

# Crimson & White Connection

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call: Your Mom; Your Dad; Your Pastor, or  
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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 50% of the mailing list is students, middle and high school and college, and 25% are age 22 to 30, and we'll just leave ages unsaid for the last 25% 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.

Our goal is mail in your mail box about 15 times a year. 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. We also distribute a daily email devotional.

Another part of the ministry is prayer. We pray for those 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

**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 3, 2008

### *It was for freedom we were freed.*

by Dr. Rich Dymmel, Ed.D. (c) 2002, rev.2008

Since the C&WC is read "internationally," Sweden, Kenya, Brazil, Australia, and Mozambique, I'll ask this question: In the U.S.A. the 4th of July is "Independence Day," a holiday, the date of the signing of the Declaration of Independence declaring our independence from England; does England have a "4th of July"? -----  
-- Sure it does. There is a July 4th everywhere the Gregorian calendar is used. In the U.S.A. it's a special national holiday, that's all.

I was trying to think of things about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and freedom for this issue. Then all I could think of was something I read with this passage in Galatians. (My paraphrase of Galatians 5:1-6):


*It is for freedom that Christ set you free from rules and regulations and "the Law." If you let rules, like how often you attend church or how much you tithe, rule your life, you are a slave to the rules. If you are trying to be justified and aligned with God by obeying the rules, you have alienated yourself from Christ and removed yourself from His grace and forgiveness. The only thing that matters is faith expressing itself through love.*

It isn't obeying the rules that aligns you with or makes you acceptable to God. That's backwards. It's when you decide to accept God's forgiveness – for whatever you've done, for everything you've ever done, for every thought of your mind and heart, for ignoring His offer of forgiveness – that you'll want to follow His rules.

Following God's "rules" can be viewed two ways. – There is the restriction of freedom view. We don't like rules because we want to do whatever we want to whenever we want to. Ravi Zacharias in his Fall 2000 issue of *Just Thinking*, wrote, "Just in case you think I am stretching a point, the truth slips out from the mind of the skeptic. Aldous Huxley acknowledged it when he wrote his book *Ends and Means*: 'We objected to morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom.'"

A second view is: *God's rules don't restrict me, they protect me from consequences.* -- "But I want to experience the most possible ... I want to escape the limits others put around me ... I want to experience "the other life," a "more exciting, fun life." (It's part of the TGIG syndrome - 'the-grass-is-greener.' – "If the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence, you can bet their water bill is higher.") Some think that "rules" keep us from experiencing all we could. Stuart McAllister wrote for Slice Of Infinity, 11/27/01, "This desire to escape [staying within the rules] is also voiced by many searching for "peak" experiences, whether through skydiving or another sexual encounter. Consider, for example, the world of extreme sports: It beckons the participant to take serious risks, conquer danger and pain, and in doing so, find something that is missing in everyday existence. And yet I am reminded of what I have heard my colleague Ravi Zacharias say on occasion. Says Ravi: 'The loneliest moment in life is when you've just experienced the ultimate, and it's let you down.' Yes, we can go from peak experience to peak experience, but none last, and we are left longing for more." - So some try "extreme sports or activities. On TV \*\*\* continued on p.2 \*\*\*

Did you know the C&W sends out a daily email? Want to try it as part of a daily God related thought? It takes from 1 to 5 minutes to read. I use a variety of resources, it's not the same style or format every day. Send an email to [RDymmel@AOL.com](mailto:RDymmel@AOL.com) with your name and email address and just say "Try daily for 2 weeks."

 **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*

6/17/08

Life is a little crazy but just the way I like it. Thank you for the email and I am so sorry for the quick move

The articles in C&WC are always so inspiring and help when I am not able to go to church some weeks.

Jeanette K

6/17/08

Hey Rich!

Sorry I haven't given you the new information. With getting married back in March and getting accustomed to being married, I haven't gotten everything updated yet. My new address is \_\_\_\_\_. Pray that we find a church to get plugged in to. Been attending a church the last year or so that we have liked, but no sunday school and not a chance to get involved with our schedules the way they are. Hopefully in the next year or so, God-willing, our journey will take us back south and closer to my family.

Hope all is well with you guys back in NC. Look forward to receiving the newsletters at the new address.

Todd

*[start a conversation, leave the C&WC with people...]*

4/29/08

jenna\_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.com writes:

Hey!

