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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.

Apr 14, 2023 - v26n03 "Passion Week" ...

Have you ever wondered about some of the phrases in the Bible? Or some of the names of/for God? Or, maybe some of the "connections" in the Bible? Or maybe why Easter moves around on the calendar.

Amazing... the Bible is a collection of 66 books, written by 40 authors, over 2000 years ... yet is consistent and unified in it's message. For example... our Pastor used Exodus 14 to teach about Easter last Sunday. ... Huh?!

When we moved from Michigan to North Carolina in 1985, among MANY new things we were introduced to ... was "Maundy Thursday" just before Good Friday and Easter. -- Do you know what "Maundy" Thursday is?

Back up. -- Easter is (obviously) the celebration of Jesus walking out of the tomb after dying on a Roman crucifixion cross. - a BRUTAL punishment. - It is the fundamental event that separates Christianity from other religions. -- Mohammed died and you can go to his tomb (or whatever) and the same for all other "religions." But Jesus, the Christ, raised himself after being certified dead (in the tomb and rose from the dead on the third day) and was seen and recorded as being seen alive by hundreds of people. -- It was believed that by the 3rd day the spirit will have left the body and you are "officially dead" and not just in a coma or whatever.

"Easter" moves on the calendar because it is based on Passover on the Jewish lunar (moon) calendar.

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/passover> "Passover commemorates the story of the Israelites' departure from ancient Egypt, which appears in the Hebrew Bible's books of Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, among other texts." - That's the story in Exodus 14.

Israel had gone down to Egypt because Egypt had food and they didn't. Then they stayed there... and became slaves of the Egyptians. God picks Moses to get Israel away from Egypt and to the land God has chosen and promised to them. - To escape Egypt God sends plagues on Egypt and each time Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, the strongest ruler in the WORLD at that time, wouldn't let them leave.

Then the 10th plague. -- The Israelites are to dress to travel. They are to kill and roast a year old perfect lamb (or goat) and eat it. The blood is to be smeared on the door post and the lintel over the door. That night, the 'death angel' will go through Egypt killing the first born male in EVERY household in Egypt ... EXCEPT where it sees the blood around the door of the Israel homes. (Are you getting the connections to "the lamb" and "the blood" - Jesus is the "Lamb of God" and the "sacrifice" and the "shed blood"?)

- That is told in Exodus chapter 14. - Then Israel heads out the next day. They were "passed over" by the "death angel."

So they walk out of town. And Pharaoh changes his mind. Why should he let his massive, free labor force, just LEAVE?! SO Israel is walking East and get to the Red Sea. (It's like over 2000' deep. How can they get across and leave Egypt? And behind them now is Pharaoh with his army of soldiers and chariots. - TRAPPED! 'We're all gonna all DIE!' - Moses says head for the sea. He strikes the water with his stick, and the water separates. They walk across on dry ground, the Bible says. And after they cross, the army follows them. And then when Pharaoh's army is on the dry path across the sea, the walls of water on both sides come crashing in on them and is drowned!!

Josh, our pastor, explained that the Hebrew word in Exodus for the "wall" of water

on the left and right is the same as a “wall” around a city; like maybe 20 feet tall or more! They had not walked through a “marsh” or a “swamp.” -- WAY back in 2008, my cousin sent me a link to a couple articles complete with pictures of chariot wheels, etc. Too much detail for me to include here. My file on this expedition is 19 pages.

“Confirmation of the actual Exodus route has come from divers finding coral-encrusted bones and chariot remains in the Gulf of Aqaba . ONE of the most dramatic records of Divine intervention in history is the account of the Hebrews’ exodus from Egypt .

The subsequent drowning of the entire Egyptian army in the Red Sea was not an insignificant event, and confirmation of this event is compelling evidence that the Biblical narrative is truly authentic.”

The article also mentions that since their findings, Egypt has banned all research in that area. THAT is what Passover is all about. - So... what else goes with that?

Israel celebrates Passover - along with MANY other feasts and celebrations - to ‘remember’ their history. - In a way, like most of us celebrate lots of things to remember our history. ... Birthdays, wedding anniversary, holidays like Christmas, Easter, 4th of July, etc., etc.

So now we come to “Maundy Thursday.” - We never heard of it until we moved “south.” - “Good Friday” is the ‘crucifixion day.’ Easter is ‘Resurrection Day.’ So what is ‘maundy Thursday’?!

