

A Biblical Perspective of Rule 12 (b)(6):
“Don’t Have Your Case Before the Almighty Dismissed
for the Failure to State a Claim upon Which Relief Can be Granted!”

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Have you ever wished that you can see a person again after they die? Have you ever wondered if there is really a Heaven and/or Hell – or if God is really real? Have you ever wondered how to get into Heaven? The death of a loved one often makes us think of such questions. If you’ve ever pondered any of these questions, and in Lila’s honor, read on for an explanation for the legally minded!

For many, faith is a personal matter. For Christians like Lila and me, our beliefs are based upon what the Bible teaches. When a person loses a cherished loved one like Lila through death, of course there is a desire to see him or her again! Based upon what the Bible teaches, this is possible! Christians believe that when a person dies who has professed faith in Jesus Christ (that is, that while alive on earth they had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and believed that He is the son of God who died for their sins) that their spirit continues to live on in Heaven. We believe that others who also have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ will some day see them again in Heaven!

So the questions remain, “How does one get into Heaven?” “How can you see Lila and your other loved ones who have passed on from this life again?” – Does being a good and wonderful person do it? What about having one’s good deeds outweigh the bad? Actually, good works have nothing to do with it and people don’t get into Heaven for “good behavior.” In fact, there is a danger of thinking that one gains entry into Heaven based upon good works! According to Eph. 2:8, salvation is only granted by the grace of God for belief in Jesus Christ. Thus, by way of analogy, even if you list all of your good works in a complaint (petition) and present them to God in a lawsuit seeking entry into Heaven, and He takes those facts to be true as required by Federal Rule 12 (b)(6), you will still be denied admission into Heaven! It is only by accepting the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ that men might be saved! Don’t be dismissed from God’s presence! Those who are dismissed by God will spend eternity away from Him and in Hell. Indeed, the Bible does teach that Hell is a real place! Without salvation through Jesus Christ your dismissal will be with prejudice, with no chance of appeal! God’s is the highest court!

So what should you do to ensure that you too will go to Heaven and avoid going to Hell? Follow biblical precedence for the entry into Heaven! There are several Scriptures that provide the details of how to accept Christ. The texts in the Bible are much like statutory law: if you do what is prescribed, then you get the benefit of the law! God’s law says in Romans 10:9-11, “That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.” As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

This text is simply instructing you how to receive salvation! Prayer is not magical, it’s relational! If you really believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, just tell God the Father in Heaven through a prayer! Don’t delay or put it off! When a person is young and getting his or her career path established, one might assume that a long life will follow and all the dreams in view will materialize. Unfortunately, none of us knows how many days we have ahead of us! Like Lila, our health can fail us at any moment and without notice. Thus, if you desire to go to Heaven and want a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, tell God the Father now (via a prayer) that you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins and that He raised Jesus from the dead. Thank Him for your salvation and tell Him that you would like to receive the free gift of salvation! According to the text in the book of Romans, there will be no need for a jury! No Allen Charge will have to be issued to force a decision! You will be saved! It’s God’s promise! You have nothing to lose by not accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Savior except your soul! As with other cases, a dismissal with prejudice is the death knell!

This is what Lila believed and we as Christians believe! Her Christian beliefs were such an important part of her life. Wouldn’t it be special if you arrive in Heaven because through these words shared in her honor you come to believe? Even if you choose not to believe or have other beliefs, I respect that (as I am sure Lila would have) but now at least you understand a bit better what Lila believed and what was such a large part of her life. Blessings and peace to you in her honor and warm wishes for a prosperous New Year!