This is Jenna from the \_\_\_\_\_ store! I'm sorry it has taken so long for me to e-mail you. I lost those letters you gave me so long ago so thank you so much for leaving a copy when you came in! ... i would love to be a subscriber to the letter just by e-mail. If there's any additional information you need please let me know.

last week were "ten escapes from death." - A skydiver who got caught on the landing gear, upside down for an hour, landing, he hit the ground first under the plane and survived. Bridge jumping - They did say at the end, "If your friends ask you to jump off a bridge... DON'T." - They jumped, 5 together, like on a swinging pendulum... except the steel cable snapped. The all survived, with varying injuries.

So what—or who—is big enough to capture this longing?

In Luke 4, Jesus is handed the scroll of Isaiah and he reads: 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim **freedom** for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to **release** the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.' and He says, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus declared that HE is the fulfillment of our need and all that we long for. He releases us from *rules* and sets us *free to love*.

John 10:10 records Jesus saying, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. (NKJV)" Or the NCV words it "but I came to give life—life in all its fullness." And *The Message* reads, "...more and better life than they ever dreamed of."

Fullness of life, freedom ... it isn't in lack of oppression, lack of parental rules, ignoring "church rules," or running free making your own rules. Freedom is in Christ. Let Jesus direct you to true freedom to give a full, more and better life.

*In Christ, Rich*

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.

– With God, even if you have gone the opposite direction, you have never gone too far to turn around.

**ADDRESSES!!!!!!** We will be mailing to the **Home** address that we have on file through August – UNLESS you give us a "camp" or other address where you'll be. If not at "home," tell us the dates and where we should send the mail ... **PLEASE**. And as soon as you know your campus address for the Fall, let us know that, too.



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If you get tagged, you're out. Get here, you're free

*If the Son liberates you, then you are really and unquestionably free John 8:36 (amp)*

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7/14/2007 johnius@\_\_\_\_.com writes:

Rich, Would you put me on the daily devotional list please? I really enjoyed the latest C&W. Every little encouragement to keep in touch with God is a good one!

Thanks, John

## Illogical God

by John Clauson (currently in MI.)

It occurred to me as I was cruising with my long time girlfriend (and the only non-familial lady I've ever kissed) that God is completely and utterly illogical. As I was informing Him of this, I realized that He is, in human terms, an idiot for being Who He is. Allow me to explain: any person who stays in an abusive, unloving relationship is considered a fool by their friends. "He doesn't love you." That's good enough reason for any girl to terminate a relationship (we won't go into the tainted view of "love," because it's irrelevant). "She manipulates you." Also good enough reason. But, not God. No, no... He holds His heart out, knowing full well that we are going to grab it, stab it, mutilate it and throw it in the dirt. Why does He do this? I have no idea. He's the illogical one, not me. So, how can a God who knows everything that is to come continue to allow Himself to be mistreated when He knows that mistreatment will persist? Love (so I lied earlier). It doesn't matter to Him that we don't love him. It doesn't matter that we wrong Him. All that matters to Him is that He loves us. There are no transactions with God... no more 'deals' like in the Old Testament... no signs and wonders... except that He loves us. Now, He chose to use *us* to love *us*... wait... what? God... perfect.... humans... not perfect... love is perfect... I see a disconnect here. And then again, maybe not. See, I was pondering as I drove along, with my arm stretched across the seat, that God doesn't have a body. I can't tuck Him into bed at night. I can't help Him use the bathroom (and then regale audiences with anecdotes following). I can't make Him chicken soup when He's sick and hold his hair out of the toilet as He vomits. I can't hold Him in my arms and let Him cry on me. So, then... if I cannot love God in these ways, then I must somehow be able to love Him, right? Why would God make people only He can love? I believe that I must show His love to *other people*. Because God doesn't need any of those things I listed. He's perfect, like I said before. No, no. People are imperfect, and therefore *they* need those things, and while God could provide all of that (and does at times), He has chosen *us* to love *them*. If God loves us completely selflessly, foolishly, ridiculously... shouldn't we then love others in the same manner? *John*

## 6/29/08 – Rules, schmules. So what?

Sometimes people say things like, "The Bible and church stuff is just a bunch of 'don't do this' rules." – Well, some times it is. Yes, there are a bunch of "don't do this" rules. And there are a bunch of "do this" rules, too.

The "don't" rules, they are for our own protection. There are consequences to "breaking the rules." The Bible says, "no extra-marital sex." That covers both before and after, simply sex is for IN marriage only. That's because there are harmful consequences – divorces rates increase, families broken, the harmful effects on children from divorce, the harmful effects of a 'dad' not in the home. Need I say more? And sex before marriage – there are diseases, some with life-long effects, some even fatal, pregnancy and the hard choices and consequences that brings, emotional effects now and for marriage later. Do they *always* happen? No. But often enough that even secular psychological studies confirm the effects. – And "safe sex"? I can show you the data published by Planned Parenthood saying over 15% *pregnancy* rate for teens using condoms for "safe" sex.

