

Subject: newsletter IMPORTANT Update!

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Conversation: IMPORTANT Update!

This letter is going out to both Newsletter and Chat Subscribers. If you receive a duplicate, please just delete the copy.

CHAT ROOMS DOWN

First, an apology that the CHAT rooms have been down since last night. I suspect that Tim's server is down due to inclement weather (judging by what it's like where I live), and since there is a notice on the X7 Main Chat page that "[This site will be back online shortly](#)". I have been unable to contact Tim to get details, so please bear with us and have patience, and perhaps say a prayer for Tim since we don't know what circumstances have precipitated this breakdown.

BIG CHANGES ARE COMING TO CHRISTIANGAYS.COM

If you have been with us for a while, you will know that our AOL subscribers are unable to receive our mail. We have been in constant contact with AOL for months trying to resolve this problem, but it has come down to the fact that they demand that we have Reverse DNS capabilities, to work in harmony with their SPAM filters.

We have gone thru the process of setting up Reverse DNS. They have sent us a letter of confirmation saying that we have "Succeeded", and all of the Web Tools confirm that our Reverse DNS is currently active and correctly functional – EXCEPT that AOL says that they are not recognizing it, even though their automatically generated letter of "Success" proves that we do have it.

Since they say that we don't have RDNS, it is their policy not to escalate the issue to their senior techs until we have RDNS. Since we have it, but they are not recognizing it, there is nothing more that we can do to work with AOL.

Therefore, I have set up THREE lists with YahooGroups. I will route the Newsletters and Chat Reminders through YahooGroups so that our AOL

subscribers will be able to finally receive our mail!

This change will mean that you will need to register with YahooGroups to continue receiving the Newsletters and/or the Chat Reminders. I apologize for this inconvenience but I see no other way to include our AOL family.

I will be sending you a letter in a few days with the subject "**CRITICAL INFORMATION**". This letter will be the last letter that you will receive from me until you register with YahooGroups because it will indicate that we have changed to the new system and this Mailing List will no longer exist.

It would be easier for everyone if I could just transfer all of your email addresses to YahooGroups myself, but it is necessary that you each register with your own username and become a member of YahooGroups, so this is something that I am unable to do for you.

After I send out the "**CRITICAL INFORMATION**" letter to you, I will follow it up with a personalized invitation to each of you to join the group. It will have a link that will take you through the stages of registering for YahooGroups. If you are already a member of other YahooGroups, this will take less than a minute. For those who are new to YahooGroups, it shouldn't take more than a minute or two of your time.

Once registered, you will receive an email that will ask you to confirm your registration. Once your registration is confirmed, you will receive a Welcome Message from me. If you do not receive that welcome message, then you need to go back and re-register because it will mean that a step has not been completed.

You will need to register individually for Newsletters and for Chat Reminders if you wish to receive both.

When the time comes, if you have any problems with this, please write to jan@christiangays.com and she will help you with it.

Thank you for your understanding and helping us with this situation.

A NEW FEATURE ADDED TO CHRISTIANGAYS.COM

In conjunction with switching the Newsletters and Chat Reminders to the YahooGroups server, I have also registered us for a **List Serve** so that you will be able to email with each other.

Once you have registered with YahooGroups to receive the Newsletter and/or Chat Reminders, you may also wish to register to be on the List Serve. I will be sending you an invitation to join this group as well, making a total of THREE invitations that you will receive from me. **Each invitation will be different and will take you to a different link for registering.**

If you are not familiar with a **List Serve**, it is a method whereby everyone can communicate with everyone else. When you send an email to the list address, everyone who is on the **List Serve** gets it. You will have a choice of receiving these letters as they are written or in a daily or weekly digest. You may choose to respond or just be an observer of the conversations.

List Serves can generate a lot of mail if there are a lot of people who register, so I have registered us as ChristianGays1, leaving us the option of starting other groups if necessary. If this generates a lot of mail for you, you may wish to create a folder in your mail app and have the letters directed to the folder so that you may read them at your leisure.

Of course with all of our mailings, it is very easy for you to unsubscribe at any time.

