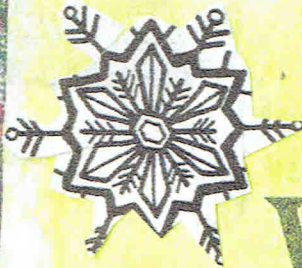




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WINTER

DINNER



CELEBRATION

Galatians 6:2



Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Further underscores the communal aspect of the Christian journey. In essence, the Bible paints a rich picture of fellowship as a vital component of the Christian experience, promoting mutual support, spiritual communion, and shared devotion to God's principles.



WINTER DINNER

1934-2024

Howdy Former Members - (Long Time No See)

1. **Home Gardens 90th Year Of Inception In Two Different Buildings**
2. **Days Away** 18 Ho Ho Ho! - (**FAT MAN FLIES**) - 24 New Years!
3. **Avoid - Romans 16:17** Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

“Satan does not want an invitation; he flourishes on our curiosity”

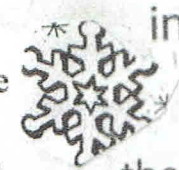
Cindy Bill - Rehab @ St Francis with hip replacement, and not doing so good at present time but hoping to go home by Christmas. **Katie** - Children plus grandchildren sent T-Day in Milwaukee and escaped the snow that stayed north in Canada. **Don't expect much for Christmas... Santa's sleigh was repossessed, the North Pole is in foreclosure, & the elves have been laid off!** **Dolores/John** - Enjoyed T-day @ Russ/Jennifer & Conno is due to her knee surgery (**No turkey just spaghetti**) **GPJ Roper**- All the family was at his son's Joseph's home, and little Ava was (**Pocahontas the Indian Princess**) for all the pilgrims. **Dear Santa, before I try to explain....just how much do you already know?** **Kathy/Ron** - We had a family gathering at Geoff's home. All of my kids & grandkids there. Lots of good food, love, & laughter shared. **Janice/Jerry** - We gave thanks for the wonderful feast; best of all the trimmings that Jerry prepared, and we enjoyed the company of son Tim & grandson Jordan. (**Cats Blackie & Henry had a big day too.**) **“Christmas is a baby shower that went totally overboard.”** **Shelia/Dale** - We had Turkey day today at Elizabeth's house...near Talala...Matthew and Amber and Ares and my girls and their guys and all and their babies...Dale hunted this morning and joined us there for lunch. (**Great Day!**) We just got home! (note from editor - Nothing like little ones on holidays, and glad you two were able to take it all in. (**O the good life!**) **Shelia Response** **Yes! I loved it!** Dale, the ole dear slayer, saw bucks with less than 8 points. He is going back for the **BIG GRANDDADY** buck that comes out at night, and lays low all day.

Sharon/Luke/Kaydee - Sharon dealing with tummy troubles, and Luke had to catch early flight that required Kaydee to drive on the maniacal expressways in great Tulsa. **“I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.”**

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IS THERE ONLY ONE WAY TO SALVATION?

Yes, the Bible describes only **ONE WAY** to Salvation. Though men of the world have made themselves hundreds and even thousands of ways by which they think they can be saved, there is **ONLY ONE WAY**. In Proverbs 14:12 we read, *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."* People by the billions are involved in religious services which seem right, but are wrong. Have you examined your religious service to make sure it is the one God describes? It is what is right with God that counts, not what seems right to you.

Jesus said, *"...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me"* (John 14:6). From this statement alone, there can be no other way to salvation. All religious beliefs which hold a certain deity or prophet above Christ Jesus are the wrong religions. Even a religion that believes in Christ as the Son of God but does not follow His Way/Truth is the wrong religion.

Heaven says, *"There is one body"* (Ephesians 4:4). Those who are baptized into the "one body" are saved (I Corinthians 12:13). The one body is the church Jesus died for (Ephesians 1:22-23; Acts 20:28). No one can or will be saved outside the church of Christ. If so, who's church or body, apart from Christ's, will it be? Those who are "in Christ" (Ephesians 2:13; II Corinthians 5:17) are in His church which is His body (Colossians 1:18). Since Jesus said the saved are in His church (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 5:23), then the lost are not in His church (Ephesians 2:12). Are you in the Lord's church or some other church?

Jesus said, *"there is one fold"* (John 10:16). Anyone who seeks to enter heaven through some way other than prescribed by Jesus is a thief and robber according to John 10:1. And, thieves and robbers do not go to heaven! *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12).

The only way to God and salvation is by obeying the words of Jesus: **believe** (John 8:24), **repent** (Luke 13:3), **confess him** (Matthew 10:32) and **be baptized** for the forgiveness of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16). All ways which add to or take from His way is the wrong way!



LET ME ASSURE YOU that my holiday weight gain is in no way an indication of increased jolliness.

A POLITICIAN is someone who approaches every problem with an open mouth.

THE OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY is a great opportunity to catch up with people you haven't seen for 20 minutes.

DECEMBER 2, 1777

Philadelphia Nurse Overhears Attack Plans

According to legend, Lydia Darragh saved the Continental Army when she overheard the British planning an attack. British General William Howe had commandeered a room in her house for his headquarters. Darragh reportedly eavesdropped from an adjoining room and passed the information to American soldiers. Upon their arrival, the British discovered the Continental Army waiting for them, and General Howe's army retreated after three days of skirmishing.



"You're charging me for carry-on?"

THE NATIVITY PLAY was going as planned, with Joseph and Mary going from house to house asking if there were any rooms available. As every innkeeper told them no, a little voice called from the back, "You should have booked!"

Adoption and Homosexuality This studies which show that mother-father couples have a greater success than same-sex couples when it comes to child raising. Gay couples tend to produce disproportionately larger percentages of gay children--24 percent of the children raised in gay couple environments having had same-gender sexual experiences by an early age--while mother-father couples had none reported for the same aged child. Children of lesbian couples declared themselves as lesbians at a rate eight times the general population. All of this tends to support the notion that homosexuality is not an inherited behavior, but is strongly catalyzed by environmental pressures. **Fish to Land Claims.** Much has been made in the media of a fossil called *Tiktaalik roseae* found on Ellesmere Island near the North Pole and claimed to be a transitional fossil. The animal was up to nine feet long, had scales and fins, but had what look like the beginnings of legs, wrists and elbows inside its fins. The animal also had a snout, eyes on top of its head, ribs, a neck, and a skull like land animals. The statements made about the specimen are that it is the link that creationists claimed did not exist between fish and tetrapods or land animals. There are many living fish today that have air bladders and can in a sense walk on land--the Bowfin, the walking catfish of Florida, and the lungfish to name a few. The Bible actually describes four kinds of flesh--fish, bird, beast, and man (1 Corinthians 15:39 and Genesis 1:20-28). This is clearly the "flesh of fish" and is like many animals living today. It may be that some uninformed creationists have made an issue of fish and land animals being different, but that is not a biblical issue. This is an interesting find, but it is not an affront to the Bible and noses no problem for the Genesis account.

THE LOCAL NEWS ANCHOR was covering a crowd of parade-goers who were waiting for Santa Claus to arrive. On camera, he asked a 4-year-old girl if she had given Santa her Christmas list. "No!" she said firmly.

are you going to talk with Santa? the newscaster asked. "No!" "Why not?" "Because the real Santa is at the mall."

"Good news, General. Only the first row is real. The rest are computer generated."



"I'm getting something high-tech for my parents. Something they won't be able to figure out and will eventually give to me."