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... A Reason to Hope ...

By Paula McBride

A favorite event of my childhood was the arrival of Grandma's Christmas box. Grandma lived far away in Louisiana where she thoughtfully selected and carefully wrapped special gifts for each family member. Because she couldn't travel to California, she packed the gifts in a large box and mailed it in plenty of time to beat the seasonal rush. We never had to wonder if the gifts would come. Our grandmother proved her faithfulness by never letting us down even if the wait seemed long.

In the first century, the Jews had been waiting a long time for the promised Messiah. Did they have reason to hope for the fulfillment of promises from the past? They hadn't heard from God in four hundred years. Yet, based on the faithfulness of His character and His past performance in the lives of His children, at the perfect time in history--God sent His gift, the Christ of the manger. Now--today--in Jesus we have reason to hope.

"Hope for what?" you might say. Hope that the Forty-Niners will win more games this season? Hope that I have enough money to buy presents for the kids? Hope that I'll have a job after December? Hope that I get well, or that he doesn't get sick? The word hope used this way really means "wish".

Hope for Christians is much more;



it is a future certainty grounded in a present reality. What is our present reality? Reality is that God created all things to be good, but man is broken because he tries to do things his own way. Reality is that God loved us so much that He sent His Son into the world to put us back together again. Reality is that through the death of Jesus for the sin of mankind, broken man can be made completely new. Reality is Immanuel, God with us.

In His Word, God gives us example upon example of how His children reached the future for which they hoped. The Israelites were led out of slavery, Hannah had a baby, Ruth found a husband, Daniel and his friends escaped death, the exiles rebuilt their homeland, and Stephen gazed into heaven. The faithfulness of God gives us hope for

our future, too. Christ came once as a baby; He is active in the world today, and He will come again to take us to live with Him forever.

We have reason to hope, but we also have a responsibility to hope. Without hope, our faith may collapse or we may give up. The apostle Paul writes that hope that is seen is not hope...if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance (Romans 8:24-25). Hope walks hand in hand with patience.

Be assured, dear friend, as you approach this joyful season, that God is with you and is working all things for your good. He loves you so very much and has proved his faithfulness time after time. This should give you a reason to hope and to share that hope with others. Merry Christmas!

The Birth of Grace



By Elizabeth Hexberg

*So quietly,
so calm the night,
As overhead a Star so bright,
shone to a lowly place,
and there,
The Birth of Grace.*

*No trumpets heralding a king,
Or gilded armies did He bring,
Just a baby, in the straw,
Born to show us all much more,
than glitzy wrappings,
wine and song.
A better place where all belong,
and Love is poured out all day
long.*

*So quietly,
my wish for you,
Is Peace of mind in all you do.
Joy and Love,
The precious kind,
So few of us are blessed to find
Hidden in that lowly place,
of selflessness,
The Birth of Grace.*

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Mary's Child

Many, many years ago, a teenage girl gave birth.

In a dark and lowly stable, on the straw, and damp, cold earth.

All of heaven watched, as the babe became a boy,
learned to talk, play, and walk,
Firstborn pride and joy.

Every time he stumbled, his mother ran to see.

Wipe his tears, still his fears, bandage wounded knees.

When he had a fever she would swaddle him with love,
rocking, singing lullabies,
witnessed from above.

His father taught him Carpentry, a boy should learn a trade.

His oldest son, 'Beloved One,' a young man to be made.

Teaching all the skills he knew, walking tall and unafraid,
schooling him as best he could,
for the rest, he prayed.

So it was he grew in years.
Learned to teach and heal.
Gentle, kind, and gracious,
Stamped with Heavens seal.



Mary cried a thousand tears, the day her Jesus died.

Pierced and torn in anguish, as the spear lunged in His side.

Lifting hands to Heaven, for God's Mercy to prevail.

Far beyond a mother's heart, as God allowed each nail.

Even Angels closed their eyes, that day upon the Cross.

The Holy One, God's only Son,
Born to die, to save the lost.

