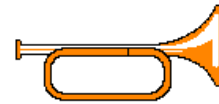


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Merry Christmas!

Whichever masthead you're familiar with, "Crimson & White Connection," or "The Rebel Bugle," which has been our family Christmas card since 1985, we are ...

*Wishing you a most joyous Holiday,
and the Peace and Joy of the King of Kings
Rich & Marie Dymmel*

Christmas Joy

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This issue wraps up the 27th year of distributing the **Crimson & White Connection**. And it is the 38th issue of the **Christmas Rebel Bugle**. (We skipped one year since moving to N.C. in 1985, and we really heard about that.)

Oh, you'll find Christmas in here, but I just really feel like having some fun, so you'll find a lot of "Santa" in here... just for fun. ... And Santa Claus is about gifts. And Christmas is about the biggest gift ever ... ever in the history of the world. You can find the "Christmas story" starting in Matthew 1:18 and in Luke 1 and 2. -- Want the short version? For those of you like me, ADHD, short attention span and all that... here it is in one verse, in one sentence (John 3:16), three translations:

(KJV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(New Century) God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life.

(The Message) This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life.

"Not be lost." It's like God created the ultimate GPS. It's better than On-Star or my Magellan or Maps on my phone or Google Maps. If you're like me, my GPS has, a couple times, taken me to the wrong place - lost - or simply can't find the destination. "Lost" is terrible! "Perish" and "destroyed" is even worse! But we can instead find and have a "whole and lasting life." -- God so loved the world, you, me, that he gave us a gift. -- C.S. Lewis wrote: "The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God."

Oh? What would I like for Christmas? A note from you that says, "I accepted the gift of life in Jesus" would be the most perfect gift anyone could give us.

Well ... we wish you a "Super-Duper-Merry Christmas ... with Jesus this year." (That's a line from a Christmas song from back around 2005.)

In Christ, Rich

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 336-674-7564. Or call 1-888-NEED-HIM. -- With God, you have never gone too far to return.

In Christ, Rich Tried to edit phone number to 336-908-3652.

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?

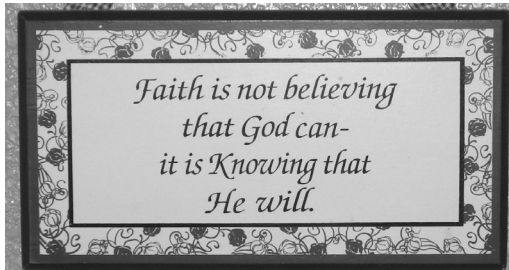
You WILL BE and ARE a slave! But you can CHOOSE your master! CHOOSE God today. John 3:16 is true. Accept no substitute!

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.

Another thought...

A example of “Faith”

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.... What is ‘faith’? Here’s one example:

As we are hurtling along at 525 mph ... on our way home, zooming through the upper levels of the atmosphere, over 5 miles off the ground; on our flight West, we were at close to 6 miles high. ... The captain said there was turbulence at higher levels, so he was flying lower so it would be a smoother flight, even though it would consume a little more fuel ... (Which raises a question... Why do planes get better fuel mileage at higher altitudes?) I am looking forward through the “main cabin” (as the head flight attendant said, and I wonder “main cabin? Is there a ‘secondary’ cabin on this plane?” overactive, hyperactive (ADHD?) mind ...) and thinking, here I am putting my life in the hands of some guy (probably) that I have never met, can’t see or talk to because he has barricaded himself behind that locked cockpit door, and he’s controlling this pressurized aluminum tube at 500+ mph 5 miles in the sky. That is faith and trust.

Can you see the spiritual comparison?

Do we trust God enough to put our lives in His hands? How about your career? Your love life? I feel He communicates with us, indirectly in many ways, directly through some people at times, and sometimes very directly and personally, like God calling Samuel 3: 1-10. (I won’t tell you my personal stories of “voices,” it will just convince some of you that I’m a little more than “strange.”) Listen. Trust.

Christmas words [reprint from 12/8/2012]

As the choir was practicing the Christmas music the other evening, and as our church “does Advent stuff,” as we sang, and as I was thinking of a few people that we’d invite to come and hear us, and just in general as people listen to “church music,” especially this time of year, it occurred to me that some people might not know what a few of the words meant. So I decided to assemble this, a couple “Christmas words” and what they mean.

Selah... (means: Pause and meditate on that)

Have a great day and a fantastic forever.

Rich

ad•vent ‘ædvənt[ad-vent] noun

1. a coming into place, view, or being; arrival: the advent of the holiday season.
2. (usually initial capital letter) the coming of Christ into the world.
3. (initial capital letter) the period beginning four Sundays before Christmas, observed in commemoration of the coming of Christ into the world.

Origin: 1125–75; Middle English < Latin *adventus* arrival, approach, equivalent to *ad-* *ad-* + *ven-* (stem of *venire* to come) + *-tus* suffix of verbal action

Synonyms: onset, beginning, commencement, start.

World English Dictionary - *advent* (‘ædvənt, -vənt) — n
an arrival or coming, esp one which is awaited [from Latin *adventus*, from *advenire*, from *ad-* to + *venire* to come]

Hallelujah, halleluiah or alleluia (or halleluyah)

interjection 1. Praise ye the Lord! Hebrew *halālūyāh* praise ye Yahweh; [from Hebrew *hallelūyāh* praise the Lord, from *hallel* to praise + *yāh* the Lord, Yahweh] from Heb. *hallalu-yah* “praise Jehovah,” from *hallalu*, pl. imper. of *hallel* “to praise” also “song of praise,” from *hillel* “he praised,” of imitative origin, with primary sense being “to trill.” Second element is *yah*, shortened form of Yahweh, name of God. (www.dictionary.com)

Praise ye Jehovah, frequently rendered “Praise ye the Lord,” stands at the beginning of ten of the Psalms (Ps. 106, 111-113, 135, 146—150), hence called “hallelujah psalms.” From its frequent occurrence it grew into a formula of praise. (Easton’s Bible Dictionary)

HALLELUJAH (Hal lih lew jah) Exclamation of praise that recurs frequently in the Book of Psalms meaning, “Praise Yahweh!” (Holman Bible Dictionary).

The name of God, Yahweh, was so revered, so sacred, that they wouldn’t speak it. To speak His name amounted to being able to tell God what to do, or to summon Him, like other people did with their gods. The Hebrews served their God; their God didn’t serve them. *Hallelu* is “praise to.” And the *yah* or *jah* is a shortened form of Yahweh. So together it means “praise to God.” In writing copies of manuscripts of the O.T. (as I recall being told/taught), when they got to where they were to write the name of God, they would stop, wash, take a new pen, write the name, stop, destroy the pen, wash, and take a new pen to continue writing.

Emanuel - **IMMANUEL** (Im man’ ew ehl) Personal name meaning, “God with us.” Name of son to be born in Isaiah’s prophecy to King Ahaz (Isa. 7:14) and fulfilled in birth of Jesus (Matt. 1:22-23). (Holman Bible Dictionary) (Easton’s Bible Dictionary)

Gloria, or **Glory** – Abundance, wealth, treasure, and hence honour ... Honour, dignity of the mind or heart ... Splendour, brightness, majesty; of Jehovah (Easton’s Bible Dictionary)

Noel - another word for Christmas. from French, from Latin *nātālis* a birthday (dictionary.com)

Why is Jesus called the **Lamb**? - Because a perfect lamb was the sacrifice made for sin. in the O.T. God provided Jesus, perfect, to be the sacrifice for you and me. He paid a price He didn’t owe, to pay a debt we couldn’t pay.

