

Knowing God **Personally?**

You can Know Jesus Personally in just five letters: F.A.I.T.H.

“F” is for Forgiveness. To go to heaven, it takes God’s FORGIVENESS

The Bible says we cannot have eternal life and heaven without God’s forgiveness.

“In Him (*Jesus*) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins” this is according to the Word of God in Ephesians 1:7.

The next letter is “A”

The fact is that God’s forgiveness is **AVAILABLE** for everyone.

John 3:16 is a verse many of you know well.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life”.

But while Forgiveness is **Available**, it is not automatic.

In Matthew 7:21 we see that “Not everyone who says to Me, “Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven”

But “**Why not?**”

Because you must first repent of your sin and selfishness.

You see, it’s **IMPOSSIBLE** (that’s the “I”) for God to allow sin into heaven. That’s because, although...

- God is certainly loving
- He is also a just God

The Bible says that man is sinful. Rom 3:23 states that **all have sinned & fallen short of God’s glory**.

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

That brings us to the 4th letter “**T**”.

The Bible tells us that each of us must **TURN** or repent from our sin and selfish ways...

Luke 13:3 says, “**unless you repent you will all perish**”
You must turn from sin and turn Jesus Christ *alone*.

The Bible also says in Rom 10:9 “**Christ died** for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He **rose again** the third day according to the Scriptures”

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved”

You see, **believing** is more than just **knowing**, it involves a heart change. ***Ok, God just put the ball in your court!***

That brings us to the last letter, “**H**” – H is for heaven.

HEAVEN is a real place and eternal life begins the moment you surrender your life to the only one who could pay your sin debt—Jesus.

Jesus said in John 10:10, “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly”

And John 14:3 tells us that Jesus has made a place for you in heaven and He’s coming back for you.

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also”

You can see that it takes “**FAITH**” to come to God.

F – is for forgiveness.

A – it’s available to all – but not automatic.

I – it’s impossible for sin to enter into heaven.

T – and turn means to turn from sin and selfishness.

H – and the H is for heaven – the home He’s promised to all who believe in Him.