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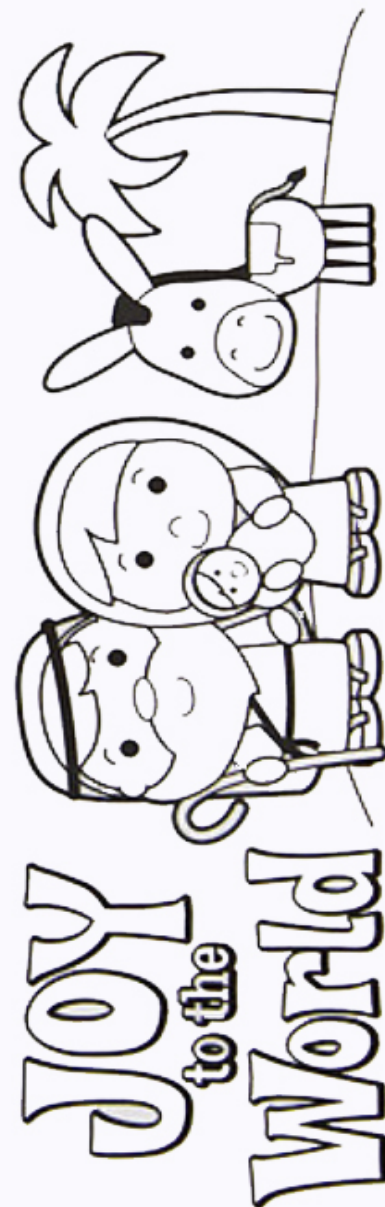
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"For Unto Us A Child Is Born..."



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- 1-Dec **Revival**- Pray that the college student revival would continue and spread to the nation!
- 2-Dec **Pastors**- That God would give them strength, courage and wisdom to speak the truth from the pulpit
- 3-Dec **Pray for China, Sudan, North Korea and other nations** that God would intervene and the leadership would restore civil rights
- 4-Dec **Homeless**- Safety, health and provision- Twin Cities Rescue Mission, other local homeless ministries. Safety from summer heat
- 5-Dec **World Affairs**- Pray about international activities that point to the Last Days
- 6-Dec **Israel**- Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem-and for an end to the war against in Gaza- the destruction of Hamas and the protection of civilians as well as limited Israeli casualties
- 7-Dec **Veterans**- Pray for all those who served our country and their families to get the assistance they need
- 8-Dec **Mental Health**- Pray for the millions of people who struggle with Mental Health/illness issues that they would receive support & treatment
- 9-Dec **Race Relations**- Pray for Race relations in our nation. Pray for understanding and collaboration between races and an ease of racial tension
- 10-Dec **Global Revival**- Pray that our global chaos would lead multitudes to repent and follow the Lord!!
- 11-Dec **Mental Illness**- Pray for those who dealing with Mental Health issues or suicidal thoughts
- 12-Dec **Marriages**- Pray that relationships would grow and families would seek the Lord together
- 13-Dec **Local Ministries**- Pray for continued financial support and volunteers to meet needs (see page 3)
- 14-Dec **California**- pray for our Godly representatives (including James Gallagher and Doug LaMalfa) to fight against liberal and harmful state policies.
- 15-Dec **Pray that fathers would give Godly wisdom** and have a positive impact and influence on the lives of their children
- 16-Dec **Disabled**- that they would receive the assistance and support they need
- 17-Dec **Life**- Pray that abortion clinics would be shut down that people would choose life for their babies.
- 18-Dec **Human Trafficking**- Pray for the freedom, healing and restoration of survivors and for traffickers to repent
- 19-Dec **Addicted**- pray for those under the control of substances that they would surrender to the Lord pursue and receive the treatment they need
- 20-Dec **Discipleship**- Pray that believers would seek to follow Jesus and become more like Him every day!
- 21-Dec **President**- Pray that God would show Himself to Pres. Biden and he would radically change his life and leadership
- 22-Dec **Pray that children of fatherless homes** as well as those in foster care would feel loved and protected by adults as well as the Lord
- 23-Dec **Restore America!** Pray against the divisiveness and violence in this nation
- 24-Dec **Singles, Single Parents, Divorced, Widowed**- pray for those experiencing loneliness and overwhelming burdens
- 25-Dec **Christmas**- Thank you Lord for Jesus who came into our world to Live & Die for us!
- 26-Dec **Pray for each of us** to be bold by the Holy Spirit to speak and act in accordance with God's Word and His Way!
- 27-Dec **Unity of Churches/Global impact**- Pray for churches to unite & influence the world!
- 28-Dec **Seniors and Elderly**- Pray for renewed physical and mental strength.
- 29-Dec **Pray for your neighbor**- for opportunities to serve them, pray with them and share the Gospel with them!
- 30-Dec **The Persecuted Church around the world**. Pray that believers would stand strong in the midst of brutal persecution
- 31-Dec **New Year's Eve**- Pray for protection and wisdom for all during this night of celebration and (often) carelessness.

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For help, questions, or more information, contact us at The Ambassador or any of the churches listed on page 3.

