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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 <u>you</u> are <u>important enough</u> 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 <u>you</u>.

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.

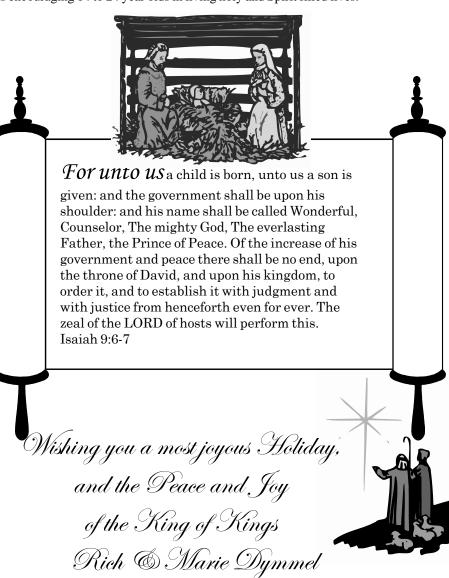
John 3:16 is true. Accept no substi-

Dec 20, 2007 Christmas

By Dr. Richard R. Dymmel, Ed.D.

A historical note... The Christmas issue of The Crimson & White Connection actually started back in 1985 as The Rebel Bugle. That is when we packed it all up and moved from Michigan to North Carolina and we created this "Christmas Card." The C&WC started in the Summer of '98.

If you ONLY get the Christmas issue of the Crimson & White connection ... why is that? You can get my thoughts and ramblings multiple times a year. If you want to see what you're missing, go to www.CrimsonWhite.org to read what we've written and published all year long. And particularly, get your HS and college age kids on our mailing list. Our stated "target" and purpose in publishing the C&WC is encouraging 14 to 24 year olds in living holy and Spirit filled lives.



The Aquarium

Dr. Richard R, Dymmel, Ed.D., © 1999

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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I have just a couple notes that I'll put in another issue. **This whole issue is a letter from me to you...**

A Christmas Poem

My little girl asked just the other day,

-David Keen (12/21/1990)



Daddy, will baby Jesus be on the sleigh?
Well, I knew this question, it came from the heart.
We had to talk, but where should I start?
Daddy, on that first Christmas Day,
Did Santa Clause put baby Jesus on the hay?
I paused, I thought, and pondered a while.
What do I say to this confused child?
Well, little girl, to you Santa is real and that's okay,
But Santa Clause wasn't there that first Christmas Day!
God sent baby Jesus to that manger stall.
A special gift of love to one and all.
To every girl and boy that's done good deeds
Santa brings toys they want and things they need.
Daddy, children need Jesus and adults do too.
Now that's a statement I know is true.

Christmas is Jesus' Birthday all over the world Thanks for reminding me, my little girl.

Baby Jesus will be at my house on Christmas Day. But I know he will not come on a sleigh.

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Because He was born, there is hope. Because He was born, there is Love. Because He was born, there is joy. May you seek Him and know Him this Christmas. Luke 2:10-11

from Jordana Hart, Hickory, NC, 1999 a student at Gardner-Webb Univ., Boiling Springs, NC



here was a man who had an aquarium. He really

loved his fish. He provided food for them; maintained the tank; kept the air pump running to aerate the water; kept it at just the right temperature; everything. He would put plants for the fish to swim behind. There were rocks where they could swim under. Everything a fish could need.

But whenever he would try to reach into the aquarium, the fish would scatter and hide behind the rocks and plants. They would flee to the opposite corners of the tank to avoid his hand. They were terrified of him and his hand coming into their 'world.'

As he thought about this one day, he thought, "I only want to get close to them. They don't understand. They can't comprehend what I am. The only way they can begin to understand that I only want to relate to them and show them who I am, how I love them, and how I want them to relate to me, is if I were to become a fish, become one of them. Then they could get to know me and wouldn't be afraid. I could tell them what I want."

