

Why Don't I Go Straight to Heaven?

by Winkie Pratney

Winkie Pratney explores the journey of faith and the reasons we do not go straight to heaven after accepting Christ, emphasizing the importance of living out our purpose on earth.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker reflects on his experience of teaching people how to love God and communicate their faith. He mentions a group of young people who were passionate about their faith and had a deep understanding of the world and their relationship with God. The speaker then poses a question about how long he can speak, to which he is told that everyone will leave at 5:30. However, he emphasizes that Jesus wants believers to stay in the world and continue their mission. The speaker also shares his personal journey of coming from a non-religious background and finding faith at the age of 17. He recounts attending a church event where he witnessed powerful worship, healing prayers, and a transformative message. The sermon concludes with the speaker encouraging the audience to embrace their faith and stay committed to sharing the love of God with the world.

Transcript

Hi, I'm Derek Hong, Senior Pastor of Church of Our Saviour, Singapore. I'm so glad you're listening to this powerful message from the Word of God. I believe that as you do so, the Holy Spirit will touch your heart in a very personal way.

If you would like to know more about Jesus Christ, or speak to someone, or have any questions, feel free to contact me through the Church website or telephone. Now, enjoy this message from God's wonderful Word. Well, I want to apologise for my name.

My father was a professional athlete in New Zealand, an amazing man, one of the three legendary professional cyclists, and his name was William, or Bill, or Billy, or Will, or any variation thereof. A little bit like Billy Graham, whose father's name was William Franklin Graham, and his grandfather's name was William Franklin Graham, and so Billy Graham, whose real name is William Franklin Graham, likewise called one of his sons Franklin Graham, and then Franklin Graham carried on the thing by calling one of his sons William Franklin Graham. So I just got stuck.

When people talked about William in any version, that was my dad. And so before I was born, while I was still in my mother's womb, her youngest sister said to her, how's little wee Willie Winkie coming on? And that was at Children's Nursery where I'm done in England. And so when I was born, they nicknamed me Winkie, and it stuck with me, and I've had it forever.

And I'm not a gay purple Teletubby, I just want you to know that. If you have Bibles, I want you to have a quick look. The pastor is an amazing man, I appreciate very much this church, and some of the leadership you have here.

It's been a great blessing to my son and I, who have been your guests for almost, this will be our second week here, and it's also a great opportunity for me to share a few of the things the Lord has put on my heart. My ministry, I have to explain a few more things. My parents were not Christians.

There was no Christian background in them at all. They were married in a good Anglican church. They and the pastor all got drunk together, so they were in some kind of fellowship.

But we didn't grow up Christian at all. Now, my father being a professional athlete, there weren't drug users, and my father wasn't a mass rapist or anything, and it was just nice having a dad, but he was a very strict man. And I remember when, he might have been from Singapore for all I know, because when something went wrong with my life, and I needed some correction, my dad would go down to a, it was a, what was it? I think it was a peach tree.

That's right, a peach tree. And he'd break off a stick from that peach tree, and he'd come back and whack me. And I have a sort of a fear of peaches today, but not for my father, who was a lovely man who died in 2001.

And we're not quite sure how old he was, because his birth certificate was lost when he, he was actually a Maori, which is our native race, and after his mother died, bringing him into the world, his granny brought him up, and she died also when he was 12, and he only spoke Maori until he was 12, and then passing missionary in New Zealand, heard a child's voice crying in the forest and found him, and then he was not adopted, but fostered by a man who brought up professional racing horses, and for that young boy, he gave him a job to sleep over the top of one of his star racehorses. So my father grew up hating racehorses, but he did find a bicycle, and he got to love bicycles and hate racehorses. And so in those early days, my mother, her training was, she was a nurse, but my mother always wanted to be a singer.

And when she married Dad, of course she was almost 15 years younger than Dad, but when she first saw him, I think she was 12, and he was 20-something, she said to her mother, I'm going to marry that man. And she did. And so when they first were married, she lost her career, if you like, in his.

