

Jesus is our goalie



Well, the days are getting shorter and you know what that means. That's right! Hockey season! Hockey! Hockey! Hockey!

In case you can't tell, I'm a hockey fan. I love to invite my friends over to watch a game. I'm excited when a great play happens, and I can jump up and high five total strangers at a game. I look forward to talking about last night's game at work. I can't wait for the night when a big game is on TV.

I follow the sports news to see the stats and where the Capitals are in relation to the other teams. You might not like hockey or even sports, but you can probably insert your own hobby or activity in place

of hockey. We all have a passion for something.

But, do we have that same passion when following Christ? Do you invite your friends to your church? Do you jump up and high-five your pew mate when the pastor tells you that Jesus died for your sins and has given you authority over all things on this earth?

Do you make sure attending church and mission activities are a priority and read the Bible daily to learn more about God? Do you share a great sermon with your coworkers on Monday? If not, why not?

I have great faith that the Capitals are going to win the Stanley Cup, but with Christ we already know who wins.

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Shouldn't we be excited about being on a winning team? God's team! Jesus! Jesus! Jesus! Romans 6:23 says: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (NIV).

And, Revelation 1:17-18 says: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades" (NIV). Christ has already conquered death, and we do too when we are on His team.

Jesus can be our goalie in life. He is the One that plays the entire game. He is the One that saves things when our defense slips up. He is the One the other team is truly trying to beat.

In hockey, even if you have the world's best goalie, you can still end up in a zero to zero tie. You need someone to compete and be part of the team and score goals. And, that's what we need to be.

We need to be part of God's team and score for Him. So, let's throw a hip check into Satan. Let's put his minions into the penalty box and let's score a slapshot for Jesus!

See you on the ice!