So he became a fish and got in the aquarium. He began to tell the fish how the person who has been feeding them and providing for them loves them. How he only wants to develop a mutual love relationship if they would only respond to him and



trust him. They should come near to the hand when it comes into the tank. It won't harm them. It only means good for them. They should let it touch them.

Most of the fish thought, "This is ridiculous. We don't need this. We get along just fine here on our own. We certainly don't need to pay homage to something from the outside that we don't understand. And we certainly don't need any rules about how to live here." And so they began to attack the man/fish. There were a few that believed.

The man/fish left the aquarium. He constantly observed his fish and put his hand in and would touch the fish that would let him. He continued to provide for all the fish.

... Does this begin to sound like something you've heard before?

John 1:10, 11, 14 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world didn't recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

John 4:12,13 says To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Matthew 1:23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel" - - which mean, "God with us."

He has come. God only wants a love relationship with us, me, and you. Will you let Him? Will you respond and let him touch you, or will you reject Him?

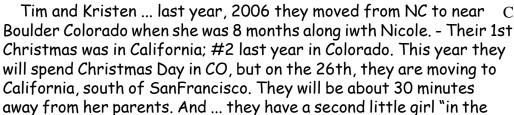
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A personal note from Rich & Marie

We're pretty busy... maybe too busy... all year long. We haven't done extensive traveling or cruises.

Our biggest news is "little" news. Matt and Jessica had child #3, Caleb. He was born right on Gabe's birthday, April 25th. He's growing big and crawling and has to be where the big kids are and watch what they do. They are st the coast, near Morehead City... active in their church, they are part of a small group that have been planning and in January will be starting a new church plant to attract those that are not coming to "traditional" churches.



oven," and are expecting her around the 1st of May. Although CA is a bit farther away than CO, it will be actually more convenient and cheaper for us. (1) There is a new "low cost" airline that will start flying from Greensboro to SanFrancisco (I think, I know it's somewhere in CA), and (2) last night we got a call from a "Resort" to come visit (you know, they want us to see the sales presentation) and we booked a 3 night stay at a very nice SFC 5-star hotel, plus the extras they throw in, for a very reasonable cost.

Marie is still one of the Nursing Supervisors at the hospital. That keeps her very busy, especially since they have been short-staffed in her office for a little while now.

Rich... at this time last year I had interviewed at a private Christian school, and started f-t with them in January. It is interesting, in so many ways. The *best* part is having an emphisis on teaching a Biblical world view. Every class, all day long is started either with prayer or, what I like to do is scripture and a 5 minute devotional/teaching/learning piece. Four morning a week, the teachers have a staff prayer meeting. - I'm teaching 4 sections of high school Algebra and Geometry and one class of computers.

Christmas for us will be Christmas Eve day and Christmas morning at Lauren and Gabe and Caleb's... opps, Matt and Jessica's... house this year. Marie's mom will spend Christmas at Gary's, Marie's brother, in Charleston SC.

We wish you God's richest blessings for 2008. Rich and Marie



Caleb, Lauren (7+), (Gabe 3 1/2) st Matt & Jessica's kids



Nicole @ 1yr



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The Tale of the Christmas Tree

Last weekend my family got our Christmas tree. Our tradition is to bundle up and venture out in the woods to search for the perfect one. Since there's six of us, it's always a process deciding which tree makes it to the coveted spot in our living room.

When we found our perfect tree, we took it back to the house to begin the fight we call decorating. We dug through cardboard boxes filled with ornaments we made in elementary school, all the while laughing at the outdated pink balls my little brother insists on putting front and center on the tree. (I always move them to the back when he's not looking.) And before we're done decorating, we've taken a trip down memory lane.

Decorating a Christmas tree is a tradition most of us have had since we were kids. And no matter how old we get, turning an ordinary tree into something beautiful can still make our eyes sparkle. But I never thought the Christmas tree was part of the celebration honoring Jesus' birth. I just thought it was something fun to do. But back in the day, decorated trees honored gods—just not the one we worship.

