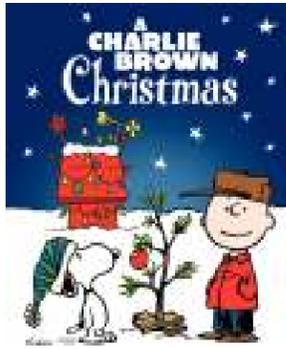


A Charlie Brown Christmas...

Even though Christmas has become so commercialized, there are still moments of divine inspiration to be enjoyed in this era. "A Charlie Brown Christmas" still has some of the highest ratings, enjoyed by both young and old. Do you know that Charles Schulz's cartoon creation was rejected by CBS executives? It just goes to show you that the rich and famous don't have the last say in the U.S.

Charles Schulz launched his *Peanuts* comic strip in 1950, at the age of 28, featuring hero Charlie Brown. The strip would run in more than 2,000 newspapers, in many languages. In the beginning *Peanuts* was called "Li'l Folks" because he created it for children. His dog Spike gave him great ideas for his cartoon dog, "Snoopy." This cartoon series expanded into TV specials like the Emmy-winning *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. When it finally aired on December 9, 1965, almost half of all U.S. TV sets were tuned to the broadcast, and many made the "Charlie Brown" Christmas tree a tradition. Charlie: "It looks like I shouldn't have picked this tree after all; no matter what I do it ends in failure. I know nothing about Christmas. Can anyone tell me what Christmas means?" Linus: "I can tell you what Christmas means: **And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great Joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the LORD. And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.'** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising **GOD, and saying, 'Glory to GOD in the highest, and on earth Peace, good will toward men!'"** Charles Schulz knew the true meaning of Christmas!



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There was a war going on...yes, before the earth and all it's inhabitants were created. It was a war in the heavenlies, with the proud Lucifer being thrown out. Genesis 1:2 tells you about it: **"And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep."**

Wherever GOD is there is light. So, what happened to cause the earth to be enveloped with darkness? Could it be that Lucifer brought chaos to the earth between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2? Lucifer was cast down to the earth and in that terrific confrontation, darkness covered the earth. But something awesome came out of that thick darkness - His Light as He spoke those words: **"Let there be light"**. Light appeared by the very Spirit of GOD, to dispel a hopeless atmosphere.

The light that appeared was not the sun; GOD created the sun on the 4th day. The very Presence of GOD illuminated the earth, and His very Presence to this day brings light to the whole earth: **"In the beginning (of time) was the Word, and the Word was with GOD, and the Word was GOD. He was in the beginning with GOD. All things came into being by Him and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In HIM was Life, and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overpower it [the Light]!"** (John 1:1-5) John is talking here of the presence of JESUS... JESUS, GOD and Holy Spirit, together and in agreement, from the beginning of our created time. Their existence is forever and forever; don't try to figure it out.

Isaiah had prophesied of this great phenomenon many hundreds of years before when, inspired by Holy Spirit, he wrote, **"Arise, Shine, for Thy Light has come and the Glory of the LORD has risen upon Thee!"** What a remarkable statement...right smack dab in the middle of a nation in turmoil. Yes, Isaiah had appeared to tell Israel of a Savior Who would come and bring the Light of GOD with Him...for He is the Light of the world! JESUS, Himself, spoke of this in John 9, **"While I Am with you, it is daytime and we must do the works of GOD Who sent Me while the light shines. For there is coming a dark night when no one will be able to work. As long as I Am with you My Life is the Light that pierces the world's darkness - I Am the Light of the world!"** JESUS was admittedly saying that GOD - the One and only Great I AM - is the Light...the Light that shone at the very beginning of time.

The Light of GOD's Presence will be there when you arrive in heaven. There will be no need of the sun or the moon, because that same Light that lit up the world when it was created will be the Light - our LORD JESUS: **"The City shimmered with a light-filled, pulsing Light. The City was laid out in a perfect square: 1500 miles by 1500 miles by 1500 miles by 1500 miles. And there was no sign of a Temple, for the LORD GOD - the Sovereign-Strong - and the Lamb are the Temple. The City doesn't need sun or moon for light. GOD's Glory is its light, the Lamb its lamp! The nations will walk in its light and earth's kings bring in their splendor...and there won't be any night. They'll bring the Glory and Honor of the nations into the City!"** Revelation 21:11-27 (MSG)

His Light Shines Forever!





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Don't believe the lies of the left because they are listening to the lies of the enemy, the devil. It takes just as much fossil fuel to manufacture an electric car. It's as if "reason" has flown out the window...there's no use talking to them; it's as if something (or someone) has taken over their minds and their common sense. Isaiah said it so clearly and truthfully about the times we are living in right now:

"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil...who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness...." (Isaiah 5:20)

Don't listen to the left...stand strong and stay at the watchtower...JESUS is coming!