Kug's Kolumn

Conflict, Controversy & the Christian Life

Sanctification. Transformation. Great words. To me, they represent hope that I don't have to stay the way I am. Max Lucado wrote a book titled "Just Like Jesus." However, the cover of that book reads as follows: "God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be Just Like Jesus." How true! Most of us came to Christ because we realized that our selfish, self centered choices brought misery to us and our loved ones. We wanted something more. We wanted this abundant life that Jesus promised. So begins the transformation process. We are shocked to learn that the trials and tribulation of life are God's fundamental tools to make us "Just Like Jesus." I have grown significantly through the most difficult agonizing experiences of my life.

The reason that I chose the headline for this article is because as I have prayed recently for God to destroy the fear of man in my life so that I



will be more concerned with what God thinks and less concerned with what man thinks of me. God is answering that prayer but in a very intense way. Lately, I have experienced several uncomfortable conflicts (mostly with believers). I am not saying that I was the innocent party in each of these scenarios. Each of these conflicts came

suddenly, without warning and they all had something in common. The individuals all challenged me in areas of deep personal convictions. I didn't like it and wanted to defend myself. Okay here is the point. If I can't handle confrontation from within (friendly fire from fellow believers) how in the world will I be able to handle confrontation

from non-believers? The answer: I won't and neither will you. God is equipping you and me to be able to respond to a (sometimes) hostile person(s) who opposes what we stand for. He wants us to be able to speak the truth in love and not respond out of a desire to get personal justice. How will you and I respond to someone who violently opposes the truth that Jesus is the only way to heaven? There are more controversial topics but that one seems to really hit a nerve with some.

Let's collectively pray for God to equip all of us with this verse: 1 Peter 3:15-16 "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."

David Kugelman is the president of the Christian Community Network which meets each Tuesday at noon at various locations. Dave welcomes your questions or comments on this article at drkug@comcast.net

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What Your Atheist Friend Knows About God

By Jim Elliff

Years ago, I stood before Michelangelo's David in Florence, Italy. No one questioned that an artist had sculpted this magnificent piece of Renaissance art. It was the work of a genius. Yet, in the same room, no doubt, there were persons called "atheists" who would deny that a greater Artist was also necessary to create the original David that Michelangelo attempted to imitate. The true David, like other creations of God, was far more difficult to make than what Michelangelo crafted out of stone. That David had functioning eyes that could actually see, instead of an orb of stone.

Underneath the atheist's claim lies a nagging knowledge that a Creator actually made man and all the world of nature around him, with its symmetry, intricacy and beauty. The atheist may suppress that knowledge as a way to make room for his sin, but it is so obvious that only a man seeking to eradicate his moral problem could deny it.

And this is exactly what God tells us:

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power



and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools . . . (Romans 1:18-22)

I have talked with atheists through the years. So far, each one that I can remember has finally admitted to me that he would not believe in God even if there were proof that He existed. This may not be what all atheists could bring themselves to admit, but it is exactly what God states is the case. What can we say then to that honest admission? Most [all?] atheists are moral ones, not intellectual ones.

But there is another fact that atheists believe about God. They believe that they are doing wrong when they sin and they deserve to be punished (Romans

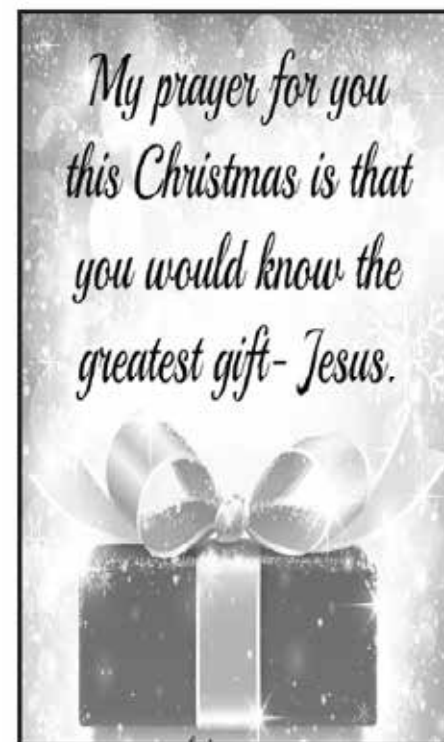
1:32). Again, they may not readily admit this.

Where does this sense of sin come from?

First, it comes from the knowledge of the existence of God, as I already mentioned. But, second, God teaches that they "know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things [i.e. sins he had just listed] are worthy of death" (Romans 1:32). The phrase, "ordinance of God" is specially used by Paul in Romans to describe what is under the law, those fundamental standards of God rather than the written Law of Moses. This means that without any written Law, their consciences indict them. In other words, they live in an inner world of allegations and defenses, proving that underneath it all, they believe God is there and has a standard by which to live. His actions and thoughts bear this out over and over again. He cannot deny this if he looks closely at his behavior and thoughts.