I won't say the attitude of defying rules and boundaries was the cause yesterday. I'll only say that there were literal warning signs, "danger, don't go here," and barriers, they climbed over two 6' fences, and the 17 year olds went anyway. Not accidentally, deliberately. And one died.

"God's rules don't restrict me, they protect me from consequences."

Yesterday Marie and I had the privilege of presenting two more teenagers with sexual-purity-promise-rings they requested. That's two more whose intent is to stay within God's rules.

Have a blessed day, playing "by the rules."

*Rich*



Here's the beginning of the actual news item:

### Teen Decapitated by Six Flags Coaster

By MIKE STOBBE, AP Posted: 2008-06-28 21:29

AUSTELL, Ga. (June 28) - A teenager was decapitated by a roller coaster after he hopped a pair of fences and entered a restricted area Saturday at Six Flags Over Georgia, authorities said.

Six Flags officials are uncertain why the unidentified 17-year-old from Columbia, S.C. scaled two six-foot fences and passed signs that said the restricted area was both off-limits and dangerous to visitors, spokeswoman Hela Sheth said in a news release.

...  
[picture] A teenager was killed on Saturday when a Batman ride, shown above in 1997, struck him on the ground at Six Flags Over Georgia. Park officials say he was in a restricted area, possibly trying to retrieve a hat, when he was decapitated.

....

These are excerpts from letters from real prisoners, in a real prison. And a couple poems they have sent me. Rich

... I am becoming more involved in the church here and am now doing things that I never would have done even 2 or 3 months ago. I am actually praying with / for others in the yard. That's in public out loud. It feels good to know that I may have helped someone through a crisis Wow!!!

... I am so glad He is a forgiving God. Starting now I can look forward to a new life in Christ free of any burdens that put me here. I realize that I am and will always be a sinner. But at least I won't have to worry about that part of my life. Do you understand what I'm trying to say? I have prayed for this for so long. Sometimes God takes a long time to answer prayer.

....

**“Today I Went Into A Prison”**

From “Where Flies Don’t Land” The Jerry Graham Story

Today I went into a prison  
Where I looked on anguish and strife  
But the message I learned from a convict there  
I’ll remember the rest of my life.

The prisoner said he was contented  
In paying society’s due,  
“It’s easy to render to Caesar,” he said,  
“when you have the Master with you.”

Oh I’ve seen his anger fly out of hand  
For he was just human you see.  
Then ask both offended a God  
To forgive unashamed \_\_ when bending his knee.

Many long years it has been since i  
Had the faith this convict has shown.  
And tho’ I was with him for only a while  
His message has pointed me home.

Yes, today I went into a prison  
And saw there to my disbelief  
The face of our Saviour Lord Jesus  
Worn on the face of a thief.

**Testimony of a Once Lost Soul**

**I lived a life for fifty years  
that no one knew about.  
I thought that I could change it by myself ...  
of that there was no doubt.**

**I struggled and denied the problems  
that I knew I had,  
Life went on day after day  
and my life got really bad.**

**No life at all was better than  
the life I had to live.  
Then Jesus whispered in my ear,  
“Eternal life I give.”**

**I asked the Lord just what to do  
when hope had all seemed lost.  
He said, “Just ask. There is a way,  
and there isn’t any cost.”**

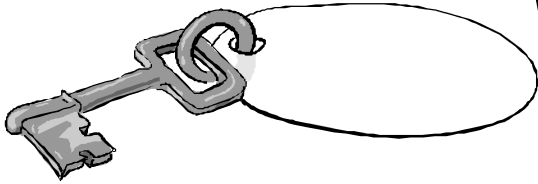
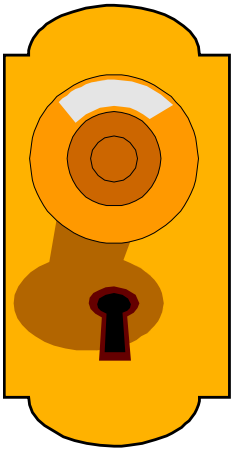
**Now I pray and thank the Lord  
For everything He’s done.  
He saved my life and changed my way.  
Another soul He’s won.**

**So don’t give up, you sinner.  
Get on your knee and ask.  
The Lord will hear you calling.  
It’s not too hard a task.**

**So ask the Lord that you be blessed,  
So when they call the roll,  
We will have our Heavenly rest  
And peace within our soul.**

Douglas Dymmel 8-16-07  
Harrison Correctional Facility, Adrian, Michigan

Rich, can you type this up for me and return it before 9-2-07. I'm to read this at the next baptism [service]. You have my permission to print this in the C&WC if you think it is worthy of printing.