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**"WE WIN, WE WIN, HALLELUJAH, WE WIN!
I READ THE BACK OF THE BOOK AND
WE WIN! REVELATION 19:6**



The Best Gift-Giver Ever!

A NOTE FROM DERIN - HE LOVED CHRISTMAS: "I look forward to this time of year, not only to celebrate JESUS' birth but shopping for the grandchildren, family and friends. I don't

know if all the planning and shopping is for the one getting the gift or for me. Could it be that we buy gifts for our loved ones because we want all the kudos that go along with giving the gift? I suggest you look at your gift-giving and ask yourself some tough questions:

- 1) Are my motives pure or am I trying to wrangle a compliment out of the recipient?
- 2) Am I striving to get the most desired gift I can get for this person (no tools for your wife, please)?
- 3) Am I a self-centered giver, or do I look into what the recipient would really be interested in?
- 4) Do I resent giving to some family members or acquaintances when my heart isn't in it?
- 5) How much of my giving is done for wrong reasons or motivations?

Maybe we need to get the LORD in on the act and ask Him to help us with our motives, and redirect our ideas and plans with the truth. You know, GOD is the best Gift-Giver that ever was and ever will be. He has the best ideas in the world about what to give His Children. He started planning the best Gift of all even before the world was made. Now, I'd call that pretty impressive! When He saw what a mess man made of His world, He decided to plan a big party with a star and shepherds and wise men and angels and lots of lights...and His Son, JESUS: **"For GOD so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever Believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life!"** (John 3:16) So I guess, if I have some questions about some of my family and friends, and how I might bless them this Christmas, He's probably the One to ask. Maybe it all comes down to giving - giving from the heart, with the right motivation, really thinking of the one I'm giving to. When I think of all the gifts He's given to me, I'm speechless...I'm so thankful - thankful for JESUS, thankful for Barbara, thankful for Mokka, thankful for the ministry He's provided, and thankful for YOU!! Be well now, and blessed!

Make Room For JESUS This Christmas!

"The Gray-Haired Brigade"

We are probably considered old fashioned and outdated by many. There are a few things you need to remember before completely writing us off. We fought and won in WW II, and battled and lost in Korea and Viet Nam. We can quote the Pledge of Allegiance and know where to place our hands while doing so. We wore the uniforms of our country with pride and lost many friends on the battlefield.

We didn't fight for the Socialist States of America; we fought for the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." We wore different uniforms but carried the same flag. We know the words to the Star Spangled Banner, and America the Beautiful by heart...and you may even see some tears running down our cheeks as we sing. We have lived what many of you have only read in history books, and we feel no obligations to apologize to anyone for America. We have loved this country, fought for it and died for it, and now we are going to save it. It is our country, and nobody is going to take it away from us without a fight. There are those who want to destroy this land we love but, like our founding fathers, there is no way we are going to remain silent.

It was mostly young people and those who think our country needs changing, who elected Obama and now Biden. You fell for the "Hope and Change" which in reality was nothing but "Hype and Lies." Maybe you have tasted socialism and seen evil face to face, and maybe you have found that you don't like it after all. Maybe, after making



a lot of noise on your side, you now look at loyalty and patriotism in a different way. Maybe you have "buyer's remorse" entering into this 3rd year of a left administration. It is not too late...you're going to see a dynamic change in the wave of blue to red in this nation. You are going to see a major shift from the aristocrats of the left to the governing of this nation by "We the People"!

So...the next time you have the chance to say the Pledge of Allegiance, stand up, put your hand over your heart, honor our country, and thank GOD for the old geezers of the "Gray-Haired Brigade". Can you feel the ground shaking? It's not an earthquake; it is a stampede of country loving patriots!

"IN GOD WE TRUST!"

(Submitted by Jon Shepard)



Feliz Navidad from... Home Of Refuge



When JESUS was born in Bethlehem there was "no room in the inn". GOD has provided, by your generous offerings, "room in the inn" for 24 elderly people, with 10 more on a waiting list hoping to enter Home of Refuge. The newly constructed building that you helped us recently finish, has already filled up, with only one bedroom vacancy remaining. Thank you so much for making this possible! From my heart it is accurate to say that your precious sacrifice giving has multiplied to be even more precious for these people needing shelter, food and the knowledge of JESUS.

As you can see, we will need to build additional bedrooms, so as the LORD speaks to you, may you realize what an investment for all eternity your giving is in the eyes of GOD. And you have wisdom to recognize and not ignore that which is valuable to GOD...Thank You for getting involved in supplying the needs of those who cannot help themselves.

As we prepare for celebrating JESUS' birth, I wish you were here to see the smiles on all the faces here at Home of Refuge!

**With Love to you as we work for the Kingdom of GOD -
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