

Crimson & White Connection

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Crimson & White? What's this?

... This letter is part of a ministry primarily to students and singles. It started with college students. Now about 60% of the mailing list are college students, 20% middle and high school, and 10% are age 22 to 30, and we'll just leave ages unsaid for the last 10% since, well, they're old.. Articles are on character, values, spiritual life, relationships and more ... and some fun.

The theology position is "conservative," i.e. Jesus is God's Son, eternal, part of the single triune God, born of a virgin, sinless, crucified and risen, and is the *only* way to eternal life. We are free to choose Him. He has told us to be holy and that includes behaviors such as: sex outside of marriage is wrong.

This letter and post cards are sent about twice a month. We're trying to say that you are important enough for us to put this in your mailbox. We care about you and want to encourage your character growth and your spiritual walk.

A second part of the ministry is prayer. We pray for each person on our mailing list as the mail is prepared. When you get mail from us, you know someone prayed for you.

A college student reader chose the name **Crimson and White Connection** based on Isaiah 1:18 in the Bible "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." The cleansing of our nature and our sins is a universal need. If you base your trust for entrance into Heaven in Jesus, God's Son, and His death and resurrection on your behalf, then your crimson stains are made white as wool. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. There is no other way. If you admit that you can not reach God's standard, are repentant and sorry for your short fall (sin) and have asked Him to forgive you, then He has forgiven you. If you are truly repentant, then there will be evidence of that in your actions, your life. -- If the "religion police" were to arrest you, would you be turned loose for "lack of evidence"? Or would the evidence of your actions convict you of being a Christian?

If you have chosen to accept Jesus as Lord of your life, either the first time or again, we would like to know so that we can pray for you and encourage you. Write or call us.

You WILL BE and ARE a slave! But you can CHOOSE your master! CHOOSE God today.

John 3:16 is true. Accept no substitute!

July 14, 2007

Lessons from Nature

(1) Lone Goose

by Dr. Richard Dymmel, Ed.D.

This piece was the daily email devotional from May 12, 07. But I'm putting it in here because (1) it contrasts nicely with "Charlie," another lesson from Nature you'll find elsewhere in this issue.

(2) It is also a sample of the daily emails we can put in your e-inbox by just sending me an email at RDymmel@AOL.com and say "Try the daily stuff for 2 weeks." The email will give me the email address, but please include your first and last name, too.

(3) This daily piece came after the included email in it from Richard Innis, AND, at about the same time, on my way to school, the preacher I listen to most mornings while I'm driving had a sermon on "The Lone Christian." That's the Christian who's trying to be a Christian... by themself, and isn't connected with other Christians. And he wasn't meaning that they should "just attend church once in a while or even regularly." He was refering to being integrated into, involved in a church body. Kind of like how could a finger survive if you cut it off and left it on the table for very long? It would die and loose it's functionality and life.

So now here's my first "lesson from nature" for this issue.....

5/12 - Lone Goose

I had in mind a particular story from the past and was having my computer search for a phrase in all the files on my drive... Aren't some of the capabilities just marvelous? It's also frustrating when you just can't find something that you KNOW is there... somewhere. ... You have to have the EXACT wording to have it find it. ... No success yet. Still searching. - I did run across this though.

Sunday is a day when all the "geese" are *supposed* to gather to encourage one another. We should do it during the week, too, but we're kinda "*independent geese*" in a way. But at least once a week, we need to gather. Just being together is encouraging. We do the same with other groups. How long would you still be friends with people you didn't see or talk with for a long time? Depending on the level you want, in general, that sort of correlates to the frequency of getting together. We have friends that we see, or at least talk with, every couple months. And there are those we see and talk with weekly. Now Marie and I, if our work schedules and such make for a couple *days* when we haven't been together, I get grumpy, grouchy, and irritable.

- How about with God? Do you get a daily dose? How about weekly? Do you gather with, stick together with, get encouragement from and give encouragement to others by gathering together?


