** as Paul ***"reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come,"*** but he replied, ***"Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee"*** (Acts 24:25). He never did--he was **almost saved!**

Almost saved! Yes, it's the story of millions who hear the gospel but die and go to hell **because they did nothing about it.** Don't let it be your story! Go to www.naog.ws/theway.htm and accept Jesus as your Savior now!

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