

## HOW DID BILLY GRAHAM GET TO HEAVEN?

Dear Friend:

The other day I was listening to someone give a talk at Liberty University. The speaker mentioned that he had a few opportunities to meet Billy Graham. I also met Billy Graham in Chicago, very briefly. The speaker at Liberty had a bit more personal meeting that I had.

Over the years I was able to attend 4 crusades in various cities. I covered the Cincinnati crusade as a reporter for WCVO radio station. I was also able to hear Billy speak in Chicago twice to a room full of pastors during some evangelism training and training on how to do one's own crusade. This came in handy as we did crusades in the Philippines. Back to the Liberty speaker...he spoke of Billy's humility and integrity. Every crusade I attended and in every small group setting I heard him teach I saw the evidence of his humility and integrity. I have read his autobiography and every biography written about Billy, his humility and integrity stand out. Did Billy Graham get to heaven because of his humility and integrity? Billy would be the first to tell you NO!

Billy Graham grew up on a family farm in North Carolina. Raised by two Christian parents the family was faithful church attenders and involved in their church. A revival came to town and one evening Billy and his friend went forward to the altar, more about that in a moment. Over the years Billy preached to millions, raised a family of 5 children, he also raised millions for Christian organizations, collected millions of cans for local food pantries, and influenced societies for Christ. Some believe the Iron Curtain would not have come down without the influence of Billy Graham. Did doing all these things get Billy Graham to heaven? NO! He got to heaven because of what he did that night in his early teens in the revival tent: he committed his life to Jesus Christ. Billy's most often quoted verse was John 3:16. Part of that verse says: "...whosoever believes in him (commits his/her life) has everlasting life".

Let's not forget this: you, me, everyone has equal access to eternal life and it is a matter of placing our faith in Christ. How did Billy Graham get to heaven? The same way you and I can!

In Christ's Love,

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Prayer Requests: The family of Roger Mason, Faye Cooper, Grace Irwin