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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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## Jan 28, 2024 - v27n01 - "Storms" ...

Several things to start MY new year off. ... (1) This starts the 27th year of sending out this "letter." (2) I (Rich) have taken TWO falls - in the garage, head first into the steps, then, down onto the concrete floor. Both of those landed me in the Emergency Room at the hospital. The second one has has followup appointments with doctors. - Enough. - The 3rd was a radio program. Marie was driving, I started taking a few notes.

"You never have to be afraid of His storms." --- My storms were events that landed me in the E.R. The good that comes out of that ... 'My story' is that God knew I was going to get involved in a 'project' that would put boxes of stuff in our garage for someone else, and I would catch the corner of a box with my toe, and I would go down face-first into the steps. So, 12 years ago He brought my mother-in-law to live with us; about age 85 at the time, I think. We had the 3 brick regular steps with sharp brick edges covered with small wood 3-inch steps with rounded edges. I didn't break my skull, (hitting the brick could have been deadly) but my face did get pretty bruised up. I looked like I'd 'lost the fight.

My second fall landed me in the ER again, the MRI of my shoulder looked pretty bad. Then 2 doctors offices. and they don't want to do major surgery, both think maybe some physical therapy will strengthen what's left of my shoulder. The second doctor visit, the next day, was at the local Veterans Administration clinic. They said the same and will do the physical therapy, AND neuropathy therapy, and Tai chi (from Wikipedia: tai chi has practitioners worldwide and is particularly popular as a form of gentle exercise and moving meditation, with benefits to mental and physical health).

I look at that as He getting me into treatment to give me better balance. AND through the VA, it's at <u>no cost</u>, compared to paying. -- Roughly 6 months ago, a friend said, 'You should check with the VA. The Army just admitted to using Agent Orange not only in Vietnam but also in South Korea. You were there in 69 and 70, right? -- THAT got me started with the VA over the last 4 or so months. - Sometimes He arranges decades in advance for our needs

SO.. I look at all this as God KNEW, over 50 years ago that all this would happen and He arranged my protection and treatments for my EVENTUAL GOOD/BENEFIT.

Now back to the radio preacher...

'A storm can be because of your sin. - Consequences. - A storm can be to put you on a right course.' - In MY case I think He is protecting me, and then steering me to a resource that will be beneficial - At my age, doctors and all that can get a bit expensive. Now, and forward, the VA will take care of a LOT of those expenses for us.

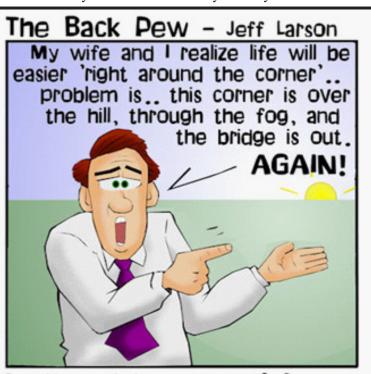
Maybe you have storms. On our webpage is a 'draft' of a book about one of my Math students at a university. She made choices that led her far down the path of drugs and alcohol. After several rehabs... she ODed again, 10 days after she turned 29 she died. Just a couple weeks before that she accepted Jesus at her kitchen table with me. We had stayed in touch for about 10 years through the C&WC and occasional emails. Her last words to me were, "We have to write my story so others won't make the same stupid choices I did." Her story / book can be accessed at <a href="https://www.CrimsonWhite.org">www.CrimsonWhite.org</a>. On the opening page is a link for the story / book, "I COULD BE THE POSTER CHILD" FOR WHAT NOT TO DO IN COLLEGE, DON'T DO ALCOHOL, DON'T DO DRUGS" Her dad asked me to do a eulogy at her memorial service, that's at the end of the book,

Even prison... Over 300 copies of the C&WC go into prisons in 22 states. 2 inmates are 'lifers' that lead Bible studies now... that I know of... and at least one more that changed his life and his eternity in prison. That's where they met Jesus.

. Matthew 14 - Jesus saw them in their storm on Galilee. ... And calmed the storm. In the storm, He's praying for YOU, He will come for you.

Exodus 14:21 the wind blew all night... to make a path for them. Jesus will come to you (but we often don't recognize Him).

Romans 8:28(KJV):..we know that all things work together for good to them that love God So that is my "teacher" lesson for you today.



Does life ever feel this way to you? Remember in these times. Romans 8:28

Do you have a relationship with God where you know He has accepted you just as you are? A relationship like with a loving father? If not, call me at 336-908-3652.;or call 1-888-NEED-HIM; or call your Chaplain or Pastor. – With God, you have never gone too far to return.

Romans 8:28(KJV):...we know that all things work together for good to them that love God NIV: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,... *The Message*: That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

#### BEST POEM IN THE WORLD

I was shocked, confused, bewildered As I entered Heaven;s door, Not by the beauty of it all, Nor the lights or its decor

But it was the folks in Heaven Who made me sputter and gasp --

The thirves, the liars, the sinners, The alcoholics and the trash,

There stood the kid from seventh grade Who swiped my lunch money twice.

Next to him was my neighbor Who never said anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought Was rotting away in hell. Was sitting pretty on cloud nine Looking pretty well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal? I would love to hear your take.

How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake.

'And why is everyone so quiet, So somber - give me a clue.'

'Hush, child,' He said, 'They're all in shock. No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

#### JUDGE NOT!!

Remember... Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car. Or eating a BigMac at McDonalds makes you a cheeseburger.

Every saint has a PAST...

Every sinner has a FUTURE!

Now it's your turn... Share this poem.

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil ... it has no point!



In their 35 years as neighbors on Earth, Arnie and Bart never knew they were both Christians, FUNNY isn't it? Do your neighbors know what you believe?

#### 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

 $\mathbf{A}$  – 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).

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**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 1-336-908-3652 or RDymmel@AOL.com, and say, "I just asked Jesus to be my Lord."

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#### Frog + Time + Chance = a Prince

In science, this is called evolution. In literature, this is called a fairy tale.

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If you have been tempted into evil, fly from it. It is not falling into the water, but lying in it, that drowns. --

[You can choose to stay or get up or out.] Author Unknown

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