She never did become a singer, though she had a beautiful voice, and she never had any training for it, but I remember one time when my sister was 11 and I was 12, they both bought us a major present. My sister wanted to learn to play the piano, and they bought her a piano. Now I'm a nerd, that's my training, a nerd, and I knew I'd probably never be any good at a piano, but they bought me something that became also one of the great joys of my life.

They bought me, it was called at that time a stereogram, and those of you who are ancient here, there may be a few of you, may know what that is. On one end they had a record player, that's another strange and antique thing, but you could actually put records on top of it, and it would drop them and play them,

that kind of thing, quite amazing. You couldn't have like ten of them, because then you'd have to stick like this, but that was good.

There wasn't any FM in those days, just AM and stuff like that, but the great gift in this box was something which almost nobody had in those days, it was called a tape recorder. And so I learned, when my sister was... I was playing with electronics, and so one day it was raining, and my mother was sort of vacuuming, I think, I can't even remember whether they had a vacuum in those days, but she was doing something with a carpet, and she was singing an old song that was on my record player, it was Deanna Durbin, who was one of the great early pop opera singers, and she was singing along with Deanna. And I happened to have my new tape recorder, and I was, again, twelve years old, I switched on that thing to take my mother, she walked around, she had a bit of a cold, and her voice wasn't great that night, but as she sang along, not remembering all the words and things, I recorded it.

My mother's first, I'll call it, my mother's first debut was at her funeral. I found that tape that I'd taped so long ago, and somebody had made a copy onto a cassette recorder, I found that tape of my mother singing when I was twelve years old, remastered it, because I'm a nerd, nerds do things like this. We recorrect, we clean things out, we take pops and we make really cool sounding things.

So where she'd forgotten the words, I merged her in with Deanna Durbin, and so a duet with my mother and Deanna Durbin was played for the first time at her funeral, eighteen months after my father died. So I'm an orphan today, but it's lovely to be sixty-six, and to still see the beauty and wonder of what God did in our lives. I say that because without a religious background, many people have some kind of religious background.

They've been to church for maybe a long, long time. Some of them are even pastor's sons, or preachers, or Bible teachers, or evangelist's children, but I never had that. My background, not being like my father, who's amazing, you know what my sister did? When she was three, she was a professional dancer.

She was a hula dancer at three, and travelled New Zealand making large amounts of money with her dance teacher because she looked like a little Shirley Temple. She came out of a clam at three years old, dancing these beautiful dances, and I, the only one who didn't do anything like that, I couldn't dance, look at me. Nerds can't dance, you've got to understand that.

And then couldn't ride like my father, who did want to teach me cycling, and built me a little bike when I was twelve, and took me out for a small ride. This is a man who would think nothing of riding a hundred miles every morning before breakfast for training, who took me out for a small ride of only thirty miles. And I knew that day, I'm never going to be a cyclist.

So what a mother who was an entrepreneur, and my mother had a lending library. She had thousands of books, and I had, in my mother's place, two thousand comics. Two thousand, and these were all new ones, Batman, and Phantom, and Mandrake the Magician, and Superman, and all the originals.

When we got saved, we got rid of all of our things. I wish I'd kept those things, because I could have flown around the world four or five times with the things we had there. But see, my growing up, oh, I forgot to tell you this other thing.

My mother raised tens of thousands of dollars for a movie chain, to build first their thing, and for money for the rest of the thing. So she bought in some of the great pop singers of her time in as concerts. They had

these continuous concerts for two weeks.

She made such a lot of money for them, they not only gave her a fee for that, they gave us lifetime passes for the movies. Now, you may not have seen a lifetime pass. Do you know sometimes you've got a movie that says, no passes permitted? Ours was the platinum, super-advanced, anointed, high roller, that one.

And my father and I spent every Saturday watching every movie that ever came out. We just went in and he said, we're not worthy, and we sat right in the middle, sometimes we were the only people in the whole theater, and watched every movie. So I'm George Lucas' age, and I've watched at least as many movies as he has, and if it bothers you that I have that background, I want to apologize for my name and for my background.