Have a terrific Lord's Day. Praise and worship Him with all your heart and mind and soul... and be encouraged.

Rich

[Continued elsewhere on another page. Look for "Goose"]

In the June 7, 2007 issue that was mailed (this is corrected in the file saved at www.CrimsonWhite.org, I quoted/referred to Jeremiah 29:11 but wrote "Isaiah" on p.2.

Only ONE person spotted than and told me. If you spot a mistake, let me know. I know they are in there. When I write it, it's offer hard to see the mistakes. Even after Marie proofreads it.

 **From the mailbox** (Letters may be slightly edited. We also remove some personal content and identifying stuff. We won't blab your name or email address.) Your letters and notes encourage us, too.
Rich

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6/15/07

Dr Dymmel,

I received your request for my change of address. I am letting you know that I would like to keep receiving the C&WC, however, I would like to get the email version instead of the snail mail one. This way you can save your paper and I can have a reason to check my email every month! This is the email address you can send them too.

I have graduated and will be moving to Raleigh in July.
EW

Hey! Great! I have a couple contacts in Raleigh that can give you some suggestions for churches to try. Their campus ministry disciples students and then connects them with a local church to get involved in and serve.

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6/19/07

Hello Richard!

It's been a long time since I have spoken to you. It was nice to receive your letter and to know that I am on your mind and in your prayers. I would love to get up with you for lunch and maybe come to church one Sunday with my mother. I am living at my mom's house, and everything is going great. Well, I just wanted to drop you a few lines to say hello, and that I really appreciate you caring. I no longer receive the Crimson and White Connection and would like to get it again. My mom's address is _____. I would love to see you to catch up.

C G

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6/30/07

Hey Rich,

I'm not sure what the problem is because I have been getting the issues regularly until this summer. ____ Univ. post is supposed to forward my mail home until July. So I am going back to school and will be using my school PO box.

Thanks so much, (It's great getting the CWC in the mail.)

J H

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7/3/07

[C&WM had sent several books and CDs at Meg's request to for her to share with other CHristian students.]

Rich,

We were just discussing the importance of having a "library" for interested seekers at one of the last bible studies. ☺ I've been sharing the newsletter with a couple people and your ministry through it, there is lots of interest. Again, thank you for sending the resources. I'll be sure to keep you updated.

Thank you and God Bless,

Meg

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Subject: School Address

Date: 7/9/2007 9:22:43 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time

From: mary_____@_____.com

I would like to let you know of a change in my school address. My address is now:

[omitted for privacy]

I will be at my "home" address until August 25.

Thank you for faithfully putting out the C&WC, it's such an encouragement to me!

Sincerely,

Mary C_____



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Do you have a relationship with God where you know He has accepted you just as you are? If not, and you want that, call me at 336-674-7564. Or call 1-888-NEED-HIM. – With God, even if you have gone the opposite direction, you have never gone too far to turn around.

Subject: Grace**Date:** 7/9/2007 3:56:27 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time**From:** hyn_angel@yahoo.com

Grace

Sunday, July 08, 2007

After three weeks of trying to write a newsletter, I have been praying for a topic, song, or experience to write on and nothing has transpired. Every time I sit down to write, I get a few thoughts down on paper and then it ends. They don't seem to connect. Well tonight I was sitting at my computer emailing some friends when the phone rang. A precious friend was on the other end and after talking with her for about half an hour, I had to type up what was on my heart. God's grace – so here goes...

