

Salvation Through Christ: A Matter of FAITH

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What do you think it takes for someone to get to heaven? Is it luck? Good deeds? Nothing at all? Or is there more?

F stands for FORGIVENESS . We cannot have eternal life without God's forgiveness. Ephesians 1:7a says, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

A is for AVAILABLE . Forgiveness is available for all. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

I is for IMPOSSIBLE . It is impossible for God to allow sin into heaven because of who He is and because of His holiness. Hebrews 12:14 says, "Follow peace with all men, holiness without which no one will see the Lord."

T is for TURN . To turn means to repent. We can repent -- or turn -- from our sin and from our sins. Acts 3:19 says, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, having received the inheritance of life."

H is for HEAVEN . Heaven is eternal life. Here, that means life "to the full:" "I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 1:9 says, "The light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

So how can a person have God's forgiveness, heaven and eternal life, and take Jesus as personal Savior?

You do this through a simple prayer reflecting your desire for Christ to change your life. You don't need to do anything else.

Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner and have displeased You in many ways. I believe You died for me and I believe in You. Please forgive me and give me eternal life. Amen.

Accepting Christ is just the beginning of a wonderful adventure with God! Get to know Him better in a number of ways:

- Follow Christ's example in baptism.
- Join a church where you can worship God and grow in your faith.
- In your church, get involved in Sunday School and Bible study.
- Begin a daily personal worship experience with God where you study the Bible and pray.