These two facts leave men and women, atheistic or not, in a frightening position before the God who is actually there. It is wonderful when an atheist will admit these truths honestly and openly. He is on his way to the best of lives and forgiveness of his rebellion against God. It will take more knowledge—the knowledge of the gospel itself—along with true repentance and belief in Christ, before he will have life from God, a life that gives evidence to the authenticity of that faith.

Let's pray that God will open our friend's eyes to see what he or she, in fact, already knows.





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The Two Pictures of Christmas

By James McAlister

I gaze at two differing pictures of Christmas. The first, a photograph my wife discovered tucked away in an old book, hints of the 1940s. It's Christmas morning, and five smiling children radiate the pleasure of having a few simple gifts arrayed before them, fully satisfied.

Curiously, I recall but one Christmas present of my own childhood. Pulling three cars around the shiny oval, the black engine in that Lionel electric train set sported both headlight and puffing smokestack. And the odd mixture of high-pitched whine tempering the clickety-clacking metal-to-metal crunch of wheel on track thrilled this young lad immensely.

But the engine unexpectedly ground to a halt shortly thereafter. Today I suspect its sudden demise derived from my incessant determination to see how fast I could propel it around curves without jumping the track, as it often did.

Perhaps anticipating my future engineering career, I immediately initiated exploratory disassembly to resolve the malfunction. Finding



nothing, reassembly left several screws and gears without homes. After observing a respectable period of mourning, Mother decisively tossed out the box of useless hardware. My toy brought no more happiness.

Without doubt, the children in the first picture eventually experienced similar disappointments with their toys. Interestingly, the first picture and its gifts actually exist in commemoration of a second picture—one abiding not in my hand, but in my mind—and a gift that never disappoints.

In this other picture, a small knot of men lounge on a grassy slope, gazing into the starry night. Devout in worship, they have often considered—and



assuredly murmured in prayer—those things perceived to bring enduring happiness. Their prayers found unique fulfillment that night.

For one glorious instant, God drew back the veil between two worlds, allowing them to momentarily peer into His eternal inner sanctum. A little while later they gazed in wonder upon the Babe who would eventually become the Man, realizing not that the Man would give even greater gifts than those they had thoughtfully, fervently, carefully articulated in their prayers.

They had long cried out for relief from Roman oppression; the Man would instead release them from the rule of sin in their hearts. They had daily

desired food for sheep and families; the Man would instead lead them to green pastures and still waters for their souls.

Our finite minds formulate plans and schemes, and we ask for this and that, positive that having our requests satisfied will assure lasting happiness. But every toy has a way of disappointing, of breaking, of jumping track.

Far better is the gift we neither expect nor deserve, the gift that salves the deep hurts and wide chasms that none but the Man can discern. And the essence of His gift to us—the gift of Himself—lies in a simple phrase He once spoke: "Go your way. Your faith has made you whole."

And in the spirit of this wholeness, both seemingly incongruous pictures of Christmas smoothly reconcile into a single inescapable conclusion: there is but one true Gift and one true Giver—and they are one.

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

James 1:17

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Bible Trivia



The "12 Duhs" of Christmas

By Jim Liebelt

We know everything there is to know about Christmas, right? Maybe yes. Maybe no. Here's a fun family quiz with a dozen questions to test your knowledge about Christmas that will help you separate fact from tradition and sometimes, plain fiction. The following are all true or false questions...

1. _____ The innkeeper in Bethlehem told Mary and Joseph. "There's no room for you in the inn."
2. _____ Jesus was born inside a barn/stable.
3. _____ Xmas is a disrespectful abbreviation for Christ - take Christ - so to speak out of Christmas.
4. _____ Jesus wasn't really born on December 25th.
5. _____ "The little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes..." (from Aways in a Manger)
6. _____ The "wise men" followed the star in the sky to the manger where Jesus was.
7. _____ The "wise men" who found Jesus were not kings.
8. _____ A "manger" is a stable for domestic animals.
9. _____ The first candy cane was made to be visible reminder of who Jesus is and what He has done for us.
10. _____ The Bible says that three "wise men" visited Jesus.
11. _____ Our nations' earliest colonies insisted on making Christmas a holiday.
12. _____ Jesus' birthday was not celebrated by His earliest followers.