Going to school, I only had three ambitions in life. The first one is never meet anybody. You can understand why, if your father's famous, your sister's famous, and your mother's a legend, why I didn't want to meet anybody.

But I loved chemistry, and so I had my first lab at seven. When I was eight, I had my first one actually in a room, and by the time I was 12, I had a better lab than high school did. By the time I went to college, I had a better lab.

I still have it actually in New Zealand. It's behind a wall that opens up like James Bond when you hit it, and behind there's an electronics lab, analog and digital, there's also a full darkroom, there's a recording studio, and there's my lab all back in there, and then a repair place to repair the stuff nobody's making anymore. So if you come to New Zealand, I can show you my secret lab.

I'll have to kill you afterwards of course, because it is a secret. But in this world, with this kind of roots and background, something marvelous happened to me when I was 17 years old, going to a pagan school. Again, I never met a single Christian in the school I went to which had a thousand students in it.

Not one single person ever talked about God or Jesus or anything else. We were very good at swearing and doing things. Now I wasn't a huge swearer.

You know, my sin was like saying damn and kicking a cat. Now I know, that was basically the level. I never got under drugs because I made drugs.

It never occurred to me you could eat them or something. And probably the worst drug I ever got was a cigarette. Do you know when you're a kid and they're trying to show you what a cigarette is, and they had this thing and they gave me a cigarette.

Like try this man. I don't know how old I was, maybe six or seven. And you know how a cigarette, perhaps you don't know this because you're all deeply spiritual, but I did.

One end of the cigarette, especially, you know, it's like a different color than the rest of the cigarette. Well when you light a firework, that side is the side you light. That's where the fuse is.

So me and my genius, knowing a lot, I lit the filter end. And I thought, this is stupid. This costs money.

You suck and nothing happens. That was giving up of my cigarette career. So without drugs, without any, look at me, when you have a name like Winky.

So my first rule, never meet anybody. Second is never travel. I've never been more than 80 miles in my whole life.

Sometimes going where my father was cycling in one of the big races. And my third one was to be a nerd. And so all of those were ruined by Jesus.

When I was 17 years old, in the last three months of high school for me, when I was sitting for my, not university exam, already had that. Two years in a row, I pulled one of the two top marks in chemistry in our nation. So I was all done and ready for the scholarship exam.

Three months before the end of the year, I met Jesus. It was pretty wild because it was a small church. It wasn't a large one.

It wasn't even cool. It was kind of like, it's like a street mission. That's what I found.

And there was this godly old pastor. He used to be, I think a sea captain or something. And he had a mighty encounter with God.

And he loved studying people who prayed for the sick and stuff. And what he would do, Saturday night, now we're having Saturday afternoon here. So you people are also deeply advanced in these things.

But Saturday night, he would climb up in the highest little volcano that's not going off like the earthquake in Christchurch. I want to apologize for that too. But it's the largest place.

It's called One Tree Hill. It used to have two trees in it, but some purist cut one down. And so there's only one up there.

But he used to lie on that Saturday night and pray all night over the city of Auckland, which is now our largest city. And he would pray that God would do something new and wonderful in that thing. And then, Sunday morning, he had like five services.

He had an early, early service, and then the early service, and then the somewhat early service, and then the service, and then lunch, and then the afternoon service, like this one, and then the night service. And if you really got anointed, the one in the morning service. But what he would do, is he had a band first.

Now I appreciate the guest worship team. This pastor didn't know about worship teams. He got kids, he led them to the Lord, and he taught them.

There's one, the organist was blind. It's like, you can imagine, she's a Maori girl without eyes, playing Stevie Wonder type things. And these were all kids.

And rather than having all the cool old hymns that we know now, they didn't know any hymns. They simply took existing songs and rewrote the lyrics. I call them now, sister acted songs.

