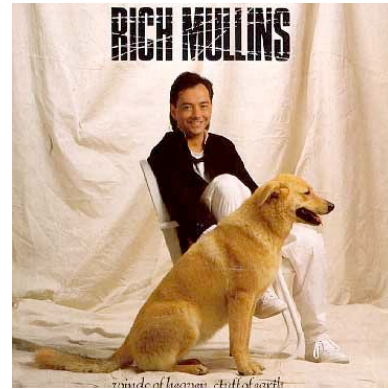


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Such A Thing As Integrity, By Tim Souza

The world of Contemporary Christian Music (CCM) is a complicated place. Some artists thrive there, touting the industry and its methods. Some artists suffer there either holding back their complaints or leaving the industry. Then there are some artists that stand above even their own promoters and their own industry, leaving the tentacles of the business yearning for their elusive submission. Rich Mullins was one of those artists.

Rich Mullins functioned and thrived for nearly two decades within the confines of this music industry. He

created work that is regularly sung in church and he created work that lives just as vibrantly today as it did all the years ago when it was in its infancy. Within this system of image building, and keeping Mullins was, and in some ways still is, an indication of hope for the future of CCM.

The stories of Mullins' resistance to the normality of life with the industry are fairly rampant among fans and friends of the artist. Once during a dinner event for many of the biggest names in the industry, Mullins famously decided not to sit down to...

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Election: Chosen in Christ, Ephesians 1:3-14 Part 5: Eph. 1:4, By Andrew Johnson

"He chose us in him"

Recall from Eph. 1:3 that Paul says we have been blessed "with every spiritual blessing...in Christ." Apart from Christ there is no blessing, and so it is that apart from Christ there is no election. Those who hold to the doctrine of election *as taught in*

Scripture understand that Christ and His redemptive work is central to the purpose and plan of God in saving those He has chosen. Election is God's sovereign choice of a particular people; and it is God's choice of individuals; nevertheless, He has chosen them in Christ.

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Getting to know...Cody Cannon, By Priscilla Marshall



Jamie & Cody Cannon

If you have a band, this student may ask if your band could lead worship for his ministry. Maybe you spoke in chapel, and really touched him; so he asked if you could speak for his youth. He will honestly tell you that they don't pay, because it's just not that kind of thing, but he would be delighted if you would consider it.

He always has a smile to spare. He speaks with joy in his voice and walks as though he is walking on air. He has the courage to ask when he needs something and he lends a hand when it looks like one is needed.

Introducing Cody Cannon! He and wife, Jamie, will celebrate two and a

half years of marriage on October 7th. She helps to share his passion with others by being herself a passionate Worship leader. She also teaches preschool at Woodland Preschool.

Cody and Jamie live in Woodland, where Cody was born and raised. They attend First Baptist Church in Woodland and Cody works in full time student ministries for their student outreach program, *Anthem*. He previously worked part time in youth ministry for six months, and then after being asked numerous times to go full time, the church decided that they would help Cody by paying for his college time ...

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...dinner with the rest of the guests attending. Rather he decided to go back and help serve the dinner with the hired help, losing his tuxedo jacket in return for an apron. This story is one of many illustrating Mullins' dedication to a giving sort of lifestyle.

During the final two years of his life Mullins taught music at a Navajo Indian Reservation. All the while he was still touring for Reunion Records. All of the proceeds for this and his album sales were turned over to Mullins' church and portioned out between himself and the various charities. Mullins received the average salary for the nation. This, yet again was a display of somebody playing by the rules but breaking every norm that he could.

All the time that he was bucking a system of public imagery and pseudo-stardom, Mullins was making some of the most timeless and influential music that the CCM has ever seen. During the 1980's Mullins created some indelible classics that many know and sing today, such as "Awesome God" and "Sing Your Praises To The Lord." In the early to late 1990's Mullins created a collection of

work that rivals the work of any other songwriter in any industry. "The World As Best As I Can Remember It Vol. 1 & 2" marked the beginning of a new, more stripped down sound.

The follow up to this project had a profound impact on the CCM world and is, to this day, considered by many to be the greatest single album ever created within the confines of the industry. "A Liturgy, A Legacy, & A Ragamuffin Band" was a truly complete album, speaking lucidly and poetically about the tradition and function of the church, those lives it represented and the America for which it posed hope.

In the following four years, Mullins would create three more albums, only releasing one more. After his utterly tragic death in September of 1997 the other two albums were released, featuring the work of other artists in the industry. Mullins is cited among many of today's top artists, within and outside CCM, as being one of the major contributors to their life and music. He was one of a kind and his legacy lives on through those who recognize his significance.

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You want fries with that?, By Monida Brown

McDonald's sends employees to "Pioneer Summit" to develop plan to promote gay agenda.