{<https://www.umc.org/en/content/where-does-maundy-thursday-get-its-name>}

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, is a Christian observance in the United States. It is the day before Good Friday and takes place during Holy Week. It commemorates Jesus Christ’s last

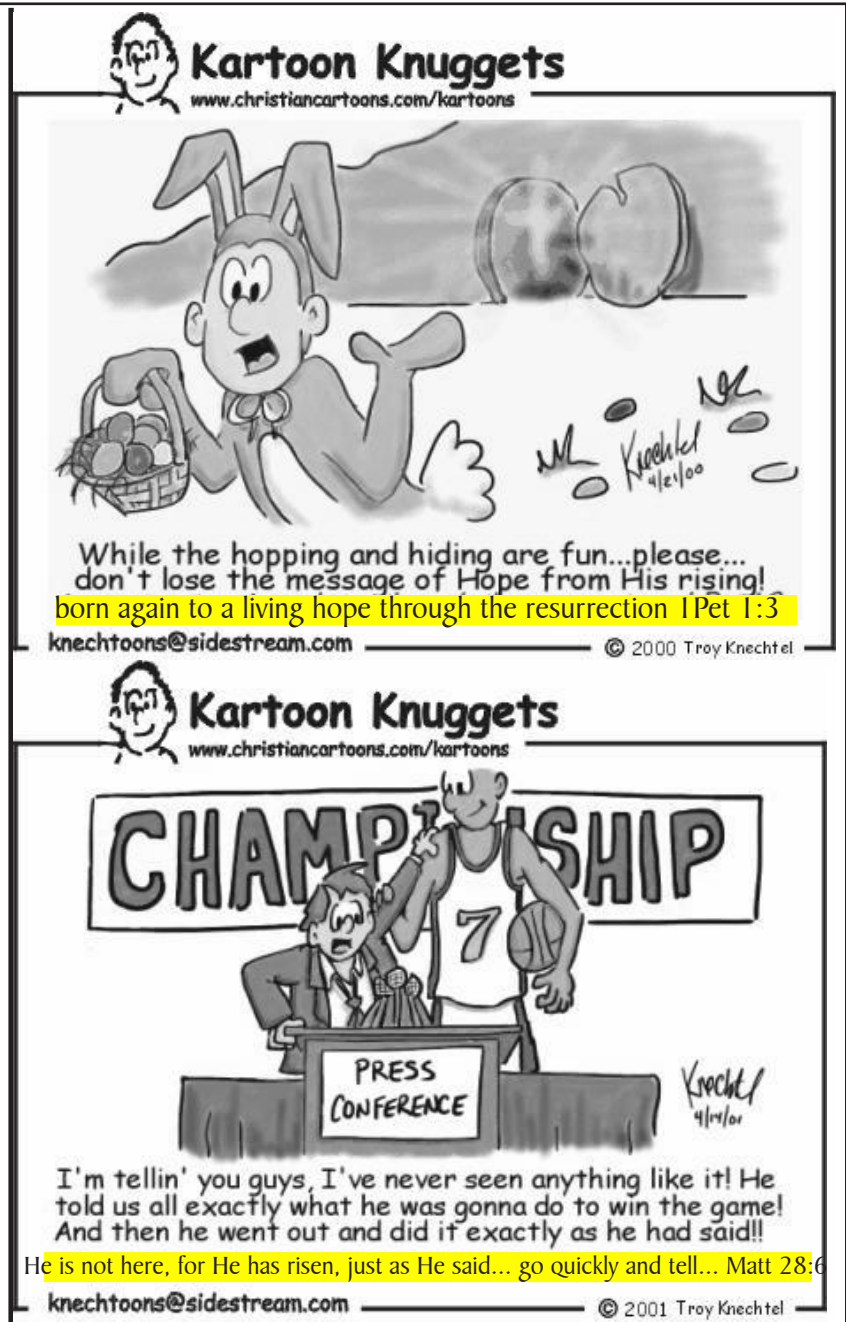
supper and the initiation of Holy Communion (the Eucharist), observed in many Christian churches.

The name “Maundy Thursday” is derived from the Latin word *mandatum* meaning “commandment” [or mandate]. The primary commandment of Jesus’ message is found in the story of the Last Supper when Jesus humbles himself to wash the feet of his apostles prior to the traditional Passover meal, or Seder.

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The origin of the phrase goes all the way back to the events leading up to Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection.

While in Jerusalem to observe Passover, Jesus



gathered his disciples and washed their feet, teaching the disciples – and all of us – to serve others.

“A new commandment, I give to you,” Jesus said: “to love one another as I have loved you.” [John 13:34, ASV, KJV, NKJV, TLB, ESV]

The Latin word for commandment is “*mandatum*,” which became “Maundy” in English. This is why English-speaking countries call this day “Maundy Thursday”

So that is my “teacher” lesson for you today.

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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witness postcards.**

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



FOR SALE – Single owner tomb. Only used three days, and still has that new tomb smell. Reason for sale.. resident was resurrected.

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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