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If you stood before God and He asked you, "Why should I let you into my heaven?" What would your answer be? Consider the following statements and Bible verses before you answer that question.

1. We are sinful and we all have sinned.

Romans 3:23 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

2. The punishment for our sin is death.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. God provides salvation because of His love.

John 3:16 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.

4. God provides salvation through His only Son, Jesus Christ.

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

5. God provides salvation by paying the penalty (by taking the punishment for our sins).

Romans 5:6,8 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

6. God provides salvation as a free gift by His grace.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast

7. You must acknowledge (Confess) Jesus Christ as your Lord. Believe in Jesus Christ (and Him alone).

Romans 10:9-10 That 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. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

The only right answer to the question at the top is: "You should let me into heaven because I have placed my trust in Your Son Jesus Christ who promised eternal life to anyone who believes in Him."

If you have trusted Jesus Christ today or would like to learn more about going to heaven and having a personal relationship with God, fill out a Friendship Card (in the chair pocket) or call 503.692.5140 to get in touch with an Elder.