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Bible Word Search



Bible Wordsearch

Matt. 2:17-3:4

John the Baptist

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N	R	Y	T	H	T	E	H	O	J	L	D	T	I	T
G	A	S	P	O	K	E	N	R	O	I	O	R	A	S
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P	A	T	H	S	R	E	A	N	G	E	L	A	A	K
B	D	R	E	A	M	A	E	D	U	J	L	T	G	R

ANGEL	BAPTIST
BELT	CHILDREN
EGYPT	DESERT
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HEROD	GALILEE
HONEY	HEAVEN
ISAIAS	JEREMIAH
ISRAEL	JOSEPH
JOHN	KINGDOM
JUDEA	LEATHER
LIVED	LOCUSTS
LORD	NAZARETH
PATHS	PREPARE
RACHEL	PROPHET
RAMAH	REIGNING
REPENT	SPOKEN
TOWN	STRAIGHT
VOICE	WARNED
WAIST	WEEPING

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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What Gift Will You Give?

By April James

There are times in life when we're called to surrender it all. Just what is "all"? The answer depends; for all of us it is to let go of our right to self-govern our lives, to have our own way and will and accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our savior, teacher and guide in life; giving up our sinful ways for His righteousness.

Most of us will never be called to physically lay down our life but we struggle with giving up some simple things we have become accustomed to, our creature comforts, little indulgences, and pleasures of the flesh. Some, like Jesus, give their very life to save others. You read or hear in the news of individuals who have done great acts of heroism risking their life to help another. Those who run to danger instead of away from it in order to help; a school teacher or janitor facing down a gunman on campus; a neighbor running into a burning building to bring out an elderly man; doctors taking time away from their practices to volunteer in areas hit by devastating disasters; a kindly gentleman rescuing a little girls kitten stuck in the tree; the young man mowing the widows yard expecting nothing in return; selfless individuals who donate life giving blood or an organ to someone in need; those doing everyday random acts of kindness that may never be

seen. We rightfully sing the praises of these individuals for what they have done, telling others of their deeds and memorializing those who lost their lives in such acts for the entire world to know. When talking about these

heroes who doesn't like being able to say you know them, that they are your friend?

There is One who calls us friend who gave His life to save millions, to save us personally. Yet we rarely breathe a word

to anyone of who He is or what He has done; we don't share the gift of life He gives. Are you willing to be a hero, to make a little sacrifice of your time, to have your comfort zone challenged and stretched in order to save a life today for eternity? In this gift giving season let us recall the greatest gift ever given, one that came from heaven, one that doesn't fade, lose its value or deplete the bank account. Let us all be challenged as we stand in long checkout lines waiting with our purchases or to get a cup of coffee, to instead of talking about the weather, the latest breaking news or cool new gadget, ask if you can tell the person behind you about your Friend who died to save your life. Not everyone will accept the great news you have to offer, but it is not you they are rejecting, it's your Friend, the One who wants to be their friend, the One who gives good gifts.



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RED reminds of the blood He spilt to wash away and cleanse all of our guilt
WHITE is for His actions, all pure.
Through sinless perfection, He did endure.

GREEN is the life eternal
we an obtain through our Lord supernal.
The **STAR** shines like the one so bright
that twinkled above the first Christmas night.

The **FIR TREE** is for many things:
the tree of Jesus - the father of kings,
and for the needles pointing of the Lord --
that little babe we all adored.

The **WREATH** shows one eternal round;
the begin' of Lord cannot be found.
The **LITTLES** remind us that this babe
is light of the world, and born to save.

