

I've Got Jesus...

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

The following is taken from *A Journey in FAITH* by Bobby Welch and Doug Williams, originally published by Lifeway in 2000. If you're looking for a quick and easy way to share your faith, I love this method. The entire book is good for small groups to go through, however finding this older resource available for sale online is difficult.

Keep in mind the following things:

- Memorizing this in its entirety takes commitment and regular review, but it is worth it.
- Feel free to change the Bible version to a non-Christian friendly translation that you love to read.
- Once you have it down, make it more your own. Change the wording to words or phrases that you commonly use so that it will flow more naturally.

IN YOUR PERSONAL OPINION, WHAT DO YOU UNDERSTAND IT TAKES FOR A PERSON TO GO TO HEAVEN?

(Allow time for them to answer. If they say anything other than faith in Jesus and His finished work on the cross, continue.)

I'd like to share with you how the Bible answers this question, if it is all right. There is a word that can be used to answer this question: FAITH (spell it out on your hand, using one finger for each letter).

F IS FOR FORGIVENESS

We cannot have eternal life and heaven without God's forgiveness.

A IS FOR AVAILABLE

Forgiveness is available. It is . . .

AVAILABLE FOR ALL

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. — John 3:16

BUT NOT AUTOMATIC

Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven."— Matthew 7:21



WHY? BECAUSE I IS FOR IMPOSSIBLE

It is impossible for God to allow sin into heaven.

GOD IS LOVE—remember John 3:16

BUT GOD IS ALSO JUST—For judgment is without mercy. – James 2:13

AND MAN IS SINFUL—For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. – Romans 3:23

So, how can a sinful person enter heaven where God allows no sin?

T IS FOR TURN

If you were driving down the road and someone asked you to turn, what would she be asking you to do? (change direction)

In the Bible, TURN means REPENT.

YOU HAVE TO TURN FROM SOMETHING

But unless you repent, you too will all perish. – Luke 13:3

AND TURN TO SOMEONE, AND TRUST CHRIST ONLY

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. – 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

H IS FOR HEAVEN

Heaven is eternal life.

BOTH HERE

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. – John 10:10

AND IN THE HEREAFTER

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. – John 14:3

HOW CAN A PERSON HAVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS, HEAVEN AND ETERNAL LIFE, AND JESUS AS PERSONAL SAVIOR AND LORD?

The Bible says in Romans 10:9, "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Would you like to receive this forgiveness by trusting Christ as your personal Savior and Lord?