Ancient pagan people worshiped trees. They'd bring them inside their homes and decorate them, hoping this act would ensure good crops the following year. Other pagans offered evergreen branches to a sun god. (They thought winter was a result of the god being sick. They believed the branches would heal him.) Crazy as this may sound, these pagans found spiritual meaning in decorating their trees—which is something I have yet to do.

The tradition of the Christian Christmas tree was founded in Germany by Martin Luther, a Christian theologian. On Christmas Eve one year, he saw an evergreen tree illuminated by the stars shining above it. He wanted to capture the moment for his children. So he cut down a tree, took it home and decorated it with candles. The tradition took hold and evolved. Soon, Christians were hanging ornaments as a symbol of God's goodness, and the evergreen trees were a symbol of everlasting life. This is the Christmas tree we decorate today.

Knowing all this, I wish I would've dedicated more time to stringing lights on the tree this year. I've always appreciated the beauty of Christmas trees as their lights give everything a wonderful glow. But now I understand why we make them so beautiful—to honor the Savior that shines his brilliant light from within our souls, all year-round.

What a privilege we have to decorate a tree in honor of Jesus. Enjoy—even if your little brother insists on hanging outdated pink ornaments front and center!

Happy Holidays! Autumn

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Can you fathom that God sees the last and next five millenniums clearer than you or I see the last five minutes?

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The Creation of Candy Canes

When I was a little girl, my parents didn't have much money. As a result, my older sister and I never really got treats, like pop, candy, McDonald's. But there were some rare moments when Mom would break down and give us sugar. Those were good days—and we knew Christmastime was full of them.

Mom always made a lot of Christmas cookies. To this day, we hang around the kitchen just to snatch raw cookie dough when she's not looking. My favorite kind to make and eat were candy cane cookies. My sister and I would separate the dough and add red food coloring and peppermint flavor. Then we'd spend the next hour painstakingly twisting the dough together to make the perfect candy cane. In my opinion, my sister never made them right. So, much to her dismay, I'd try to fix them. She'd get so mad at me she'd take the bowl and lick the whole thing while I looked on, yelling.

Even though we only had cookies at my house, in town the peppermint sticks were everywhere. I would run errands with my dad just so I could get free candy canes at the bank. I figured I had to make up for the last 11 months when I was sugar-deprived.

But the past few years I've heard bits and pieces about the legend behind the candy cane. I began to think that maybe there's more to the candy cane than turning my teeth pink.

In 1670 a choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral in Germany handed out sugar sticks to keep his young singers quiet during a Christmas ceremony. They were shaped like shepherds' crooks, in honor of the first shepherds that came to worship Jesus. (But it's also been said that candy canes were shaped like a J for Jesus.) Candy canes are hard because the Church is founded on the solid rock of Jesus. The peppermint flavor symbolizes hyssop, which was a mint used in the Old Testament for purification and sacrifice. Furthermore, the traditional red and white stripes supposedly symbolize both Christ's blood and his purity.

Historians still aren't sure about the origins of the candy cane, but they've pieced together enough facts to disprove some parts of the legend. (Candy canes were originally all white.) Some have said it's fine for Christians to celebrate symbolism that wasn't there before, but they say it's just a myth.

And that's all the candy cane may be. But as Christians, it's enough for us to know the truth that Jesus Christ was born in a manger, that shepherds did visit, that a star guided the wise men. We believe a Savior came into the world just like we did. To live with us, to teach us, to die for us. And thankfully, that's no legend.

Staying with family tradition, we still make candy cane cookies. And despite all the years of practice, my sister still doesn't make them right. But in the spirit of Christmas, I try to be mature about it—even when she licks the whole bowl!

Happy Holidays! Autumn

Santa Claus 2

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m T}$ his will not be a promotion for or a review of the Santa Claus

II movie... although that is where I got the ideas from. Marie and I went to see it yesterday afternoon (Nov '02) ... and it was hilarious. A very enjoyable time. (And still right up there as a favorite movie of mine in '07.)

