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Crimson & White? What's this?

It started with 37 college students. in 1998. Now, in the 25th year of issues, less than 10% of the mailing list are "students" ages 14 to 24. About 40% are ... we'll just say "over 30" in the database, including several 80+ers. About 1/3 of our over ~900 print copies go into prisons in 24 states (9/1/21 count), a direction we never expected this to go. But "the spiritual life," and values are not age or marital status or gender or life situational specific, they are universal. -- Topics are character, values, spiritual life - "walk the walk, not just talk the talk" - relationships and more ... and some fun.

The theology position is "conservative," i.e. Jesus is God's only Son, eternal, born of a virgin, sinless, crucified, died, and risen, and is the only way to eternal life. We are free to choose Him. He has told us to be holy and that includes behaviors such as: sex outside of marriage is wrong. Jesus said it comes down to 'love God and love your neighbor' (Matthew 22:37-40).

If you base your trust for entrance into Heaven in Jesus, God's Son, and His death and resurrection on your behalf, then your crimson stains are made white as wool. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. There is no other way (John 14:6). If you admit that you can not reach God's standard, are repentant and sorry for your short fall (sin) and rebellion against Him and have asked Him to forgive you, then He has forgiven you. If you are truly repentant, then there will be evidence of that in your actions, your life. - - If the "religion police" were to arrest you, would you be turned loose for "lack of evidence"? Or would the evidence of your actions convict you of being a Christian?

You WILL BE and ARE a slave! But you can CHOOSE your master! CHOOSE God today. John 3:16 is true. Accept no substitute!

If you have chosen to accept Jesus as Lord of your life, either the first time or again, we would like to know so that we can pray for you and encourage you. Write or call us.

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Just For Your Information

By Dr. Richard R. Dymmel, Ed.D., (c) 2023

We get asked, "Just what does it cost to do what you do?" So here goes ... The last issue went like this ... Printing 840 double-sided copies: \$104.00 (12c ea) - NonProfit Bulk Mail bill: \$65.45 for 340 copies including 143 prison inmates in 21 states (19.25c ea) - email: **\$0.00!** [yes!] to 19 churches to make copies + 42 individuals in Australia to Sweden (and a couple in the USA) - Snail-mail packets to prison chaplains, 278, for inmates and 135 to businesses for their counter for their customers, that's 413: \$61.65 - Total for v26n01 was \$231.10. Plus C&WC does about \$1700+ in helping people, so that adds up to over \$3000 a year. USPS has raised postage a little since the Jan. issue.

And who pays for all that? -- C&WM has a small group of supporters that help us with the bills. Marie's mom died in 2022, she had put in \$100 a month, as do two others. And there are a couple that contribute about a hundred a year; and a couple more send a small check; and Rich mows a neighbor's lawn and she writes her checks to C&WM, that was \$1400 in 2022. And Rich & Marie pay the rest. **You could help.** ALL donations are greatly appreciated. And they are tax deductible. And, you can be part of telling these messages to almost a thousand people and change lives!

"Ancient of Days" ...

Have you ever wondered about some of the phrases in the Bible? Or some of the names of/for God?

We sang this song (8/21/2022) in worship today. I wonder how many people knew where the phrase / name of God, "the Ancient of Days," comes from and what it means.

So, I sort of had the idea, but decided to do a little research using my "old" Bible multi-translation and commentary software, and the internet for the lyrics. - Here's what we sang ... and then are references to the 3 times the title "Ancient of days" occurs in the Bible.

In Daniel 7:9, 13, & 22 are the only uses of that "name of God" in the Bible.

Here's the lyrics to what we sang ...

Ancient of Days

CityAlight, Track 3 on Yet Not I

<https://genius.com/Cityalight-ancient-of-days-lyrics>

[Verse 1]

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall

There is still one King reigning over all

So I will not fear for this truth remains:

That my God is, the Ancient of Days

[Chorus]

None above Him, none before Him

All of time in His hands

For His throne it shall remain and ever stand

All the power, all the glory

I will trust in His name

For my God is, the Ancient of Days

[Verse 2]

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul

He is here with me, I am not alone

O His love is sure, and He knows my name

For my God is, the Ancient of Days

[Chorus]

None above Him, none before Him

All of time in His hands

For His throne it shall remain and ever stand

All the power, all the glory

I will trust in His name

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For my God is, the Ancient of Days

[Interlude]

[Bridge]

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Savior King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

[Chorus]

In the Bible ...

You can look it up in your favorite translation. Sometimes a different translation yields just a bit of clarity ... Here's a couple translations of Daniel 7:9

ASV: I beheld till thrones were placed, and one that was ancient of days did sit: ...

NCV: As I looked, thrones were put in their places, and God, who has been alive forever [my emphasis], sat on his throne. ...