### Freedom's Key

Life is easy on the inside  
when you do what you should do.  
You'll be okay if you abide  
by the officer who rules over you.

Many inmates say they are Christians here  
but actions speak louder than words.  
They say their love is for the Lord  
but they don't do what they've heard.

They don't follow the prison rules  
yet they blame God for their troubles.  
If they really loved Him as they say,  
they'd obey and their joy would double.

I love the Lord with all my heart.  
I prayed for Him to cleanse my soul.  
He said "yes", and when He did  
His love made me whole.

Though my prison life continues on,  
in my heart I'm no longer bound.  
Now I'll make through to God's Mansions above  
through this freedom that I've found.

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Florence Crane Regional Corr. Fac.  
Coldwater MI

### Yesterday's Heroes

As the world passes the aged by  
they gently hang their heads and sigh;  
as they, the heroes of decades past,  
are now treated like outcasts.

But, what would our country be today  
without those we've cast away?  
They built this land with sacrifice and sweat,  
and we are forever in their debt.  
But now, their inner warmth turns bitter cold,  
as they are punished for growing old.

I feel their pain, and see their tears,  
as I advance in mortal years.  
And I wonder, "Will there one day be  
poets writing about you and me?"  
What will happen when we grow old?  
Will our 'Golden Years' be tarnished gold?  
Will the young respect you and I,  
or will we also be cast aside?

We can stop this trend with work and prayer.  
And by letting our elders know we care.  
We must learn to appreciate the wrinkled face,  
for each line tells a tale of grace.  
Yes, we must learn from them, and pass it on,  
or their great wisdom may be forever gone.

For the older you are, the alder 'old' is.  
And everyone has a right  
to live as long as they can live.  
And yes, their hair may be silver or gray,  
But they were still 'the good' in 'the good old  
days.'  
So do both of you a favor  
when they pass your way,  
and be kind to an older person today.

**I'm not trapped by rules, I'm free of consequences!**

[I am having a very aggravating time with the computer again with this issue. This ancient email seemed appropriate.]

Subj: **Fw: moses talks to God (fwd)**  
Date: 6/30/2002 From: (DOUGLAS DYMMEL)

“Excuse me, Sir.”  
“Is that you again, Moses?”  
I’m afraid it is, sir.”  
“What is it this time, Moses. More computer problems?”  
“How did you guess?”  
“I don’t have to guess, Moses. Remember?”  
“Oh, yeah. I forgot.”  
“Tell me what you want, Moses.”  
“But you already know. Remember?”  
“Moses!”  
“Sorry, sir.”  
“Well, go ahead, Moses. Spit it out.”  
“Well, I have a question, sir. You know those ‘ten things’ you sent me?”  
“You mean the Commandments, Moses?”  
“That’s it. I was wondering if they were important.”  
“What do you mean ‘were important’, Moses? Of course, they’re important. Otherwise I wouldn’t have sent them to you.”  
“Well, sorry, but I lost them. I could say the dog ate them, but of course you would see right through that.”  
“What do you mean ‘you lost them’? Are you trying to tell me you didn’t save them, Moses?”  
“No, sir. I forgot.”  
“You should always save, Moses.”  
“Yeah, I know. You told me that before. I was going to, but I forgot. I did send them to some people before I lost them though.”  
“And did you hear back from any of them?”  
“You already know I did. What about the one guy who said he never uses ‘shalt not’? Can he change the words a little bit?”  
“Yes, Moses. As long as he doesn’t change the meaning.”  
“And what about the guy who thought your stance was a little harsh, and recommended calling them the ‘Ten Suggestions,’ or letting people pick one or two to try for a while?”  
“Moses, I’ll act like I didn’t hear that.”  
“I think that means ‘no.’ Well, what about the guy who said I was scamming him?”  
“I think the term is ‘spamming,’ Moses.”  
“Oh, yeah. I e-mailed him back and told him I don’t even eat that stuff, and I have no idea how you can send it to someone through a computer.”  
“And what did he say?”  
“You know what he said. He used Your name in vain. You don’t think he might have sent me one of those - er - plagues, and that’s the reason I lost those ten things, do you?”  
“They’re called ‘viruses,’ Moses.”  
“Whatever! This computer stuff is just too much for me. Can we just go back to those stone tablets? It was hard on my back taking them out and reading them each day, but at least I never lost them.”  
“We’ll do it the new way, Moses.”  
“I was afraid you would say that, sir.”  
“Moses, what did I tell you to do if you messed up?”  
“You told me to hold up this rat and stretch it out toward the computer.”  
“It’s a mouse, Moses. Mouse! Mouse! And did you do that?”

