There's A Royal Banner Given For Display

Psalms 60:4

"Lift High Our Banner" Ps. 60:4

WHAT IS OUR BANNER?

- A. Our banner is Christ. (Heb. 12:1-4; 2 Cor. 4:5)
- B. Jesus Christ is:
 - 1. The object of chief attack. (Lk. 13:14: Mt. 22)
 - 2. The symbol of defiance. (1 Cor. 1:18)
 - 3. The emblem of victory. (1 Cor. 15:57)

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WHAT IS OUR BANNER? <u>Christ Is</u>! (cf. Rev. 1:18)

Rev. 17:14 "These shall war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they (also shall overcome) that are with him, called and chosen and faithful."

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The emblem of victory. (1 Cor. 15:57)

- a. "Which always causeth us, to triumph in Christ." (2 Cor. 2:14) (See Moffatt s Version)
- b. Through Christ we have victory:
 - (1) Over sin. (Col. 1:13-14)
 - (2) Over temptation. (1 Cor. 10:13)
 - (3) Over sorrow. (2 Cor. 1:3-5)
 - (4) Over difficulties. (Ps.46: 1; 50:15)
 - (5) Over death. (1 Cor. 15:55-57)

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BY WHOM IS IT GIVEN? ("THOU hast given a banner." Text)

- A. Christ was given by the eternal Father. (Gal. 4:4)
- B. He was given in the manger when the "Word was made flesh." (Jno. 1:14)
- C. He was given on the cross when the Father sacrificed every drop of His Son's blood, to die for our sins. (Jno. 3:16; 1 Cor. 15:3; cf. Jno. 10:17-18; Phil. 2:5ff)

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TO WHOM WAS IT GIVEN? ("to them that fear him.-Text)

- A. Not to all men, for God has a chosen people-"to those that fear him."
 - 1. Who are they? (Ecc. 12:13; Cf. 1 Pet. 2:5,9)
- B. Those that fear God are the <u>only</u> ones that carry the banner.
 - 1. Cf. the worldly-minded...

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HOW MAY WE MAY UNFURL OUR BANNER.

- 1.By word of mouth. (Acts 8:35; cf. Ps. 107:2; 1 Kgs. 7:8-9; Jonah 3:1; Acts 4:20)
- 2. By manner of life. (Eph. 4:1; Phil. 1:27)
 a. Our speech, temper and habits should distinguish us from others. (2 Cor. 6:17; 1 Pet. 2:9; 2 Pet. 2:9; cf. Gal. 2:20)

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FOR WHAT PURPOSE WAS THIS GIVEN? ("That it may be <u>displayed</u> because of the truth."-Text)

- A. In the cause of truth, or in the defense of -"the truth." (Cf. Gal. 2:5,20)
- B. We are to be ready to give an answer for every question about our faith. (1 Pet. 3:15; Jno. 5:39; 2 Tim. 2:15)
 1. Banner must be removed from it's case and displayed!
- C. If Jesus be lifted up He will draw all men unto Him. (Jno.12:32)

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WHAT WILL BE THE RESULTS OF LIFTING OUR BANNER HIGH?

- A. Such an open avowal of our faith is our best security against the entanglements with the world, the flesh and the devil. (2 Pet. 2-3; 3:18)
- B. Such open acknowledgment will give courage to the fainthearted. (Acts 21:11-14; Phil. 1:12-14; Cf. Heb. 10:24; Heb. 11)
- C. An open declaration of our faith will give to the world the one and only remedy for her ills. (Acts. 4:5-12; 19ff)

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- "A banner (flag) is made to be folded...
- or it is to fly."
- Ps 60:4 "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, <u>that it may be</u> <u>displayed</u> because of the truth."