Like you redeem a song that already exists, and redid it, like William Booth did. I have often, I'm a mentor to musicians. I've mentored Keith Green and Barry McGuire, and the ones I'm working on with now, as some of you know, about the betting fields, Daniel and Natasha.

They have been people I've been privileged to invest in their lives. I don't teach them how to sing. Give me a break.

I teach them how to love God, and how to communicate it better, across this stuff. And it's been a joy over all these years, working with these different people God has called. But one of the things that was wonderful about watching this group of young people, they just got into it.

I never saw that in any churches before. People who really knew what the world was like, but also had met God. So what I want to talk to you in the, I asked Pastor, how long can I speak? He said, you can speak as long as you like, but everybody will leave at 5.30. So I have to really hurry up, because I know it's Moon Pie weekend, and you're all racing to get out and finish things, before they run out of them.

But the question that I wanted to ask you today is this, before we read the Scriptures, is, matter of fact, let's read the Scriptures first. If you could turn, if you've got Bibles, and one of the most helpful things in the study of the Bible, is a Bible. So get one, and if you haven't got one, talk to Pastor, because there's a hot new Bible he has, called the Revival Study Bible.

Now some of you, somebody told you, if you're going to get a little New Testament, you can put these in your pocket, so if people are shooting or something, then the little New Testament will be there, you know, I have a suggestion for you, if people are going to be shooting, do not buy the little wussy New Testament alone. Get a serious Bible. This is the largest one ever done.

It's like 2,000 pages. Get that. You can't stick it in your pocket.

Stick it in front, tape it on, or even put two, one at the back. But get a serious Bible. In the Book of John, the Gospel of John, there's a bunch of Johns, but this is the main one, Gospel of John, and those of you who have stolen Gideon Bibles, this is page 863.

John chapter 17 is a wonderful thing. Now we have things we call, we have a thing called the Lord's Prayer, and we actually sort of re-prayed it this morning at Communion, but the real Lord's Prayer, that's the one that He gave the disciples when they said, Lord, teach us how to pray. But there is a marvellous prayer.

In John 17, we have the largest record of Jesus talking to His Father. So here we have God, who has become man, one of us, who is speaking to His Father and gives us a full record of what He says. And that's the largest thing.

So I'm going to read you just a small section of this. It's so exciting. I can't read it.

I'll just keep going until I hit the book of Revelation. It's a really neat thing. Jesus is praying.

John 17 says, These words spoke Jesus. He lifted up His eyes and said, Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You.

As You have given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is life eternal, that they might know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I have glorified You on earth.

I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. Quick question. If you are about to die, would you be able to pray that prayer? I have finished the work which You gave Me to do.

And then He goes on. I'm going down now because He shifts from talking about what He's done to another group of people. And these are the disciples.

If I was God, I wouldn't have picked any of them. They really were a bunch of losers. The best one was this pretty sharp guy.

His name was Judas, but he didn't really make it that well. But most of them, they weren't like brilliant. Isn't that a strange thing that God will use people who are losers and nobodies and little to do marvellous things with them? I know there's that story of when Jesus rises and He goes back to heaven and the angels look at Him and say, He said, I've left, left the earth.

And they say, well, who's going to do the work? Oh, I've left people to do it. And they go, well, who have you got? The disciples. They look at Him and go, the disciples.

Do you have an alternative to those people? Have you got somebody else that might be able to do the work? You've got to understand them. Probably the most well-known one is Peter. Peter is the disciple with a foot-shaped mouth.

He's always opening his mouth and sticking his foot in it. He's the one that's constantly, Lord, I'll, you know, he just screws up time and time again. You remember the time when they're all on board and this terrible storm is coming and Jesus has left them.

He's out somewhere praying up in a mountain and they're all going to die. It's probably because before that, Jesus was on the boat when the storm hit and they didn't know what to do. It was just a terrible storm.

So they woke Him up and Jesus didn't go, Oh, why didn't you wake me earlier? He looks at them and they are terrified. These are people who have seen those weird Galilee Basin storms that suddenly hit, very dangerous, sort of those perfect storm things. And this is what Jesus does.

