

IN THE JETSTREAM



The Law of Gravity

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Have you every considered the fact that the airline industry you work in consistently defies the law of gravity? People get into airplanes everyday, and were it not for the fact that another force is at work to keep that big piece of metal up in the air, they would drop from the sky like a rock. This is because everything in this world is subject to the law of gravity. It is a law that God established in our world when He created it, and we are constantly dealing with its force and effects.

There is another law in this world that operates as consistently as gravity, and we are told that everything is affected by it also. It is called the law of sin and death. We are subjected to this law because of a willful refusal to acknowledge and submit to God. This law, we are told, is at work in every human that is born into this world. This does not mean that we are awful people or the worst we could be. However, like the law of gravity, the law of sin pulls us down where we become selfish, thinking mostly of ourselves and less about others. If this continues, we then learn how to manipulate and control people. If we continue without any restraints, we could eventually learn to abuse, hurt and even go so far as to destroy people. None of us are exempt from the possibility of this because the law of sin and death resides in us. So what is the answer?

Just as aviation must have another law or power to overcome gravity, so in a much bigger way people need another source to overcome the law of sin and death. Simply trying to be religious or good cannot help. It would be like me trying to fly by jumping off a

building and flapping my arms. The effort would be futile and even detrimental. We are told that our Creator God is the only one who can deliver people from the law of sin and death, and give them the ability to overcome its deadly affects. God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ,

to come into the world to bring salvation. He is the only one who delivers us from sin and death, by forgiving us and offering us new life. Jesus said when you come to know Him, you know the truth that will set you free from the law of sin and death (John 8:32). He also said that He is the way, the truth and the life, and that no one comes to God but through

Him (John 14:6). Entering into a relationship with Jesus Christ starts when we trust Him and His saving work. We may still sense the effects of sin and death as we live in this world. However, the power of Christ allows us to defy the law of sin and death and provides us a quality of life that is not subject to this world.

There is an analogy here. A person defies the law of gravity by stepping into an airplane and putting their entire trust and faith in its ability. The power of God's salvation takes a person from being subject to the law of sin and death to being set free into new life. How? By trusting in the ability of Christ to save them completely. All we can do... is trust Him. (PMC)

“For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.”

Romans 8:2

In His Provision,
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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.

OVER TWO MILLION AIRLINE EMPLOYEES IN THE WORLD

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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