In the movie there were two exchanges of dialog that really struck me. – It was too dark, and I didn't have any thing to write on, and my fingers were all greasy from the buttered popcorn so these quotes are probably off by just a little, hence the single quote marks (' '). Here goes.

Santa is trying to win the woman's heart. She hasn't believed in Santa since she was a little girl. She says, 'I don't understand.' And Santa (Tim Allen, really. The Tooth Fairy, a.k.a. the Molarator, is in the movie, too), he says, 'You don't have to understand to believe.' – Isn't that true about God, salvation, holiness, and the spiritual life, too? Is it necessary to understand all the theology stuff to live and walk with God? Is it necessary to be able to debate Evolution vs. Creationism to know God? Do you have to be able to recite the hierarchy of angels to know that God can send an angel to intervene or that He can protect you? – We know it.

Later in the movie the son gives her the "magic snow globe." 'Remember when you used to believe,' he says. She "believes" and the globe changes. She sees. He says, "Seeing isn't believing. Believing is seeing." It's right after this that the Molarator carries them both to Santa's workshop and the North Pole.

Now I'm not telling you that if you believe in Santa or the Tooth Fairy, you'll see them. I'm saying that FAITH to believe what you can not see, like the faith of a child, is what Jesus asks. Just TRUST Him. "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matt 18:3, KJV, Cambridge, 1769) When you do, you will understand and see things you didn't understand or see before. You'll see and want to be in church and associate with other Christians. You will WANT to try to live a holy life and quit other things. You will "see" God working circumstances that are not just coincidences anymore.

We are to come to Jesus like little children. – When my kids were little they believed things without understanding them. They didn't need to have a degree in mechanical engineering and understand the Otto process of 4-cycle engines and combustion and the mechanics of gear ratios and slippage of torque converters and the physics of tire air pressures before they could get in the car that would take them to Toy-R-Us. They just believed that we and the car would get them there.

Are you believing and seeing God work? Or are you too busy trying to figure out the rationality and practicality of this "God stuff"? If you're having trouble seeing it... maybe you need to start believing and trusting first, like a little child. "Seeing isn't believing. Believing is seeing." In big theological terminology, that is called ... Faith. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1, KJV, 1769) "Got Faith?"

In Christ, Rich

<u>Christmas Symbols ...</u> Candy Canes remind me of the real Christmas

A candy cane reminds me of a shepherd's staff. On that first Christmas, the lowly shepherds were the first to be told of the baby born in Bethlehem.

Luke 2: 8-12 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

And later Jesus said that he was the 'good shepherd' that would care for and protect me.

John 10:11-14 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—"

The stripe pattern reminds me of his taking my punishment for me and providing healing for me.

Isaiah 53: 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

The red and white colors remind me of my sin and how he transforms my sin and me.

Isaiah 1:18 "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."

Upside down, a candy cane is the letter J. The J is for Jesus. He is the one who redeems me.

John 3:16-18 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

So you see, a candy cane is a symbol of the true reason for celebration at Christmas.

A Christmas parable

Date: 12/13/1999 From: Ken@____ (Ken Tucker)

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty."

Then the second tree said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull."

Finally the third tree said, "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me."

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, "This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter" ... and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree a woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree, I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship. When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true.

One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree so I'll take this one," and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for. The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end.

The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark.

The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and he stood and said "Peace. Be still." and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, He will give you great gifts. Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined. We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.



When you get something forwarded on the net, well, it's accuracy may be in doubt. So I did some research at the San Diego Zoo and their reindeer exhibit. Part of what I found is included at the end. -Rich.

REMEMBER THIS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring.



Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should've known... ONLY women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and **NOT GET LOST!**

http://www.sandiegozoo.org/kids/animal_reindeer.html San Diego Zoo site Zoo Name: Tundra Species: Siberian Reindeer Reindeer Games

.... Both male and female reindeer grow antlers, and drop them at different times of the year. And since females have their rack of antlers in winter, to help protect food sources and unborn calves against the

email delivery "You've got mail."