Grace- We would all recognize the song Amazing Grace but do we really see how absolutely amazing God's grace to us really is. John Bradford said the infamous quote of "There but by the grace of God, go I". God has been really teaching me about His grace and how left to my own thoughts and actions, I deserve nothing better than hell. But only by God's grace do I get to spend eternity in heaven because of nothing I have done but of what Jesus Christ has done for me. More than twenty years ago, I accepted Christ as my Savior at a vacation bible school but it wasn't until years later at a friend's funeral that I also made Christ Lord of my life. I surrendered my ALL to Him. Everyone serves some kind of master whether it be money, what people think, themselves, worry, society, etc. but the only master that is fair and just is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Even with Christ in my heart and life, I still make choices that go against what God's word says. That is where God's grace plays a huge role. Because of those choices, I have to live with the consequences but they don't affect where I will spend eternity. The grace that God offers has taught me so much about His gentleman-like characteristics. How easily I stumble, but the hand of God is always there to help me back on my feet. My dad and I used to sing a Twila Paris song when I was little called "The Warrior is a Child". Even as hard as the battle is, and as tired as the warrior gets from fighting, God is always there to wipe away the tears and lend a hand.

I can honestly say that this summer has been too short and tiring. I chose to watch children six out of the seven weeks of summer vacation. So I have had between 5 – 10 children, ages 3 to 8 years old, on a daily basis from 6:30am to 4:30pm all by myself while trying to get work

done in my office for the upcoming preschool year. I have come home in the evenings with little energy to do things around the house but still needing to get things done. Friends and former students have also desired a piece of my time, so between three Bible Studies per week, bread runs, and trips to the movies at night, I am living like I am on summer break but still having to get up at 5:45am every morning. Again only by the grace of God have I been able to build friendships, help parents out, and spend some time having fun. God has truly blessed me with some absolutely amazing friends this summer who have taught me what it looks like to be authentic and captivating.

So with all that said, I sit here tonight amazed by God's grace- that it is not by my strength but by His. God chooses to use us even when we feel unusable. God delights in our hearts that are filled with worship to Him. And we are truly beautiful in His sight because He created us with that beauty.

As I close out this letter... I apologize that it has taken me so long to write. I desire to know what is going on in each of your lives. If you have prayer concerns or just want to chat feel free to email me back or call. I am also on facebook (finally) and myspace. Just use my email address!!!!

Much love and God's blessings,
Angela Calhoun

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I'd rather be ridin' a mule on Molokai!!!

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?" -Psalm 27:1



(1) Lone Goose continued from p.1 - I bet you looked on page 2

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Daily Encounter ~ Wednesday, July 6, 2005
 Know God: http://www.Got-God.net/know_god1.htm
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By Richard (Dick) Innes. Published and (c)
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Today's Daily Encounter
1. Lessons From Geese

“There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving. There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church” (1 Corinthians 12:5-7, NTL).

Fascinated by the conduct of flying geese, Dr. Robert McNeish, wrote “Lessons From Geese” for a sermon in his church in 1972. Demonstrating the power of a good idea, his essay spread and has become a classic statement of the importance of teamwork.

Fact: As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an “uplift” for the birds that follow. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

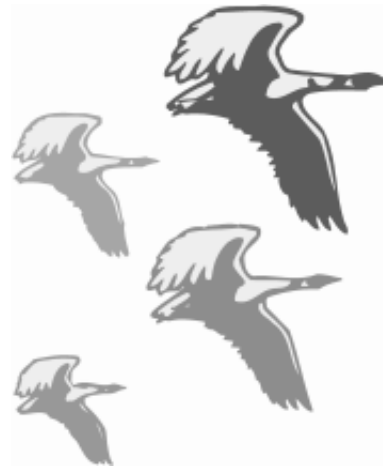
Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Fact: When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies to the point position.

Lesson: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other’s skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents or resources.

Fact: The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Lesson: We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. The power of encouragement (to stand by one’s heart or core values and encourage the heart and core of others) is the quality of honking we seek.



Fact: When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

Fact: When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose, we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.¹

Suggested prayer: “Dear God, please help me to know what my God-given gifts are, develop them, and use them to work in harmony with others to help do your work in your church here on earth. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus’ name, amen.”

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1. Cited on Character Counts www.charactercounts.org. For verification of the author see research by Sue Widemark at: <http://suewidemark.com/lessonsgeese.htm>

2. To Know God and be sure you’re a real Christian without having to be religious click on: <http://tinyurl.com/8glq9> (or cut and paste the URL in your browser).

