

IN THE JETSTREAM



All I need for Christmas is...

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It still ever amazes me how untypical the coming of Jesus Christ was in history. Unlike the legends of other gods and great rulers, whose entrances into this world were with grandeur and in luxury, the Christ of the Bible came in humble circumstances yet with a profound purpose. Yes, He was more than a man who gained notoriety by the end of his earthly life. We are told in Philippians 2:6-11 that as God, He humbled himself and left the grandeur of heaven for a brief time. He willingly put aside the splendor that comes with being Creator and Lord of the universe to come into our human history... and for what purpose? We are told it was to identify with our humanity and redeem us from our lost and hopeless state. Before Christ's birth it was predicted that He would be called Immanuel, which means "God with us." Also, it was said that His name will be called Jesus, and that He would save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21-23). He was born with a mission to die a predetermined death on a cross. But this was not to be an ordinary death nor an accidental death or even a martyr's death. It was for the sole purpose of delivering us from our fatal condition in sin, in which we had no regard for God, in order to give us new life (Romans 6:23). But the glorious news remains that it did not end with that! To demonstrate His Lordship over life and death, He arose from the dead three days after his crucifixion to show He is a living Savior who, as a free gift, offers forgiveness, a relationship with Him, and life everlasting. (1 Corinthians 15:3-6)

Now, do we need to offer Him something in exchange for this free gift, lest we may offend Him? No,



He asks only that we humble ourselves and receive His gift of forgiveness and new life which comes by grace through faith alone (Ephesians 2:8-9). No amount of material wealth can purchase this great gift nor can the self-determination of the strongest human apprehend it. It is offered freely to those who recognize their need of forgiveness and are willing to receive it with a humble heart. In fact, all other ways of trying to gain God's gift offends Him, and those who try to attain it any other way will fail to receive it.

Our Christmas celebration these days is epitomized by exchanging gifts. However, the true message of Christ coming to earth, which Christmas was originally set apart for, has nothing to do with exchanging gifts, but has everything to do with humbly receiving God's gift. What about you, have you received God's gift? This Christmas season why not consider God's greatest gift of all... forgiveness and new life. (PMC)

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!"

(Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:17; 2 Corinthians 9:15)

Merry Christmas!
The FCAP Staff

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THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN AIRLINE PERSONNEL

History:

The ministry of FCAP began in 1971 and was incorporated in 1973 when 50 people from eight different airlines in the United States and Canada met to consider how God wanted them to serve Christ in and through the airline industry. Since that time, the ministry of FCAP has spread in over 90 areas of the world. We do not have a membership or dues; rather we are a fellowship among Christians in the airline industry worldwide that share a common commitment and focus.



Perspective & Focus:

Most people look at work primarily as a source of income. Some even view it as a curse imposed on them as punishment from God. *The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel* believes that God places a high value on work and is deeply interested in our work, our performance on the job and our relationships with our co-workers. We recognize that both our work and the way we relate to people in the workplace are of great importance to God. So it is our mission: *“To represent Christ in the airlines through meaningful relationships and quality work.”*

FCAP’s two-fold purpose encourages people *to know and experience God’s presence with them at work* and *to trust Him for the enabling strength in the responsibilities and challenges of work*. We see authentic ministry in the workplace as a result of our displaying this relationship to our Lord within the sphere of our influence at work, without being coercive or self-serving.

Values:

- We value doing our work wholeheartedly as unto the Lord, knowing we represent Christ by the quality of our performance while on the job (Ephesians 6:6).
- We value intentionally engaging our faith in the workplace by expressing it in both deeds and words (1 Timothy 6:17-19).
- We value influencing the people around us by creatively building relationship with them and looking out for their interest just as we do our own.
- We value connecting the church in the workplace by seeking out other Christians, to mutually show our love for one another and our care for the people God has placed around us (John 13:35).

Making Your Connection:

Like the airline industry is all about making connections, so FCAP is all about Christians making their connection in the workplace in three basic ways:

- Connecting God’s purposes in the details of your work.
- Connecting ministry to God working through you to influence the people and circumstances of work.
- Connecting the church in the workplace in unique and creative ways, in order to extend and strengthen its influence.

- WE OFFER:**
- Training that helps Christians integrate the Christian faith into the everyday details of our work and its challenges.
 - Free publications that offer encouragement, gives focus, and provides information.
 - Support and fellowship through local groups, prayer network, training sessions, special events and conferences.



The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel

The ministry of FCAP is carried on by everyday ordinary people throughout the airline workplaces of the world who go to work with an extraordinary calling. The FCAP ministry does not focus on specialized people, nor are we a special interest group focusing on certain issues. We do not have a membership nor are we a club with dues. Rather, FCAP is a fellowship of Christians who identify with one another through a common focus and purpose. And we desire to demonstrate how our faith in Jesus Christ can influence the people and circumstances of our workplace. We are blessed to have both airline and non-airline people who encourage and support this ministry.

Your Next Step:

Check on the FCAP website to see if there is a group in your area, or seek out and connect with other Christians at your workplace. Contact us at the international office for further assistance or click on “Your Next Step” on the website.



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