

## What's in a Name?

Fred and Chuck were unlikely partners to say the least. Basically Fred was a mechanic while Chuck came from “royal stock”. Fred was fourteen years older than Chuck, and was working as a telegram messenger when baby Chuck came into the world. Fred had been turned loose to earn his way in the world at age nine. Since this was nineteenth century England this procedure was not unusual for parents who, for economic reasons, could not afford to keep their children who had been born in more affluent times for the family. Fred capitalized on his mechanical skills and founded a fledgling automobile company which bore his name. It was several years later when Chuck came along and was impressed by this automobile. Being of wealthy stock, he had the financial wherewithal to indulge in the new automobile fad, and by the turn of the twentieth century had become partners with the older Fred, founding a company which bore the name of both partners. The company named after Charles Stewart Rolls and Frederick Henry Royce soon became synonymous with quality. Rolls-Royce is still in some circles equated with being the “best car in the world”. [1]

Art and Lou met at Julliard where they performed as a duo in 1946 and modified their instruments to produce a different sound. However, it was their musical style which gave the duo their distinctive sound. They became popular on the “pop” music circuit and like the above mentioned Chuck and Fred became better known by their last names by which their recordings were released....Ferrante and Teicher[2].

The Israeli shepherd boy David who was prophesied[3] and later anointed[4] to be the King of Israel became unlikely friends with the heir apparent to the Throne of Israel, Jonathan, although the king's son, Jonathan was aware that David was to be the next King after his father. A lesser man would have tried to eliminate the competition by killing David as Saul, his father had tried to do through either direct assaults or angry vengeance filled pursuits of David which resulted in the shedding of much innocent blood[5]. Such was the love of David and Jonathan for each other that upon hearing of the deaths of Saul and Jonathan David ordered the men of Judah be taught the lament he penned describing the love he and Jonathan had for each other as greater than the love of women. He described Jonathan as his brother[6]. The two were united in the commonality of the Bond of Love through YHWH, the God of the Israelis. God had ordained this Love to facilitate the formation of a new Nation under His Divine Guidance. The kingdoms which preceded and which followed, were made in accordance to God's plan.

The Birth, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ precipitated much controversy. Some say it was faked, while others were not blinded by the lies and deceit of the Jews and spoke the truth. They believed in Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God, and received Him as the Lord and Savior of their lives. These disciples became known as Christians first at Antioch[7]. We, as followers of Jesus, are affiliated with His Name. Just as the names Rolls-Royce, Ferrante and Teicher, David and Jonathan elicit some form of feeling with which we associate them, so the Name Christian elicits a feeling of just exactly who this Jesus is with Whom we claim affiliation. Are we able to live up to the expected standard the name Christian puts forth. What is in this Name Jesus?

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[1] Bibliographic source: Georgano, G.N. “The Classic Rolls-Royce” Bison Books, 1983, pp 6-10

[2] Bibliographic source: Internet write up on Ferrante and Teicher

[3] 1 Samuel 13: 13-14

[4] 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

[5] 1 Samuel 18: 10-11; 1 Samuel 21: 1- 22:23

[6] 2 Samuel 1: 17-27

[7] Acts 11: 26