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With The Spirit of Christ

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Sidecar's Sidebar

Free Will

As a chaplain, I respect the right of people to follow all faiths and Statues for living. I believe this is mankind's, God given, right, to reject God if they so please. This is basically a free will issue in my book. The "statue's" for living alternative is generally created by an individual for him or herself, and generally applies to individuals not following organized religion. We are blessed to live in a free society and have the privilege to believe and think any way we wish.

However, this freedom does not diminish the fact that God has had a plan from the beginning of time to reconcile mankind to Himself. Stating the obvious, basically all of what we know of God has come from His divine and most holy word.

Of course there is that principal of "divine revelation" that comes into play. Anyway, the good book states in Proverbs 16:25, that there is a way that seem right to man, but its end leads to spiritual death.



A spiritual code of our own making may be a very good way to live, but the Bible states it is a very bad way to die. We have the right to live according to rules we make concerning a spiritually constructed model. However, the Bible clearly states in John 14:6 "that Christ is



the way, the truth and the life, nobody comes to the father except through Jesus Christ our Lord". So if we a person dies without Jesus in their heart, this death results in an eternal separation from the goodness of God the Father.

In recent days, I have encountered several individuals who have told me they have constructed their own plan, code if you will, for living. I beg, I plead, I so hope that any persons taking this route will carefully examine the claims of Jesus Christ in the bible and read Paul's letter to the Romans.

Chappy's Corner

Ministry of Presence

I am connected! I interact through the Biker Chaplain web site and YourTraining. I have three blogs (not sure why I need three, but I have them—oh, yea, I'm a writer), I am on Face Book, Plaxo & LinkedIn. You can meet me daily through one of my three email addresses or text me on my phone. Don't call though, I may be in a business meeting.

Yea, I'm connected—electronically. My face time, even with my ministry partner Sidecar, is moving more and more to one of the above means of communication. I live most of my life behind an electronic veil that offers me the ability to engage, on my terms.

That's not what Chaplaincy is about. That's not what Christian relationships are about. That's not what being human is about.

But, I find my self there more and more, and I find so many others there that taking a full days worth of "electronic break" puts me so behind that I have to work doubly hard to catch up.

While I enjoy face to face conversations, I have found myself more and more "comfortable" with remaining behind my electronic veil. Yes, this is probably the writer in me, but it is not what I am called to do or be as a Chaplain.

Chaplaincy, as we have discussed many times before is a ministry of presence. The people we minister to we do so through our presence with them and through the example of the lives we live day to day. They come to see a difference in how we are, how we react, and respond and our general state of being. I think Sidecar and I both have had this proven time and time again, and it is a lesson we continually learn with each and every interaction.

Our electronic veil's keep us from "living" the ministry of Chaplaincy. Yes, there can be some conveyance in the written word, but it is interpretational.

Our lives, what we live day to day is the true marker of our ministry. Regardless of your calling as a Christian. You do not have to call your self or be called by others a Chaplain, Preacher, Minister or other religious moniker to affect others through how you live your life—every Christian lives a ministry of presence.

Upcoming Events

Rumble on the River (Bandera, Tx)	Sep 25-27
BGCT Chaplains Conference	Oct 19-21
Galveston Rally	Oct 31
Thanksgiving	Nov 26
Big Tex Toy Run	Dec 20



2008 Training & Speaking Schedule

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