He walks to the side of the boat and He says a single word. In King James and other versions, it goes, Peace, be still. It looks like that.

Peace, be still. It's actually not like that at all. It's a single word.

You ever seen those, I don't know, television programs where they've always got some big scary dog? It's usually a Doberman or something and it's got these teeth like that. They have a thing, you put on things like that, it looks like an ice cream cone and made of sort of wire and you sort of snap it around the door and it doesn't matter. You can do that.

It can't open their mouth anymore. That is the word, Be muzzled. And that is the word that Jesus uses when He comes to the side of the boat and He shouts.

It's just like one single word. It's, And the storm goes, Sorry, we didn't know you were on the boat. Everything, and it calms out.

But do you remember what, Peter's got another perfect storm for some reason. There's always something in nature against you if you're doing something God wants you to do. Look at all the earthquakes and stuff.

I wonder what's going on in Christchurch at the moment. That's interesting to me. But this, Jesus is praying someplace and they're all going to die.

It's sure good that they didn't all die the first time. Can you imagine what it'd be like if Jesus the Messiah drowns when you're taking Him someplace and the Father says to you, What did you do with my son? And

you go, We lost Him. They lost Him.

Well, He, He drowned. Do you know how low hell must be for a person who drowns the Messiah before he has finished his business? You remember, Peter's there and he's terrified and right in the middle of that perfect storm again, it gets even worse because across the lake or from wherever they are, on the waves, comes this white figure. So they're not only going to die, they're going to die after being attacked by a ghost.

This is just the typical movie you see today. Some kind of frightening, haunting, Singapore hospital sort of movie. And Peter's out there and then they hear this voice, Don't be afraid.

It's I. And Peter goes, Who is I? It looks like Jesus. Normal people don't walk on water. And here He comes.

There's no boat. He's just walking. And then, sorry, this is Bless His Heart.

Bless His Heart is an American Southern expression which is a kind way of saying about somebody, What an idiot. He broke his foot. Bless his heart.

That thing there. He says this to Jesus, If that's really you, then you bid me come to you the way you're coming to me. And then one word, Come.

Now there's one thing to be cool when you've got strong arms and a long foot. Put one foot there and you can even touch as long as you've got the other foot in the boat. What if you've got two feet? You have to have great arms but maybe you could even do that.

And what if you took that hand off and have these two feet? Do you like that? You have to be really, really strong now. But when you take the last hand off, then you find out whether Jesus is God or not. And his feet come down.

Then he's doing it. He's walking out towards him and somewhere on the way he remembers a lecture they gave at the University of Babylon on relative densities. And suddenly he goes down and then the hand grabs him and says, You little faith, why do you doubt me? And then they're back on the boat.

I love Peter. He likes some of us, doesn't he? So here's what I found. This God, the God of Scripture, this is what he prays.

Now one of the questions I could have, I've got ten minutes to tell you all of this. Here's my question. When you become a Christian, why don't you just go straight to heaven? Now you're having a baptismal service.

You're lining people up to do it. What if they backslide? And then like two weeks later they screw up and go back into the world. A good thing to do would be have a baptismal service where you hold them under twice and only bring them out once.

And the last time they would never backslide again. You wouldn't make it to heaven but they would. And I was checking but the Lord said that isn't really biblical and so I had to leave that idea behind.

But here's Jesus' prayer. You'll see it there in John 17, 15. Strange statement.

Because a lot of people think that the way to be a real Christian is you've got to leave the world. They really believe that. And they also believe that without that you can't be a real Christian.

Do you know how many people may be sitting here today and you are still actually in the world and yet you're saved? But what if nobody's ever talked to you today about how can you live in the world without being worldly? And there's another side to it. I could call it how to be holy without living in a hole. So here's Jesus' prayer.

Really simple. It goes like this. I pray not that you should take them out of the world but that you should keep them from the evil.

