



# Pastor's Comments

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## Missing Heaven By 18 Inches

Can a person get **within 18 inches of heaven and still miss it?** That's the distance between the **head** and the **heart**. A mere **intellectual, mental, or head** knowledge of Jesus Christ without a **heart acceptance** and personal relationship with Him will never take a person to heaven! The Bible promises *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in thine heart** that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For **with the heart man believeth** unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"* (Romans 10:9-10). Confess means "to admit to be true" or to profess **what is truly believed in the heart**. For instance, in John 14:6 we read that Jesus is the only way to Heaven (see [www.naog.ws/theway.htm](http://www.naog.ws/theway.htm)). To be saved, we must do more than just believe that truth **intellectually** – we must **act on it with all of our heart** confessing sincerely that Jesus is our Lord (or boss)! In the process, we must see ourselves as God sees us – in need of salvation, utterly lost and undone, without excuse and without hope. Then, in recognition of our sinfulness, and in true repentance, we must cry out to God asking for His forgiveness of sin and for His Son, Jesus, to save us and come into our **hearts**. We experience the new birth (John 3) when we accept Him into our **hearts!** That is much **more than just giving simple mental assent** to the truth of salvation!

**Don't miss heaven by just 18 inches!** Are you sure of your personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Why not settle the matter in your **heart** once and for all right now? If you have questions or would like me to pray with you about this, please contact me by phone or email, or attend any of our services.