## Who R U?

I got this in the mail: "Beginning May 3, 2023, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, photo ID card, or another form of federally acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to board a domestic commercial flight or enter a federal building or military installation that requires ID." Since my driver's license needed renewed, I decided to apply for one at the same time.

I gathered the needed information and put it in a large envelope. It included driver's license, Social Security card, birth certificate, car registration, gas bill, electric bill and of course a credit card. I heard many people were rejected because they did not have everything. So, I doubled-checked it was all there when I got in the car.

Because of bad weather, there was not much of a line. After a short wait, I got to the officer. As I was presenting my information, I could not find my Social Security card. I told him that it was here. I looked in my pockets, on the floor, ran back to the car even looked on the street. No card which meant no REAL ID. Then he said to me, "It does not matter. This is not a birth certificate." I was perplexed. It is what my mother gave me. It was an official document from the Department of Health, with all the information, even had a State seal and a registered number. "We need the real document from when you were born." Next person." I left without a REAL ID (gold star). But three days later, they did call me because they found my Social Security card. (This time, the line for service was out the door.)

It is getting ridiculous the amount of time that you must spend proving who you are. On the day I was born, they placed an ID bracelet on me, which I have. In my wallet, I carry eleven different cards so various places can identify me. I must have thirty different usernames with various passwords for cyber communications. (While writing this, the program where I stored all these passwords crashed. I spent hours and hours recovering.) Then there are sites that still do not believe you. They ask you to answer stupid questions, send you a security code and then have you try to figure out the hard Captcha. I even had a site that they wanted to snail mail you a number but they never asked for your street address.

However, there is one person that you never need to show your ID. He knows your name. He knows how many hairs are on your head. Matt 10:30 He knows what you need, even before you ask. Matt 6:8 "O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tonque, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether... For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them." PS 139

A young child once ran into the Oval Office and jumped onto the President's lap. He got past all the quards and security system. The President asked him what he wanted. The child replied, "Candy." The President smiled and gave him a piece. You see the child was the President's son. He did not need a special invite, a special ID, or a password. Everyone knew who he was. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb 4:16



## Charles Stambaugh

You do not need a real ID, gold star, passport, password or good works to enter heaven. If you trusted in Jesus, He will hold the door wide open for you. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