Now go back to the original question. If you just went straight to heaven and avoid a lot of pressures. You think about the pressures and trials.

You get to live right away with people who love you in a place where there's no sin, no sickness, no evil and no death. That's a great introduction. The simple answer is this.

You still have something to do and Jesus doesn't want you to go yet. Far from you leaving the world, He is praying instead you will stay in it. And I know this.

Jesus' prayers are always answered. Now you're looking at a person who came from a total pagan background. I don't have a lovely Christian background so I say something here that is vaguely bothersome to you.

It's alright. For 50 years I've been saying stuff like that and I'm still alive owing to the grace of God. I don't have a religious background.

But that 17 year old got saved. I've got to tell you a little bit how this happened. My father and I go to this thing.

Here's this godly pastor. The band is playing and singing all their modern songs. Changed and converted.

We'll sing of how our Saviour changed our sinful lives. It's all the Everly Brothers. All these old songs.

And then he has a 30 minute clip of our Roberts praying for the sick. Close ups of people's huge all these things. You know people's eyes are like this.

You're seeing all this stuff. Then he has his own prayer line for everybody and prays for all of them. I'm there.

I'm in this. And then he preaches. And he preached a pretty short message.

And I came along for the very first time. My mother had got saved and it was kind of like a reverse version of the what do they call that movie now? That's when you come home to talk to your mother and it looks like your mother but something's happened to your mother. What do they call that movie again? They've had at least three of them so it must be an important thing.

I came back and my mother had run away left and came back and I watched my mother's whole life change. And she found this little street mission and she invited my father and I and we're sitting in between them. The pastor got up and he preached on everything wrong I'd ever done in my life.

I knew my mother had slipped him a note. Speak about these things. Kind of reverse of Santa Claus.

You can't tell you bad, you see. I was under conviction and then the pastor said this if you want to give your life to God and Jesus I want you to put your hand up. Now the nerd chemist who's embarrassed to talk to people that was the hardest thing in my life but I knew God was speaking to me so I put my hand up like this.

Now I didn't know this but my mother's eyes were open and she saw my hand go up. Now I thought later that's a bit rough because when you pray you're supposed to know certain things you have to hold you you know and all of it involved closed eyes and not looking at anything and there's... Mother saw me and she started just crying a little bit not... just little tears and then remember Dad's on the other side and she just dug Dad in the ribs and she said look what your son's doing but he was under conviction and he went oh ok and both of her hands went up and I got two new fathers on the same night.

I know what Jesus does he changes people and if you really really meet him there's a 180 shift in your life and it's not temporary at all it can go on and on and on and on now I'm actually out of time but I wanted to teach you one little song before you leave see I lost a...

I lost a... a brain not all of it thank God but the day after Christmas of this last year I had a... it's called a hemorrhagic aneurysm I didn't have a clot because I've got rid of clots but it blew a hole maybe my brain is working too much I don't know what my doctor of literature degree is in five subjects in the arts in the sciences in history in communications and in youth culture those are my doctorates so maybe it was working too but it blew a fuse it was like and I lost in one blowout no pain 50 years of nouns names for things I had this young man calling me to ask me questions about a computer I've built computers since the early 1970s I've built computers and he's asked me something he's talking to me for 10 minutes I don't even know I know what he's saying I can't answer him

like this when I gave my my wife had given to me she can barely spell computer so she gave it to me I couldn't remember her name we've been married 42 years I called her Levani which is the name of my sister who was the hula dancer I called my dear son Winky that's my name and for the next six months God has been restructuring my brain my son says I've got about 90% back of what I lost there is a big gap almost a quarter of the brain I can show you a picture but it might frighten you too much so I won't do it but it shocked even the surgeons they couldn't understand why this whole side of my body wasn't just paralyzed it seemed fine I didn't have any pain except I couldn't remember anything so pastor and I have a cool tie I bought this specially I only wear a tie about twice a year both

