

October 13, 2024

Scripture Text: Mark 12:28-40 TMB

Key Verse: Mark 12:34 TMB

Subject: "Almost There – Ain't There Yet"

Introduction: I don't remember whether it was a blues song or if I read this quote in a book, but I have never forgotten it. The quote is: "The saddest word I ever heard is almost, for it means that whatever you tried you didn't succeed."

The word **"almost"** means:

- not quite complete
- very nearly
- not far from
- close to but not all the way there yet

In the text, Jesus the Savior of the world; Jesus the master storyteller of truth, points to a group of people who have infiltrated the house of God and have helped give Satan a foot hole in the church.

These people, almost Christians, walk like – talk like – and act like the real thing but the one main ingredient is missing – they don't have a saving relationship with Christ.

Sermon Points

Major Moment: God's righteousness provided through His Son and not our goodness allows believers entrance into the Kingdom.

- **Knowing About God Is Not Enough**
 - Matthew 8:29
 - Romans 10:9-11
 - First Corinthians 3:9
 - John 15:9
- **Doing Church Is Not Enough**
 - Mark 12:30-31
 - Psalm 119:11
 - Matthew 6:1-8
- **You Must Be Born-Again**
 - Mark 12:34
 - John 3:3

Summary Verse: "Jesus said, I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me." **John 14:6 TMB**