

3 THINGS YOU CAN'T GET TO HEAVEN WITHOUT!

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YOU MIGHT GO THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT A HUSBAND OR WIFE, WITHOUT A GOOD EDUCATION, OR EVEN WITHOUT A CAR, BUT DO YOU KNOW THERE ARE THREE THINGS THAT YOU *CAN'T* GET TO HEAVEN WITHOUT?

WITHOUT A SAVIOUR

There was a joyful message given by God at the birth of the Lord Jesus: **"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a SAVIOUR, which is Christ the Lord"** (LUKE 2:11). Right from the beginning, Christ's desire was to be our Saviour. Perhaps you ask, "Why do I need a Saviour? I'm a good person." Romans 3:23 tells us that in God's sight, **"*ALL* have sinned."** Not one of us can get rid of sin on our own. According to Revelation 21:27, no sin is allowed to enter Heaven. But the good news is that God has provided a Saviour: **"The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world"** (1 JOHN 4:14).

An airplane was ready for take off. All the passengers had their seat belts fastened. Suddenly there was a loud banging on the door. Fearing who might be outside, the attendant went to speak with the

pilot - but the cockpit was empty! It was the pilot outside knocking. Could this be a picture of you? Thinking you are ready for Heaven but have no heavenly pilot - the Saviour.

WITHOUT THE BLOOD

The second thing that you can't get to Heaven without is the BLOOD. Hebrews 9:22 says, "**Without shedding of blood is no remission.**" Good works will never take away sin. In fact, Ephesians 2:9 tells us salvation is "**not of works, lest any man should boast.**" When Christ died on the cross, He paid the penalty for sin in our place. God was satisfied with His death on our behalf and raised Him from the dead after three days. If we trust in His finished work, our sins will be forgiven. "**The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin**" (1 JOHN 1:7).

WITHOUT FAITH

The third thing you can't get to Heaven without is FAITH. In fact, **"Without faith it is impossible to please Him [God]"** (HEBREWS 11:6). To get to Heaven, you must put your faith (trust or belief) in the Saviour who shed His blood on the cross to take away your sins. Ephesians 2:8 says, **"For by grace are ye saved through faith."** It is not how much faith you have, but *whom* your faith is in. Solomon, the wisest man in the world said, **"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart"** (PROVERBS 3:5). Will you trust Him today and be sure of Heaven?

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." ROMANS 5:1