Any time I refer to a book in the C&WC and you are really interested in it and either can’t find it or don’t feel you can afford it, contact me and we’ll see what we can do about getting it for you. C&W gives away over 60 books, music CD’s, DVD’s, and sermon tapes and CDs every year.

Lessons from Nature #2

Dr. Rich Dymmel, Ed.D.

6/9/07 –Sat. morning (#2) - Charlie -

“Lessons from nature” aren’t always good lessons to follow. We need to discriminate and *think* to determine good examples, from nature, and from other people.

Some people are good examples. Some are poor examples. - Scary thought... What if the purpose of your life is to be a an example to others of what they should avoid?

“Sat morning (1)” was sent as the daily e-devotional that day. It might be posted in the archive at the www.CrimsonWhite.org, or maybe not yet. (You can get on our [daily](#) email distribution by just asking. We even snailmail each week’s set to a couple people.) I wrote that and this as I sat on the “lanai” (that’s the fancy name for a closed in porch in FL) at my mother-in-law’s place in FL. I was there to help close up for the Summer, put her on a plane back to our house for hurricane season, and then I’d drive her loaded-up car up to our place.

Yesterday we were walking around the yard and saw several “interesting” things. Among what we saw was Charile.

Charlie is a 30” tall (I figured that by observing him next to a wall and then went and measured the highth of where I saw his head on the wall, he really is that tall) snow-white egret that comes to the neighbor’s patio at the back of their home. Charlie also generally wanders around their yard. - This picture is in their carport. - Behind the homes is a storm water drainage ditch, and beyond that is the pond, generally maintained by rain water, too. There must be some small fish in it because there are usually long legged birds wading in the shallow water around the edge, fishing for their breakfast or lunch.

When she sees Charlie, she throws him a slice of bologna. (I didn’t ask if it was Oscar Meyer’s. Charlie probably isn’t very particular about his bologna anyway.) Charlie waits, as if to not appear to be too aggressive or anxious and just grab it and run, but waits as if to in his own way to say thank you, then picks it up walks over to the drainage ditch and drops it in the water. Then he grabs it and shakes it a bit tearing off a bite and then eats it. In the shaking a few small pieces tear off. He reaches down and grabs in the water for the little pieces. - A



smaller bird approached. Charlie didn’t share his wealth. The smaller bird would have taken even a part where Charlie had ripped it and in shaking it in his beak, it had come apart into a few small scraps. He showed no signs that he was about to share. He stood unmoving over his bologna prize. The other bird finally left. Charlie takes the slice and again shakes it ripping off a chunk, and shaking that, it separates into one piece in his beak and a couple small ones that drop back in the water.

Lessons from nature... (1) Bologna is okay to eat. But (2) I prefer my bologna as part of a sandwich and not dipped in the storm drain ditch. And (3), my mommy taught me that it’s nice to share. If it’s a pack of crackers, I’ll offer you a few, or break my cookie in half, or if it’s my sandwich, you’d probably want me to tear or cut it so you didn’t get part where I bit into it. (The other bird wouldn’t have cared if it was a piece that fell from Charlie’s beak.) So the only good lesson here from Charlie is that bologna, even the less expensive brands, probably won’t kill you. For the other things Charlie did, he’s a poor example. Do NOT do what Charlie does with his bologna.

Todd & Jeff Hafner also have some things to say about NOT taking “lessons from nature” in their book. I picked up one of their books recently, started to read it... pretty good stuff ... interesting style and format ... went back and bought a second copy knowing I’d find someone to give it away to, and already have.- *Wake Up and Smell the Pizza*, (Todd & Jedd Hafer, Bethany House, 2005, ISBN 0-7642-0033-X). Strange title, good read. ... **Here’s what they say about taking lessons from nature:** (p.48) “*We saw a ... “expert” ... the other day, woofing about how monogamy and sexual purity were contrary to the “natural order of things. She noted that most animals have multiple sex partners and have sex whenever they feel like it. To this we retort, “Good point, Ms. Sexpert! But hey, our dogs roll in garbage and drink out of the toilet. Monkeys eat their own monkey-doo. Tigers eat their young.*

So maybe it’s not the best idea for human beings, made in God’s image, to rake their behavioral cues from chimps, dogs, or even wombats.”