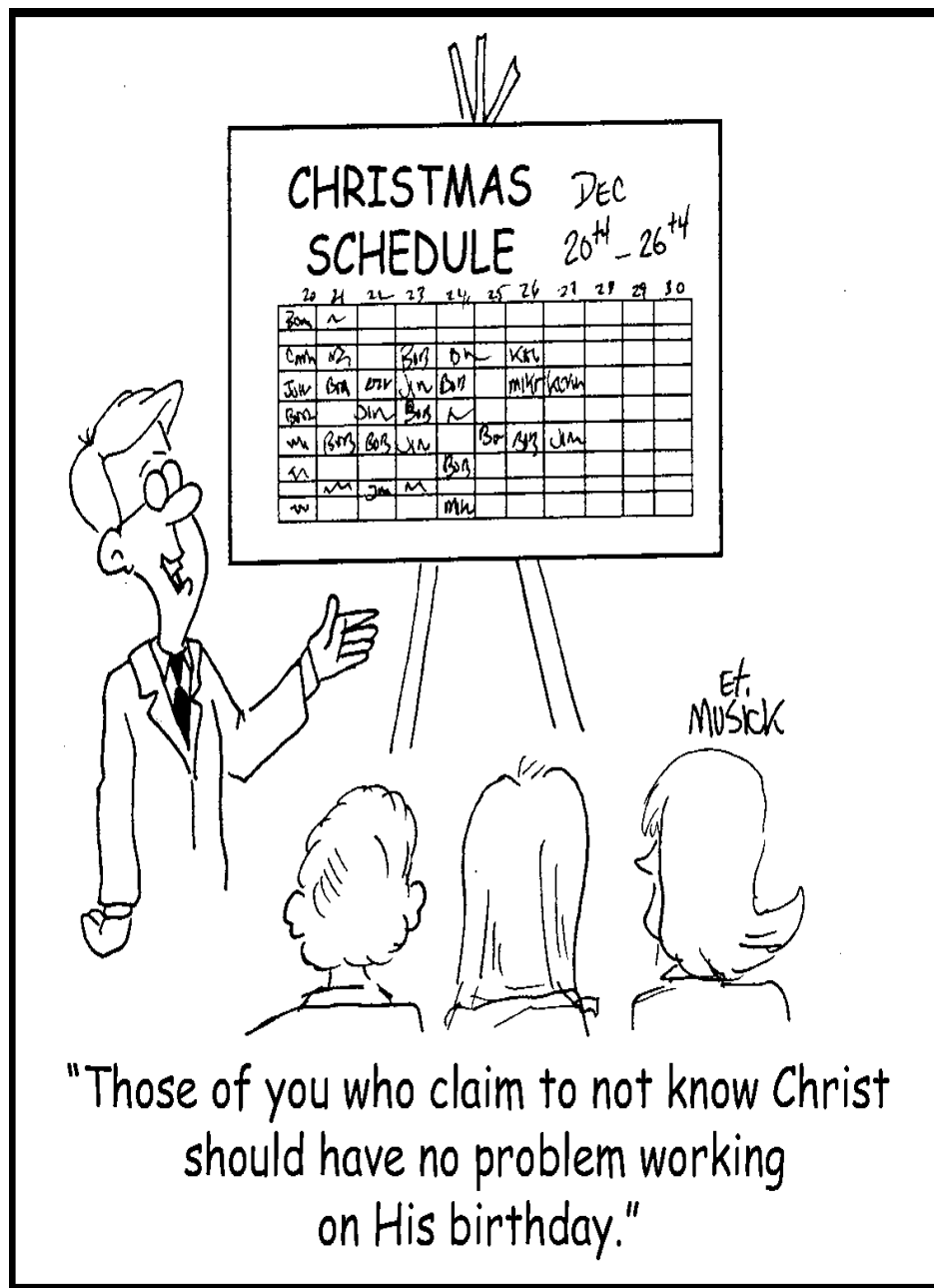
The **CANDY CANE** is for the crook;
not one sheep of lamb the shepherd forsook.

The **CHRISTMAS BELLS** we love to ring
proclaim job! The birth a newborn king.

These symbols remind us that we,
more like **THE THREE WISE MEN**
all now should be.

Earnestly seeking to find the new babe
who humbly in a manger laid.

- Author Unknown



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Chinese (Cantonese)	Gun Tso Sun Tan'Gung Haw Sun
Chinese (Mandarin)	Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu
Croatian	Shen Tan
Danish	Sretan Bozic
Dutch	GIÃ;delig Jul
Eskimo	Vrolijk Kerstfeest en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar! (inupik) Jutdlime pivdluarit ukiortame pivdluaritlo!
Finnish	Hyvaa joulua
French	Joyeux Noel
German	Froehliche Weihnachten
Greek	Kala Christouyenna!
Hawaiian	Mele Kalikimaka
Hebrew	Mo'adim Lesimkha. Chena tova
Hindi	Shub Naya Baras
Hungarian	Kellemes Karacsonyi unnepeket
Icelandic	Gledileg Jol
Indonesian	Selamat Hari Natal
Iraqi	Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah
Irish	Nollaig Shona Dhuit, or Nodlaig mhaith chugnat
Italian	Buone Feste Natalizie
Japanese	Shinnen omedeto. Kurisumasu Omedeto
Korean	Sung Tan Chuk Ha
Latin	Natale hilare et Annum Faustum!
Norwegian	God Jul, or Gledelig Jul
Papua New Guinea	Bikpela hamamas blong dispela Krimas na Nupela yia i go long yu
Philippines	Maligayan Pasko!
Polish	Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia or Boze Narodzenie
Portuguese	Feliz Natal
Romanian	Sarbatori fericite & La multi ani
Russian	Pozdrevlyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva is
Samoan	Novim Godom
Serbian	La Maunia Le Kilisimasi Ma Le Tausaga Fou
Samoan	Hristos se rodi
Spanish	La Maunia Le Kilisimasi Ma Le Tausaga Fou
Swedish	Feliz Navidad
Thai	God Jul and (Och) Ett Gott Nytt Å...r
Turkish	Sawadee Pee Mai
Urdu	Noeliniz Ve Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun
Vietnamese	Naya Saal Mubarak Ho
	Chung Mung Giang Sinh

