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[NEW ARTICLE – "GAY PRIDE" - by \(our own\) Rick James](#)

Has anyone ever asked you why you feel the need to wear a rainbow wristband, necklace, put a rainbow bumper sticker on your car?

This article will give you an answer to those who ask. I highly recommend that everyone read it, especially those who are newly "out".

http://christiangays.com/articles/rick_james2.shtml

[NEW ADDITION - "AS I SEE IT: THE NATURE OF REALITY" - by God](#)

Dr. Joseph Pearson has now finished his book with the addition of three chapters. This is a 160 page downloadable .pdf book that Joe has made available to you for FREE, to print if you wish, or you can just read it on your computer.

It is written from the perspective of God writing to His children, and offers some unique insights. I recommend it to all.

*You will find it in the **Articles** <http://christiangays.com/articles.shtml> (fifth Article from the top) or **Bible Study Tools** page http://christiangays.com/bible_study.shtml (above the "Timeline of Bible Translation History")*

[NEW WEDDING PIC/ANNOUNCEMENT – SHANNON FOX & ELLICE GRIMM](#)

Please check out their beautiful wedding pic and description of their happy day at

<http://christiangays.com/pics.shtml>

If you have a wedding pic that you'd like to share with us, please send it, along with the details of the wedding, and I'll be glad to post it.

SHORT VIDEO - OF HAPPINESS

Do yourself a favour and check out this little one minute video at <http://christiangays.com/marriage.shtml>

VIDEO - DON'T TELL ME WHO TO LOVE

Five minute video put to music by Soulforce. Very moving.

<http://christiangays.com/marriage.shtml>

(Thanks Rick!)

VIDEO - JON STEWART (THE DAILY SHOW) SPEAKS OUT ON BEHALF OF GAY MARRIAGE

Please go to this website <http://www.couragecampaign.org/page/s/ThankYouJon> - watch the video, sign the thank you note to Jon, and invite your friends to join you.

NEWS – UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Paris plans to submit a draft declaration to the UN General Assembly in December

aimed at combating homophobia and decriminalising homosexuality, which is punishable by prison in 90 countries and in theory, by death in six of them.

(Press Release)

BANNER AD – GAY AND LESBIAN BIBLE

The New Testament in the original Greek does not speak against Gay, Lesbian, Bi or Transgender people. Yes, many Christians believe it does, but then again many people believe there were three wise men who visited Jesus as a baby and gave him three gifts. Just look at all the nativity scenes! Yet no Bible version states there were 3 wise men, or that they visited Jesus as baby, or that there were 3 gifts. Rather, all Bible versions state there were three types of gifts, and do not mention the number of "wise men" who did in fact travel in large groups with cavalry for protection. All Bible versions state that they visited Jesus in a house, and history tells us that Jesus was just under two years old at the time.

If people can get it wrong reading correct Bible translation, imagine what happens when they are reading MIStranslation! Sodom was destroyed for a number of reasons and these days it is commonly alleged that these included homosexuality, but the Bible in the original languages, as well as other literature of the times, states that the "going after strange flesh", was not homosexuality but instead the union of disobedient angels (referred to as "The Watchers") with humans.

You can find out more and get free downloads on their website.

Note from Mary: I bought this Bible when it first came out and I'm delighted with it! I highly recommend it!

*Please click on the banner ad for "**World's First Gay and Lesbian Study Bible**" under the navigation links on any page of the [ChristianGays.com](http://christiangays.com) website. <http://christiangays.com/>*

LIFE LESSON - LAW OF THE GARBAGE TRUCK

One day I got in a taxi to go to the airport. We were driving along peacefully when suddenly a car pulled out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches!

The driver of the other car whipped his head out the window and started yelling at us. The taxi driver smiled and waved at him. I asked, 'Why did you do that? He almost smashed into your taxi, we could have been injured'.

This is what the taxi driver said.

Many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes it'll be dumped on you. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, home or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!
Have a blessed garbage-free day!

(Thanks Janina!)

A CHRISTMAS STORY

It's just a small white envelope stuck among the branches of our Christmas tree. No name, no identification, no inscription. It has peeked through the branches of our tree for the past 10 years or so.

It all began because my husband Mike hated Christmas --oh, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it -- the overspending, the frantic running around at the last minute to get a tie for Uncle Harry and the dusting powder for Grandma -- the gifts given in desperation because you couldn't think of anything else.

Knowing he felt this way, I decided one year to bypass the usual shirts, sweaters, ties, and so forth. I reached for something special just for Mike. The inspiration came in an unusual way. Our son Kevin, who was 12 that year, was wrestling at the junior level at the school he attended.

Shortly before Christmas, there was a non-league match against another team sponsored by an inner-city church.

These youngsters, dressed in sneakers so ragged that shoestrings seemed to be the only thing holding them together, presented a sharp contrast to our boys in their spiffy blue and gold uniforms and sparkling new wrestling shoes. As the match began, I was alarmed to see that the other team was wrestling without headgear, a kind of light helmet designed to protect a wrestler's ears. It was a luxury the ragtag team obviously could not afford.

Well, we ended up walloping them. We took every weight class. And as each of their boys got up from the mat, he swaggered around in his tatters with false bravado, a kind of street pride that couldn't acknowledge defeat.

Mike, seated beside me, shook his head sadly, "I wish just one of them could have won," he said. "They have a lot of potential, but losing like this could take the heart right out of them." Mike loved kids -- all kids -- and he knew them, having coached little league football, baseball, and lacrosse.

That's when the idea for his present came. That afternoon, I went to a local sporting goods store and bought an assortment of wrestling headgear and shoes and sent them anonymously to the inner-city church. On Christmas Eve, I placed the envelope on the tree, the note inside telling Mike what I had done and that this was his gift from me. His smile was the brightest thing about Christmas that year and in succeeding years. For each Christmas, I followed the tradition -- one year sending a group of mentally handicapped youngsters to a hockey game, another year a check to a pair of elderly brothers whose home had burned to the ground the week before Christmas, and on and on. The envelope became the highlight of our Christmas . It was always the last thing opened on Christmas morning, and our children, ignoring their new toys, would stand with wide-eyed anticipation as their dad lifted the envelope from the tree to reveal its contents.

As the children grew, the toys gave way to more practical presents, but the envelope never lost its allure. The story doesn't end there. You see, we lost Mike last year due to cancer. When Christmas rolled around, I was still so wrapped in grief that I barely got the tree up. But Christmas Eve found me placing an envelope on the tree, and in the morning it was joined by three more. Each of our children, unbeknownst to the others, had placed an envelope on the tree for their dad. The tradition has grown and someday will expand even further with our grandchildren standing around the tree with wide-

eyed anticipation watching as their fathers take down the envelope.

Mike's spirit, like the Christmas spirit, will always be with us.

May we all remember Christ, who is the reason for the season, and the true Christmas spirit this year and always.

God Bless!

(Thanks Jack!)

To all in our ChristianGays.com "family", may you have a most blessed and peaceful, Christ-centered holiday!

May you feel the Presence of our Saviour as we remember His birth, life and death on earth, for we imperfect human beings.

May we each renew our commitment to live our lives to the best of our ability in peace and harmony with others, remembering always to treat EVERYONE with respect.

**"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
John 13:35**

May we be known by our love!

God bless you all,
Merry CHRISTMAS and Happy Holidays!
Mary

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