

What Do You Believe it Takes for a Person to Get to Heaven?
Acts 16:30

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

I. F is for **FORGIVENESS.**

1. Everyone has sinned and needs **God's** Forgiveness.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" --Romans 3:23

2. God's forgiveness is in **Jesus** only.

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace"--Ephesians 1:7

II. A is for **AVAILABLE**

1. God's forgiveness is available for **all**.

"For God loved the world in this way: He gave His • One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." --John 3:16

2. God's forgiveness is available but not **automatic**.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the kingdom of heaven" --Matthew 7:21a,

III. I is for **IMPOSSIBLE**

1. According to the **Bible**, it is impossible for us to get to heaven on our own.

"For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift— not from works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9 HCSB.

2. So how can a **sinful** person enter heaven and have eternal life?

IV. T is for **TURN-Turn means repent.**

1. TURN **away** from sin and self.

"But unless you repent, you will all perish as well!" --Luke 13:3b, HCSB

2. TURN to **Jesus** as your Savior and Lord.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6

“If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. With the heart one believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses, resulting in salvation.” --*Romans 10:9-10*

V. H is for **HEAVEN**-Heaven is eternal life.

1. H can stand for the **hereafter**.

“If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also.” --*John 14:3*

2. H can stand for **here**.

“I have come that they may have life and have it in abundance.” --John 10:10

3. H can stand for **How**.

How can a person have God’s forgiveness, heaven and eternal life?