Bible Trivia Answers · From Pg 13:

1. False. The Bible doesn't mention an innkeeper. Luke 2:7 reads, "and she [Mary] gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."
2. False. The Bible is silent about where Jesus was born. No one really knows where Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem.
3. False. Although many Christians over the years have held that that Xmas is a disrespectful abbreviation for Christmas, in Greek, X is the first letter of Christos, the word translated, Christ, and was used as an appropriate, honorable abbreviation.
4. True. It wasn't until sometime in the fourth century that it was calculated Jesus' birth was on December 25. Modern scholarship suggests that Jesus was really born in April of 5 B.C.
5. False. The Bible doesn't mention whether or not Jesus cried, but there is no reason to assume that Jesus was anything other than a typical baby – one who cries.
6. False. Matthew 2:11 reads, "On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him." Given the account in Matthew chapter two, regarding the interaction between the wise men and Herod, and Herod's command to kill all of Bethlehem's children under the age of two, Jesus could have been upwards of two-years-old when they found him. It's not quite the romantic tradition we are accustomed to thinking of when we talk and sing about the wise men finding Jesus in the manger.
7. True. The "wise men" are called "magi" in the Scripture. Modern scholars suggest that the magi were pagan astrologers. For certain, the magi were not kings. The fact that these pagan astrologers were moved to find the Christ child and to worship Him is one small, but important picture the Scriptures give us that Jesus would be the redeemer sent to all humanity.
8. False. A manger was a feeding trough for animals.
9. False. Candy canes appeared in the latter part of the 17th century and were plain white until the early 20th century. There is nothing wrong with assigning Christian meaning to the candy cane, but these meanings cannot be found in the candy's factual origins.
10. False. The legend of three wise men came into existence based on the fact that the Scriptures name three gifts – gold, frankincense and myrrh – that were presented to the Christ child. The Bible is silent on the actual number of magi.
11. False. Massachusetts actually forbid the celebration of Christmas. In 1659, the General Court of Massachusetts enacted a law making any observance of December 25 (other than a church service) a penal offense. People were fined for any related observances or for hanging decorations. This ruling continued until the nineteenth century, when the influx of German and Irish immigrants undermined the Puritan legacy.
12. True. The resurrection of Christ overshadowed the day of His birth in significance for the earliest Christians. The earliest mentions of celebrating Jesus' birth date back to the fourth century.

I wonder how we did?

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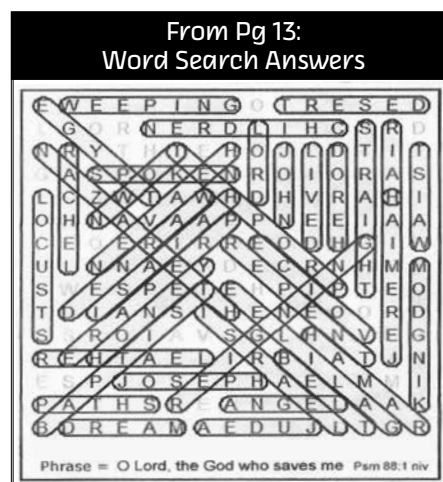
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"CHARLIE BROWN GET'S IT"

By Jon Skillman

Recently, my wife and I visited the Charles M. Schulz museum in Santa Rosa. This is something I have wanted to do for sometime now. I've been a fan of the Peanuts Comic Strip for as long as I can remember, and I have a special affinity with many of the Peanuts characters. I don't know whether Schulz was a man of faith or not but I often sensed a biblical truth interwoven in his humor. Schulz seemed to have a true understanding of the human condition and the ability to express it through the desires and fears of his characters.

Although I have a fondness for all of Schulz's personalities, Linus has become my favorite. Linus, the long suffering little brother of his most domineering and extraordinarily crabby big sister Lucy, somehow manages to be the most cerebral and spiritual of the entire Peanuts gang (barring, of course, his fervent dependence on his blanket and his unfaltering belief in the Great Pumpkin). However, Linus does on occasion, quote directly from scripture and it is not in a mocking fashion as in many comic strips. To me, the most poignant of Linus' biblical quotes is found in the animated TV classic, A Charlie Brown Christmas.