“No, I decided to try the technical support first. After all, who knows more about this stuff than you, and I really like your hours. By the way, sir, did Noah have two of these mice on the ark?”

“No, Moses.”

“One other thing. Why didn’t you name them ‘frogs’ instead of ‘mice,’ because didn’t you tell me the thing they sit on is a pad?”

“I didn’t name them, Moses. Man did, and you can call yours a frog if you want to.”

“Oh, that explains it. Kind of like Adam, huh, sir? I bet some woman told him to call it a mouse. After all, wasn’t it a woman who named one of the computers Apple?”

“Say good night, Moses.”

“Wait a minute, sir. I am stretching out the mouse, and it seems to be working. Yes, a couple of the ‘ten things’ have come back.”

“Which ones are they, Moses?”

“Let’s see. ‘Thou shalt not steal from any grave an image’ and ‘Thou shalt not uncover thy neighbor’s wife.’”

“Turn the computer off, Moses. I’m sending you another set of stone tablets.”

## Online/On The Air

**Garbage in – garbage out.** Are you putting Good stuff, good music, etc., in your head or “garbage”? Listen to good Christian music on the radio. Do you have a decent collection of Christian music CDs?

K-LOVE radio broadcasts from California, relayed to 75 stations in 34 states. Around Greensboro, Elon, Raleigh, & Chapel Hill, NC and Danville, VA it is 106.7 –WKVE. You can find if they have a station near you at [www.KLOVE.com](http://www.KLOVE.com). They also do live streaming online no matter where you are.

### Contemporary Christian Music on the radio:

Boone/Black Mtn./Asheville, NC - WMIT - 106.9

Charlotte, NC - WRCM - 91.9 FM “New Life”

In NC: WBFJ – Greensboro - 103.5 FM; High Point - 102.7

FM; Salisbury - 101.3 FM; Winston-Salem - 89.3 FM; Mt.

Airy- 103.1; Pilot Mountain - 104.9 FM

Greensboro to Raleigh, NC – KLOVE network – WKVE

– 106.7; Danville, VA – KLOVE network – WKVE – 106.7

Lynchburg, VA – WRVL – 88.3 FM

Cumming, GA-Victory 91.5FM (featuring a teen flair of powerhouse rock Saturdays from 9pm-1am) and Atlanta, Ga- Jesus 93.3 FM (“The station that helps you live the life.”) and 90.0

North of Atlanta, and 104.7 The Fish

Southern Gospel; in NC – find JOY-FM at 91.3; 88.1; and 89.5

BBN (more “traditional” music and programming, is international, and carries great stuff like “*Adventures in Odyssey*” from FOTF and Ravi Zacharias who speaks on many college campuses. High Point/Greensboro, NC - WHPE, 95.5 FM, 93.5 in Charlotte, 92.5 in Raleigh, 105.3 in Goldsboro. Check [www.bbnradio.org](http://www.bbnradio.org) for a station anywhere in the world

**Find Christian radio on the web** – many stations stream on the web. Try these sites: [www.klove.com](http://www.klove.com); [www.wbfj.org](http://www.wbfj.org) **www.ChristianRadio.com** lists 2500 stations by state. Or search for “Christian radio” in your search engine.

“**Boundless**” At Focus On The Family, [www.family.org](http://www.family.org), is a college targeted web magazine. Check it out.

# Mostly just for fun...

The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Johnny! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?" Little Johnny quickly replied, "NBC, CBS, HBO and the Cartoon Network!"

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

- The first worm in alcohol - Dead
- The second worm in cigarette smoke - Dead
- Third worm in chocolate syrup - Dead
- Fourth worm in good clean soil - Alive

So the minister asked the congregation, "What can you learn from this demonstration?"

Maxine was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

That pretty much ended the service.

today'sTHOT=====
By the time you make ends meet, they move the ends.

today'sFUNNY=====
The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "You had a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theater seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now."

The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n' roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the balcony."

"Thank you, Father," answered the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth."

"All of these ideas have been well and good," said the elderly priest, "But I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional."

"But, Father," protested the young priest, "My confessions have nearly doubled since I began that!"

"Yes," replied the elderly priest, "And I appreciate that. But the flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell' can NOT stay on the church roof."

[forwarded by Rick Barnhouse]

today'sTHOT=====
Can atheists get insurance for acts of God?

Can you be a closet claustrophobic?

## 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).

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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