“One more thing, Ms. Sexpert -- we want to test you to see if you really believe that what’s good enough for lower mammals is good enough for humal beings. So if you come to one of our houses for a visit, let’s see if you drink out of the toilet. We’ll leave the lid up for you.”

“If you haven’t done so yet, make a commitment, right now, to maintain - or reclaim - your sexual purity until you are married. Make a pact with a aprent, friend, or [pastor]. Make a pact with God.”

(Make a pact with us at rdymmel@aol.com and we’ll send you a card for your walet and talk with you about a “purity ring” to wear.)

Some math in the Bible...

Our Sunday School lesson this past Sunday was from Haggai.

When the Irarielite captives returned from Babalon after 70 years they started to rebuild the temple. Then they “lost interest” and used the materials to build houses for themselves and left just the foundadtion done for the temple. For 15 years it was left that way.

Do you know why they were “away” in captivity for 70 years?

... For 490 years they had been disobedient to God. He had said that the land should rest every 7th year, sort of have it’s own “sabbath” so to speak. They hadn’t done that, hadn’t obeyed for 490 years. So Their punishment for disobedience was to have the land taken from them and give the land the 70 rest years that they had taken from it. - Pretty cool how this stuff all really intermeshes, huh?

The more you read and study, the more you learn He is a God of order and consistancy. That leads to being able to depend on Him when all else may be going in chaos. God is orderly and dependable and consistant.

Cool, huh.

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***“Want to know what God thinks of you?”***

***God is crazy about you. Crazy. Not fond. Not warmly loving. He strains his eyes searching for you. And when he sees you, even thought you are a long way off, he makes a mad spint down the road for you. Sandals smacking, robe flapping, dust flying. And when he gets to you, he hugs you and smothers you with kisses. He is drunk with joy.”***

*Wake Up and Smell the Pizza, Todd & Jedd Hafer, Bethany House, 2005, ISBN 0-7642-0033-X, p.29-30*

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**It’s not this time for God,
this time for work, this time for play,
and this time for me.
It’s the whole thing for God.**

Excerpted from ‘What to do about the Worship Wars’ by John Fischer

“Your Worship Is Too Small”

God is after a life of worship for each of us. It’s what Paul calls our “service of worship” — presenting ourselves to Him continually as living sacrifices, transformed in our thinking and awake to His will in the world (Rom 12:2).

Unfortunately we tend to turn this service of worship (which takes up our whole life) into a worship service (which takes up about an hour a week). It puts a lot of weight to bear on 30 minutes of music i1 that will be a person’s sole worship experience for the week. No wonder people are fighting so hard for their music.

We worship because we are worshippers. We were created with ,this big cavity in our souls that can’t be filled with anything but God, and filling ourselves with God on c continual basis is the most fulfilling thing we can do. It is what we were made for.

True worship incorporates our minds in understanding, our strength in service, our soul in wonder, and our spirits in praise. It does not take a song to do this. It takes my mind on God and my whole being focused in His direction. I also believe it is possible to de all this while doing everything else we normally do — in fact, this is what give~ everything else meaning. This is what Paul meant when he said to do everything we de to the glory of God (Co13:17)

It’s our life, not a worship service, that will make us worship-pers. We don’t go to church to worship; we go to church because we are already worshippers. And if someone is a true worshipper, which means their whole life is an act of worship, then what happens f01 30 minutes of music once a week is a small thing indeed.