A Charlie Brown Christmas has aired every year since 1965 and has become a traditional must see for families worldwide. The story follows Good Ole' Charlie Brown as he encounters the ever-increasing commercialization of Christmas and how it and secularization has hidden the true meaning of Christmas. After several unsuccessful attempts to find the true meaning of Christmas, Charlie cries out in frustration, "Isn't



there anyone who can tell me what Christmas is all about?" To which Linus replies, "Sure Charlie Brown, I can tell you what Christmas is all about."

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks by night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. And the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men...' Luke 2:8-14.

"And that's what Christmas is all about Charlie Brown."

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we returned our focus to Christ at Christmas? He seems to have been relegated to the shadow of Santa and hidden behind the glittering lights of the tree. How could this have happened when Christ is the true gift giver and the light of the world? How did Christmas become a time of stress and anxiety when it started out as such Good News, Joy and Peace?

Linus got it right...Christ is what Christmas is all about.

"MERRY * * * * * MAS!"

What if we came to the place in our society when we couldn't utter the name of *****? And what if when we did, we would go to prison or worse, be tortured or killed? How would that affect our *****mas? Would we still buy presents for our kids and say it was from Santa? Would it make any difference if we couldn't tell the story of the ***** child and how He was born in a manger? What kind of nation would we become if we were afraid of offending someone of another religion like Muslims or atheists, so we kept the name of ***** to ourselves? I believe it would be a world devoid of anything good, of anything worth living for. I think it would give us a society that will allow injustice to prevail and evil to dominate. I think that if we can't and won't utter the name of ***** , we will be an empty, helpless, hopeless



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land. ***** Himself said that if you are ashamed of Me before men, then I will be ashamed of you before my Father. Just so you know, it has been actually painful to omit the name of *****on each line. And after this, I will never omit His name from my words. If you are truly a *****ian, I beg you to do likewise!

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Reflections of a Jewish Christmas

By Seth Halpern

To all my friends in Gentile
land Wherever they may
be,
This is a different kind of
season For someone such
as me.

For many years I've hated
Santa I wanted to give
him a boot,
But due to financial
reasons
this year I've donned the
big red suit.

The first little tyke was
pushed by his mother He
wanted to train set, he
said.

I looked at him with his big
bright eyes
"What are you kidding?
Drop dead!" The mother
glared, then stormed out
Refusing to shop in that
store,
I just kept thinking to
myself

Oy, how many days more?

What I wouldn't give to
be lying in my own warm
bed,
This? This I need like a
hole in the head!
Soon the manager came

over and said that my
attitude wouldn't do ,
I replied with anger,
"What? You want I should
sing too?" He pointed
towards the door
And told me to go,
"Fine by me", I said,
"who needs to work for
that shmoe?". Everyone
I passed, a merry
Christmas they wished
me
"If anyone really cares"
I screamed, "I'm Jewish,
you see!"

All was silent for moment
Then they scattered
away,
All but one that is One
that chose to stay.

Walking closer to me with
his eyes aglow,
He smiled, opened his
mouth and began to
speak soft and low,
His face shone with
expressions of love and
joy,

So much so that no
words could I employ To
describe the gentleness
of his speech And the
tenderness of his words,

Would be like explaining
The miraculous flight of
the birds.

"Christmas" he told me,
"is not purposed To lead
your people to \wrath,
But rather to honor your
fathers Who lead the
faithful path." "But why?"
I asked, "this Jesus,
Isn't He one of them?"
"He is one of your own,
from the seed of David, of
Abraham, of Shem.

Through your father
Abraham's seed, Was to
come the Anointed One,
Who would take away all
our sin and guilt

This Messiah is God's own
Son.

He bled and died for ours
sins As the prophets had
written, "For they have
persecuted him,

Whom Thou thyself has
smitten." (Ps. 69:26) For

this reason we rejoice
In the birth of the Jewish
baby Jesus who, In every
way lived and died

As should any other good
Jew, For He alone is the

reason

For which we celebrate
Christmas, Not gifts, not
dinners
Nor all the other fuss.

God's Christmas gift to us
Is something that cannot
be bought, His only
begotten son Y'shua-
Jesus whom surpasses
even our own thought,

The everlasting life
which the Messiah gives
Is something we cannot
buy,

Only by opening your
heart will you know he
lives, There is no other
way to try."

"After all these years
Could I have been wrong"
Could Silent Night truly be
A Jewish song?

My family might disown
me

Oy! How hard it must have
been for the Apostle Paul,
But the more I think about
it

The more I guess you're
right,
Christmas really is a
Jewish Holiday after all."