

Is Heaven in Your Future?

How do you plan to get to heaven? A friend told me he was confident of going based on his persuasive powers. A likeable, smooth-talking salesman, he's banking that his golden tongue will earn his admission. The Lord knows my friend's tactics before he opens his mouth.

Years ago, we sang a song, "O you can't get to heaven on roller skates." Do folks sing the "roller-blades" tune now? At my stage in life, I rarely travel with children. The few times I've been around youngsters, they either played computer games or had their ears plugged to iPods. I don't know how often most modern youngsters think about heaven.

Some people I converse with have an angle on heaven that's off-course. They build their heaven-confidence on affiliation. Expecting to ride someone's shirttails, those folks assume heaven as a given because their spouses or parents are good people. Or they attend the right church. They'd have a better chance on roller-skates.

Why do I say this? In *Ezekiel 14:20*, the Lord warned the Israelites. **"Even if Noah, Daniel and Job were in it, they could save neither son nor daughter. They would save only themselves by their righteousness."** No place to grab shirttails in the Lord. Job and the others were good guys, but they couldn't save anyone else. Not even the latest ultra-rocket-powered roller-blades can get you to heaven. The *Book of Romans* states, **"There is none righteous."** Everyone dead or alive (except Jesus) resides in the disqualifying debit column. **"He became the source of salvation for all who obey him,"** *Hebrews 5:9*. Change your life and follow Christ today. Only he can help you in the afterlife.

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