The American Family Association (AFA) has called for a boycott of McDonald's after the corporation donated thousands of dollars to the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, and appointed one of their executives to the above-mentioned board.

I checked out the AFA website and then did some more research (God bless Google), and I found a Washington Post Article that has permanently changed the way I look at a *Big Mac*. In the article, I found that McDonald's is a part of a growing trend in which, "Corporations increasingly are courting the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender markets for their buying power and trendsetting value. This translates into corporate sponsorships of events, such as gay pride festivals, and advertising targeted

at nonheterosexual consumers."

I then went back to the AFA's McDonald's boycott page, posted there is a McDonald's commercial stating, "...it is "a company that actively demonstrates its commitment to the gay and lesbian community."

"The Washington Post" article also states that, "According to McDonald's CEO Jim Skinner, McDonald's will aggressively promote the homosexual rights. "Being a socially responsible organization is a fundamental part of who we are. We have an obligation to use our size and resources to make a difference in the world...and we do." Their Spokesperson, Bill Whitman, even goes so far to say that anyone opposing the gay movement must be motivated by hate.

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God's chosen are purchased in Christ, by His blood. Paul will bring this point up later in our passage, speaking of the redemption we have in Christ's blood. In Titus 2:14 Paul tells Titus that Christ "gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession." (ESV) Likewise, in Revelation we read, in a song of praise to the Lamb who was slain, "You were slain, and purchased for God with your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation." (Rev. 5:10 NASB) For this reason Paul can say, "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people," (Titus 2:11 NASB) since it was through the blood of Christ that God has purchased men and women from among "all people."

Previously I had mentioned in passing the union of Christ with believers. "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." (Rom. 6:5 ESV) Election in Christ speaks again both of the personal and corporate nature of God's choice. The elect are chosen *in the Elect One*, and are *each united with Him in His death and resurrection*. The unity of

believers with Christ is such that Paul wrote to the Colossians, "Since you have been raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is...For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God." (Col. 3:1, 3 NASB) This unity takes on further significance in our passage in verse six where Paul speaks of our adoption that is "through Jesus Christ."

Salvation is only "through Jesus Christ." Election is not salvation, rather in Christ it is *to* salvation. Christ has purchased a people for God through His own blood and they have been united with Christ in His death and resurrection. For you see, the elect are "by nature children of wrath, even as the rest." (Eph. 2:2) It was necessary that Christ die on their behalf so that God can "be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus." (Rom. 3:26 NIV) We know that one day God will judge the world *for sin*; but praise be to God that He has chosen to redeem a people for Himself *from sin* through Jesus Christ.

In the next article, yes, we will still be looking at Ephesians 1:4.

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... as work time. That sealed the deal for him, and he gave up a well paying job and committed himself to the ministry that God had laid on his heart.

Cody was raised in a non-Christian home; however, he ended up at Woodland Christian School from preschool through twelfth grade. His spark for the Lord was rather dim through school; until in ninth grade he had his interest ignited by the lives of the teachers around him. He saw the way that Jesus lived in the lives of these teachers and was suddenly interested.

He was going down the road of life and needing to know what he wanted to do, he realized...he didn't. Cody had to write a paper as an assignment that told about himself and his future goals. He wrote it and his teacher saw a light for youth within him.

He began giving Cody information about how to achieve that goal, and Cody soon discovered that it is what he wanted as well.

Cody often finds himself telling his youth, "This is the life worth living." In Christ, there is so much more. His hope is the things they experience in *Anthem Youth Group* will continue as a burning fire that will not be quenched. That they may find their start here, and will go into the world unashamed of who Christ is within them. His prayer is that they would not see being a follower of Jesus as something to be ashamed of, but that they would surpass the worldly standard and reach for a higher goal.

"However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name."

1 Peter 4:16

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So, what is the AFA boycott all about: The **boycott of McDonald's IS NOT about:**

- *This boycott is not about hiring homosexuals.
- *It is not about homosexuals eating at McDonald's.
- *It is not about how homosexual employees are treated.

The boycott of McDonald's IS about:

- *The McDonald's corporation, not remaining neutral on the issue
- * Giving the full weight of their corporation to promote the homosexual agenda, including homosexual marriage."

The AFA wants McDonalds and other multi-million dollar corporations to stay neutral in the culture wars that fill our country. AFA is not speaking out against any private person using personal funds to support what he or she believes in. They **do** care that the weight of an entire company is being thrown

behind a movement that many people do not agree with.

This has changed how I look at a *Big Mac*, and has done what not even watching "Super Size Me" in Dr Roper's health class could not do. I, Monida Angeline Brown will never eat at McDonald's again. I loved McDonald's. I used to make any reason to eat there, but now that I see where the money I spend is going I cannot, in good conscience, eat there again. I would encourage you all to do the same. If you want to know more, check out these links, or just Google "McDonald's Boycott."

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