- I like that movie... - A couple people have suggested that some college students do EVERYTHING by email and can't remember their campus box number. Our experience has been that a physical piece of mail was preferred by almost everyone. But we make it an option. If you would PREFER to get the C&WC by email just let us know. We will deliver by either method.

Christmas Carols for the Psychiatrically Challenged

DEMENTIA - I Think I'll Be Home For Christmas.

NARCISSISTIC - Hark The Herald Angels Sing (About Me) MANIA - Deck the Halls and Walls and House and Lawn and Streets and Stores and Office and Town ...or Deck the Halls and Spare No Expense!

PARANOIA - Santa Claus is Coming To Get Me.

PERSONALITY DISORDER - You Better Watch Out, I'm Gonna Cry, I'm Gonna out, then MAYBE I'll tell you why.

DEPRESSION - Silent anhedonia, Holy ahedonia. All is calm, All is pretty lonely.

OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE - Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell Rock, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell Rock, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell Rock, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Rock, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell Rock, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell Rock, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell Rock, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell Rock, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell Rock, Jingle Bell...

BORDERLINE PERSONALITY - Thoughts of Roasting in an Open Fire.

PASSIVE AGGRESSIVE - On the First Day of Christmas My True Love Gave to Me (and then took it all away).

SCHIZOPHRENIA - Do You Hear What I Hear?

The Famous Joke of the Day One Liner!

Those who dance are considered insane by those who can't hear the music. — George Carlin [Do *you* hear the music of Christmas? The *real* music?]

(Original source unknown) Subj: A Kid Survey Date: 9/22/2000 From: mirage48485@hotmail.com (Shirley Piatek)

A KID SURVEY

In a survey of 4-8 year olds, kids share their views on love. But what do little kids know about love? Read on and be surprised that despite their young and innocent minds, kids already have a simple but deep grasp of that four-letter word.

When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.

When someone loves you, the way she says your name is different. You know that your name is safe in her mouth.

God could have said magic words to make the nails fall off the cross but He didn't. That's love.

Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.

Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of their's.

When you tell someone something bad about yourself and you're scared she won't love you anymore. But then you get surprised because not only does she still love you she loves you even more. (Who, besides God who knows ALL about you, knows something about you and loves you anyway? Isn't that what He did that first "Christmas" and then 33 years later.)

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.

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Becoming a Christian: A-B-C's

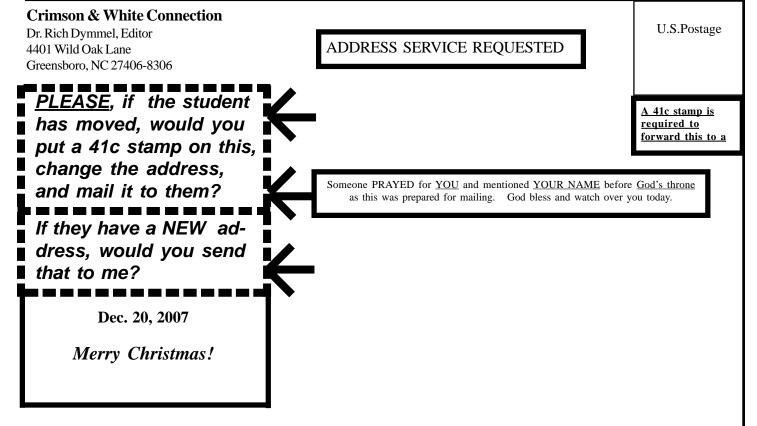
A – **Admit** that you're a sinner. You just can't meet God's standard. The Bible says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 (also see 1 John 1:8).

 \mathbf{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.

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And the Word was made flesh [that's Jesus being born], and dwelt among us, ... John 1:14 KJV

