

Standing at the gates of heaven, and God asks you "Why should I let you in?" What do you reply?

This doozy of a question surely put my reflective cap on, and I thought why not prompt you to do the same?

Hmm...you thinking about your answer yet? Making a list, taking stock? We all should, I suppose, because we should strive to be good and decent. But the ticket in, turns out, has nothing to do with how good or bad we've been. No one makes it up there based solely on their goodness. Nope, we are justified by faith apart from our deeds. I was enlightened by this recently when doing some reading, and I got so happy. I mean, I'm a sinner, but my faith is strong and alive in me, and knowing that is the golden ticket gives me comfort. I have a good chance, I think! It is important to me – – I want, no, I need, to also see those who are already there.

So my answer to "Why should I let you in?" Well, if for no other reason, because I have placed my hope, trust and complete faith in Jesus. And He said, Lord, that you'd let me in. And for that, today and always, I am thankful.

Believe it folks! Faith matters. What are you thankful for today?

Until next Thursday's post...si Dios quiere.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." -Ephesians 2:8-9

"Very often people come to me and say: "Do you think we shall know each other in Heaven?" Very often it is a mother who has lost a dear child, and who wishes to see it again. Sometimes it is a child who has lost a mother, a father; and who wants to recognize them in Heaven. There is a verse in Scripture in answer to this, and that is: "We shall be satisfied" (Psalm 17:15). It is all I want to know. My brother who went up there the other day I shall see, because I shall be satisfied. We will see all those we loved on Earth up there, and if we loved them here, we will love them ten thousand times more when we meet them there. *–Dwight L. Moody* 

"...a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law." -Romas 3:28

"There was only one guy in the whole Bible Jesus ever personally promised a place with him in Paradise. Not Peter, not Paul, not any of those guys. He was a convicted thief, being executed."

-N. Gasman



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