I often hear people say they need to give God more of their time: longer quiet time, more prayer, more Bible reading. That’s good, but I’m not sure God wants more of my time as much as He wants more of my attention. It’s not this time for God, this time for work, this time for play, and this time for me. It’s the whole thing for God.

If I’ve lived a week like this and I get to church with my fellow believers filling up c room, they can sing in French and play sitars and it won’t matter to me. I’ll be so happy just to be there and join my voice. however timid or strong, with others who believe

(This was sent to me by a reader. Other than the “Excerpted from...” statement, I do not know the whole reference / source.)

Mostly just for fun...

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A man was telling his friend about his upstairs neighbors. "They started to jump up and down on the floor at five o'clock in the morning!"

His friend asked, "well, didn't that disturb you? Didn't you complain?"

"No-it didn't disturb me. I was practicing my trumpet."

### \*Formal Letter\*

At the end of last semester, a fellow student complained about how he failed the English course.

The teacher invited him to write a formal letter of complaint to the principal.

I glanced at his letter to see how it was going.

His first sentence read, "Dear Principle, it is unfair and unpossible that I faled english."

### \*Kids View of Science\*

Q: What is one horsepower?

A: One horsepower is the amount of energy it takes to drag a horse 500 feet in one second.

- You can listen to thunder after lightening and tell how close you came to getting hit. If you don't hear it you got hit, so never mind.

- When they broke open molecules, they found they were only stuffed with atoms. But when they broke open atoms, they found them stuffed with explosions.

- When people run around and around in circles we say they are crazy. When planets do it we say they are orbiting.

- While the earth seems to be knowingly keeping its distance from the sun, it is really only centrifuging.

- Most books now say our sun is a star. But it still knows how to change back into a sun in the daytime.

- A vibration is a motion that cannot make up its mind which way it wants to go.

- Many dead animals of the past changed to fossils, others preferred to be oil.

- Vacuums are nothings. We only mention them to let them know we know they're there.

- Some people can tell what time it is by looking at the sun. But I have never been able to make out the numbers.

- We say the cause of perfume disappearing is evaporation. Evaporation gets blamed for a lot of things people forget to put the top on.

- I am not sure how clouds get formed. But the clouds know how to do it, and that is the important thing.

- Rain is saved up in cloud banks.

- Cyanide is so poisonous that one drop of it on a dog's tongue will kill the strongest man.

- Thunder is a rich source of loudness.

- Isotherms and isobars are even more important than their names sound.

- It is so hot in some parts of the world that the people there have to live other places.

## Share with someone

Giving a friend a copy of this letter and asking them if they would like to get it too, is an easy way of witnessing and starting a conversation about God.

If you'd like to be on our mail/prayer list, and have the Crimson & White Connection mailed free to you, fill this out and mail it to:

4401 Wild Oak Lane, Greensboro, NC 27406-8306

\*\*\* or email to Rdymmel@AOL.com \*\*\*

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I've read the \_\_\_\_\_ issue, send the next one, please.

Please tell us how you found out about the C&WC. \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

School e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

## Becoming a Christian: A-B-C's

**A – Admit** that you're a sinner. You just can't meet God's standard. The Bible says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 (also see 1 John 1:8).

**B – Believe** that Jesus was the Son of God and died in your place, took the punishment for you. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world (that includes you) that he gave His only begotten son (that's Jesus) that whosoever (that's you again) believes in Him should not perish (that's saved from eternal death, Hell) but have eternal life (given eternal life with God, that's "salvation" or to "be saved")." John 3:16

**C – Confess** your sin to God. – The Bible says, "If we confess (own up to) our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleans us..." 1John 1:9.

**S – Submit** yourself to His commands and control.

**Want Jesus in your life?** Pray this prayer: "Lord Jesus, I confess to You my sin and need to be saved. I turn away from my old sin and place my trust and faith in You as the only way to be saved." Now contact your pastor, or contact us at 1-336-674-7564, or call 1-888-NEED-HIM, and say, "I just asked Jesus to be my Lord."

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**“<sup>27</sup>Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!”**