times in Singapore but anyway I couldn't remember what this was called I couldn't remember knife fork, spoon I couldn't remember the names of people of places of things of music or anything I've been doing a study on the miracles that Jesus has put in our lives when he the creator had made us so it's really kind of exciting things to learn and one of them I've been looking at is the brain and there is a cool book called this is your brain on music it's done by a person who is a neuroscientist as well as a musician he's also a music producer and he said that the brain can actually rewire because this side of the brain stores all the music this side stores the lyrics and I lost all the lyrics but not the music so I've relearned songs that I sang I had a band for three and a half years

before I got saved and my heroes in those days also got saved about the same time, Cliff Richard, Pat Boone some of these people and so a lot of the early songs we did and I sister acted a bunch of those songs going to sister act one for you and you're going to learn it too everybody is so cool at music here I'm

just going to have to feed this one to you all these kids know this if your parents don't, sad but what I found is this if you redo the thing you learned before obviously you can read the words and stuff the brain replaces not in there where it's gone other parts, just does this you might have used like this much of your brain you've got a whole bunch of other things you can put it in and the coolest thing is when it puts it back it not only puts back the lyrics, it puts back all

you were thinking of when you did that song you've got some lovely girlfriend, not your girls of course but you've got some girlfriend or boyfriend that you sang this song to they will come back into the thing, isn't that cool so I'm going to teach you a song and we'll finish my friend Tamara had been here she'd give you the most amazing worship chorus you've ever heard will go to 14 db's higher than anybody else can sing I'm just going to play you this one but you're going to have to learn it are you ready this is going to be your devotional before the pastor sends you off now by the way if you don't know Jesus I'm not going to give you an invitation now I'll do that tomorrow I'll show you how to give your life to God if you can't wait then come up we'll talk to you afterwards don't come

for counselling I'm a nerd chemist that got saved but here's what I want to we're going to learn this a very advanced song actually it wasn't written by the people who you know it but all the kids know it so this may help you wrong one, that's a good one too how about this one you ready I thought love was only just a fairy tale it was meant for someone else but not for me but grace was about to get me that's the way it seems Jesus love was sweeter than I dreamed than I saw his face now I'm a believer such love and grace holy catch of my mind I'm in love I'm a believer I couldn't leave him if I tried I thought love was only just a given thing you see the more I gave the less I got what's the use of trying all you get is pain when I needed sunshine I got rain then I touched his grace now

I'm a believer not a trace of doubt in my mind I'm in love I'm a believer I couldn't leave him if I tried grace was out to get me that's the way it seems Jesus love was sweeter than I dreamed than I touched his grace now I'm a believer not a trace of doubt in my mind I'm in love I'm a believer I couldn't leave him if I tried ah thank you here is the donkey it is true scientifically we are told we use less than 10% of our brains most people use less than 10% of their brains And when you pray in tongues, you actually activate those parts of the brain that are not used.

You actually activate the dormant parts of your brain. Did you know that? That's why God gives us tongues, so that we use more of our brains. It is true! We need it! So when you pray in tongues, you can become more creative, that's why you can have revelation, that's why you can have freshness of spirit, you know? Because we don't use enough of our brains.

God has tricked us to use more of our brains. Get baptized in the Spirit and speak. So you become smarter, alright? And God can talk to you and understand a bit more.

I'm catching the same spirit, it's terrible. Influential man he is, isn't it? Come on, let's give thanks to Jesus. And if you haven't got a copy of the Revival Bible, if you're a church leader, if you bought a copy, we're going to refund you whatever you paid.

So let our staff know. But if you're not a ministry leader, become one. But you've got to wait six months before you get yours, okay? You've got to serve for six months.

Hard labor, and then we give you one Revival Bible. But it's worth it, you know? So go and get one, and it will really bless you. Okay, let's do the blessing song as we close.

Thank you, Jesus. To shine upon you And be gracious to you And be gracious unto you The Lord lift up His countenance on you And give you peace And be gracious, and be gracious to you And be gracious unto you The Lord lift up His countenance on you And give you peace And be gracious, and be gracious to you

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