KJV: I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, ...

TLB: I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient of Days — the Almighty God [my emphasis] — sat down to judge. ...

YLT: I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient of Days—the Almighty God [my emphasis] — sat down to judge.

What does the Bible say about ancient of days?

Ancient of Days: Bible Verses. Daniel 7:9 - "As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. Daniel 7:13-14 - "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.

He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

<https://www.compellingtruth.org/Ancient-of-Days.html>

What does God's title Ancient of Days mean?

.... Based on these three passages, the Ancient of Days is a clear reference to Deity, but in what ways? The idea appears to refer to God being from the beginning or from of old. This sounds very similar to what we find in Psalm 90:2 that God is "from everlasting to everlasting" or Isaiah 44:6 that refers to God as "the first and ... the last." The overall idea is one referring to the eternality of God, an attribute unique only to the Lord as the Supreme Being or Ancient of Days.

Some scholars also suggest that the concept of Ancient of Days refers to God existing before or prior to the existence of days. If so, this would agree with what is found in the first verse of the Bible that declares, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). This opening is followed by God's creative work in six days and rest on the seventh. The first day of creation included the creation of light and the separation of light from darkness into day and night (Genesis 1:5). The Ancient of Days existed prior to these days of creation, existing literally as the Ancient of Days.

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Always has been, always will be. - Eternity past to eternity future. - Before "time" began until after "time" ends.

We are not human beings that are having a spiritual experience, we are spiritual beings having a human experience.

"St. Patrick" was NOT Irish. He was captured in England; taken to Ireland as a slave/prisoner. He escaped back to England. Schooled, he returned to Ireland to introduce Christianity there.

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Tell a friend! Download and print witness postcards.**

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



The pursuit of God... make sure you are on the right mountain. I believe sincerely climbing the wrong mountain will be a tragic mistake. THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD, ONE WAY TO HEAVEN

Share with someone

Giving a friend a copy of this letter and asking them if they would like to get it too, is an easy way of witnessing and starting a conversation about God.

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Becoming a Christian: A-B-C

A – Admit that you're a sinner. You just can't meet God's standard. The Bible says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 (also see 1 John 1:8).

B – Believe that Jesus was the Son of God and died in your place, took the punishment for you. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world (that includes you) that he gave His only begotten son (that's Jesus) that whosoever (that's you again) believes in Him should not perish (that's saved from eternal death, Hell) but have eternal life (given eternal life with God, that's "salvation" or to "be saved")." John 3:16

C – Confess your sin to God. – The Bible says, "If we confess (own up to) our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleans us..." 1John 1:9.

Want Jesus in your life? Pray this prayer: "Lord Jesus, I confess to You my sin and need to be saved. I turn away from my old sin and place my trust and faith in You as the only way to be saved." Now contact your pastor, or contact us at 1-336-674-7564 or Rdymmel@AOL.com, and say, "I just asked Jesus to be my Lord."

Whatever your lot in life... build something on it.

A publication so dangerous it now comes with a warning label

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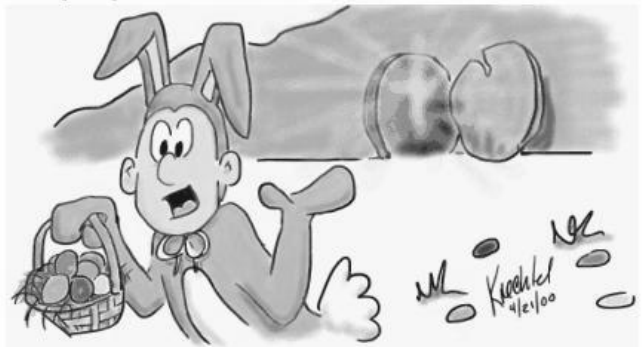
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While the hopping and hiding are fun...please... don't lose the message of Hope from His rising! born again to a living hope through the resurrection 1 Pet 1:3

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CSI EMPTY TOMB – Grave Robbery or Risen Savior. Fact: Stone rolled away from entrance. Fact: Grave site guards missing. Fact: Burial clothes folded neatly Fact: No signs of tampering. Fact: Jesus body is missing.

Easter is one of the critical turning points of Christianity. So, like on CSI, examine the evidence. — Jesus claimed to be one with God, deity. He has to either be who he said... or he has to be one of the craziest lunatics that ever lived... or it's all just a myth.

... He can't be "a good man," "a good teacher," or "a man of good ideas and principles," and be a raving lying lunatic, too.

Many people have believed it all. Enough to die for it. There is historical evidence. But it really comes down to your personal decision to believe it.

What if you believe and follow and it's not true? Then whatever does happen after this life happens anyway. What if you DON'T believe it... and it IS true? ... Eternity is an awful long time. Be sure you're right. It's your choice to believe it or not.

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