In addition to the Chat Rooms and the Bulletin Boards, this will be another method to encourage you connect with one another. **Remember that you are not alone. We are family!**

My prayer is that you will all be blessed by this new addition to ChristianGays.com.

NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW

Jan has suggested that the Newsletters be available on the website. To that end, I have added a link for "Newsletters" where you can download a .pdf version of the latest newsletter (or any of the old ones) directly from the website. You will then be able to print or send them as attachments to others.

So if, for any reason, you are not receiving the Newsletters through your email, you can always go into the Newsletter page. Check to see if you've received the latest ones and download them if you wish.

If you want to see the page, it's at <http://christiangays.com/newsletters.shtml> and there is a direct link in the navigation bar.

(Thanks Jan for the idea!)

NEW DEVOTION

Excerpt:

A recent article in a popular positive thinking magazine set me to thinking. I know that's a dangerous thing, but bear with me.

The author talked about taking about taking the time to notice six things every day.

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I never noticed how enormous that tree is across the street. It would take three people to stretch their arms around it holding hands! Although lightening bugs are not as plentiful as they were when I was a kid growing up in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas, I did take time to notice a few of them winking in the growing dusk. Wonderful invention of the Creator! A bug whose rear lights up! Goodness, what an imagination!

Read this wonderful enlightening little devotion at <http://www.christiangays.com/invboard/> -> Mary's Favourite Devotions -> Take Time To Notice

FOR TECHNO GEEKS SUCH AS MYSELF – New Broadband Internet Through Power Lines

(Plug your modem into you house electrical socket for internet access)

Broadband Powerline Trial in Hobart, Australia
By Kirsty Needham
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Suburban power lines and the humble electricity socket will be transformed into a cutting-edge, high-speed internet network during a trial in Tasmania that will allow residents to plug a modem into their home power point.

Participants in the commercial trial of "broadband over power line" technology will have access to internet services through the electricity network.

The state's Minister for Infrastructure, Energy and Resources, Bryan Green, announced the plan yesterday, saying it would begin with about 500 connections in Hobart and northern Tasmania and, if successful, be expanded to 250,000 Tasmanians.

A telecommunications analyst, Paul Budde, said it was a world-first commercial trial. "It is absolutely a threat to Telstra because it is the first time that you can really see infrastructure-based competition."

Because the poles and wires are already there, the cost of power companies offering a rival broadband service to Telstra is reduced.

The technology also offered benefits to people living in the urban fringe, and around regional cities because it was of higher quality than ADSL, he said.

COMMERCIALS AND GOD - These children have it all together

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

God is like... **BAYER ASPIRIN**. He works miracles.

God is like... a **FORD**. He's got a better idea.

God is like... **COKE**. He's the real thing.

God is like... **HALLMARK CARDS**. He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like... **TIDE**. He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

God is like... **GENERAL ELECTRIC**. He brings good things to life.

God is like... **SEARS**. He has everything.

God is like... **ALKA-SELTZER**. Try him, you'll like Him.

God is like... **SCOTCH TAPE**. You can't see him, but you know He's there.

God is like... **DELTA**. He's ready when you are.

God is like... **ALLSTATE**. You're in good hands with Him.

God is like... **VO-5 Hair Spray**. He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like... **DIAL SOAP**. Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

God is like... the **U.S. POST OFFICE**. Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

Forward this to 10 people so that they can know what God is like.....

(Thanks Marion!)

God bless,
Mary

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If you have any questions or concerns, please write to Jan at jan@christiangays.com

ChristianGays.com does not send unsolicited email. All email addresses, including AOL, are obtained solely through Registration on the Mailing List page using an opt-in Majordomo automated mailing list management application.

Chat Reminders will usually be sent 2 – 4 times per week.
Newsletters will usually be sent from 1 – 3 times per week.

You can always unsubscribe from this Mailing List by going to the Mailing List page at <http://www.christiangays.com/email2.php>

Tick the appropriate box for the Newsletter and/or Chat. Enter your email address, select "Unsubscribe" and click "Submit" - but remember, we will miss you. :-)