

In Touch

HOKEY POKEY CHRISTIANS

Dear Friend:

You know the song don't you? The Hokey Pokey. We loved it as children, maybe it drives us crazy as an adult, but it is a catchy tune. Maybe you started to hear it in your head as you read this. My most common memory of the Hokey Pokey is singing it and participating in the motions at Gove City and Hilliard roller rinks. (Now I am dating myself).

The Hokey Pokey is fun as a game; it is spiritually deadly to those who play it with their Christian life. I recently read a phrase: Hokey Pokey Christians. You know what a Hokey Pokey Christian is? It is someone who "puts their left foot in" and back out with the world. They do the same with their right foot and arms as well. In other words, they are trying to live sometimes as a Christian, sometimes as a person in the world. They want it both ways.

The Bible says it in multiple ways: you cannot live part of the time like a saint and part of the time like a sinner. You can't love God and love the world (James). You can't seek God's kingdom just some of the time (Jesus). You can't be a friend of the world AND a friend of Christ! Elijah, the prophet on Mt. Carmel, said to the Jewish people, "How long will you wave between God and the idol Baal...choose one." What's your choice? I will go with God and still do the Hokey Pokey at the roller rink but not with my soul.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

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