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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 <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. 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 <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 substitute!

Sept 27, 2008 Over my shoulder - 2

by Rich Dymmel, Ed.D.

There is a large, by my standard large for here, article that I connected to through an email I get from Focus On The Family. The link was in an email from them called TrueU. So I followed the link, thought it was a great article, wrote and got permission to reprint it in the C&WC and post the pdf file out there at the www.CrimsonWhite.org web site (since that is where we try to eventually get the back issues, a couple months after we've put it in your snailmail box... except for those that are out of the U.S. to whom we email the pdf file). -- Have you checked the website out? I occasionally put an "interesting article there besides the back issues.

It's a good place to find postcards you can print to use as conversation starters, a witnessing tract, whatever. - Football season is starting up so there is a good postcard about "what was said in the first football huddle?" Do you know? Go check it out. :-)

Anyway. I think the TrueU article is a great piece. It's called "The Difference Between Girls and Girls." Now this article is "directed toward" the ladies. But HEY! Guys! I think if you use your brain, or even if you use a pencil and change Nice Christian Girl to Nice Christian Guy, it can be pretty relavent to us guys, too. It talks about expectations and relationships. So guys, don't pass over it. Okay?

I also put in a thought about building. There is a cool picture from after Hurricane Ike hit Texas - a single lone house, appearing perfectly undamaged, amid total utter destruction, totally flattened, washed away everything. If you look closely you can see that the foundation slab is partly undermined at the corner, but it appears that other houses didn't even have foundation slabs... there is NOTHING but some debris left of the other houses, and not even much of that! Read to see what they did to make their house survive. And the implication for life.

On Christ, Rich

Valuable! You bet. You are SO valuable that even knowing that you would have to choose, and you can choose NOT, God sent Jesus to suffer and die a horrible death, to pay the price for you, so that you could spend eternity with Him.

Romans 5:8 NKJV: ⁸But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Petterson's *The Message* words it: ⁸But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him.

You are that valuable!

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.

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*

Subject: Re: C&WC Date: 9/16/2008 From: jordana.hart@ .com

just had a chance to read through it [Sept 10th issue of C&WC]...great work, rich! it was worth the wait! and thanks for including the stuff i sent to you. feel free to include anything i send and to use my name freely. really. :o) writing a new update soon, so i'll hopefully have a little something new for you. God is doing SOOO many wonderful things here! can't wait to share it all.

blessings to you, dearest rich! //jordana Stockholm Sweden

Subject: Re: C&WC Date: 9/23/2008 From: James F.

Thanks bro!

Subject: Just for you!

From: SamJMiller 7/7/08

"Written by Andy Rooney"? Maybe. Maybe not. But good recommendations anyway.

ENLIGHTENED PERSPECTIVE

Please Read all the way to the bottom:

If you will take the time to read these. I promise you'll come away with an enlightened perspective. The subjects covered affect us all on a daily basis:

They're written by Andy Rooney, a man who has the gift of saying so much with so few words. Enjoy......

I've learned.... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned.... That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned.... That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned.... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned.... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned.... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned.... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned.... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned.... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned.... That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned.... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned.... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned.... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned... That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned.... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned.... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned.... That no one is perfect until you fall

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in love with them.

I've learned... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned.... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned.. .. That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned.... That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned.... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned.... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned.... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

I've learned.... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned.... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

To all of you.... Make sure you read all the way down to the last sentence.

It's National Friendship Week. Show your friends how much you care.. Send this to everyone you consider a FRIEND, even if it means sending it back to the person who sent it to you. If it comes back to you, then you'll know you have a circ le of friends. HAPPY FRIENDSHIP WEEK TO YOU!!!!!!

YOU ARE MY FRIEND AND I AM HONORED! Now send this to every friend you have!! And to your family. This was sent to me by a friend. From Jordana, Stockholm Sweden:

[I know I put this in the last issue. But I liked it and thought it worth repeating.]

In my limited experience, there's always a price to pay in order to walk in the greatness of God. And that price goes up every single day. But so does the reward... - Steven Furtick

The link came in my email inbox. I thought the article was really good. I wrote and got permission to reprint it, so it is legal. Here's a little "footnote" on the author from the article:

Something More About Denise

Funny talkin' Minnesotan

So, my name is Denise ... I'm really not sure what else to say ... other than ...

I am an author and editor for *TrueU.org.* I am also in charge of women's issues. I guess I'm kind of like the resident advisor for the <u>Women's Hall</u>. Except that no one can really come down the hall to visit me. And I'm not on duty at 2 a.m. And I definitely will not be inspecting rooms before Thanksgiving break. So, basically, I'm a really horrible R.A., and I should probably be fired.

Dear Mr. Dymmel:

Thank you for your recent e-mail requesting permission to reprint Denise Morris' article "The Difference Between Girls and Girls" in your ministry's newsletter.

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The Difference Between Girls and Girls by Denise Morris

I've loved the Lord for a long time. But I can't seem to perfect the art of what the church expects me to act like as a Christian woman. Ever feel the same way? Let's see if there's any hope for us.

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The Difference Between Girls and Girls by Denise Morris

Christian Girl?

I am not a Nice Christian Girl.

I'm not cruel. I am definitely a Christian. And I am compassion and gentleness as the NCGs. female. But I am not a Nice Christian Girl. Christian Cloning [Guys, morph the next

Sometimes I wish I were. Sometimes I think I should work harder to become one. But alas, I am not. And I don't think I ever will be.

Beauty and the Denise

I suppose I should explain myself before my family and friends form prayer groups for my salvation.

... I have met many Nice Christian Girls.... They are beautiful, sweet and almost all of their conversations have something to do with the Lord and what He's doing in their lives.... Then there's me.

In the 18 years since I first confessed Jesus Christ as the Lord of my life, I have met many Nice Christian Girls.¹ In all honesty, they are truly impressive. They are beautiful and sweet, and almost all of their conversations have something to do with the Lord and what He's doing in their lives. These girls are cautious about what they say, they are sensitive to the needs of others and they would never even think of saying something sarcastic. These lovely ladies are well-liked by everyone, because there's nothing *not* to like about them. I admire them, because they have perfected the art of making other people feel comfortable and accepted. In the 18 years since I first confessed Jesus Judgments abou The most 31 woman — 31 woman —

Then there's me.

I say the wrong thing at the wrong time. Gentleness and kindness fell off of my Fruit of the Spirit Tree a long time ago, rotten and crawling with worms. Sarcasm and I are best friends. My voice is not sing-songy or sugary-sweet, and I do not bake my own bread. The Proverbs 31 woman probably thinks of me with disgust as she gets up before the sun to sew extravagant garments for her family. Then again, she may not even know who I am — we've never actually crossed paths since I'm usually sleeping in until noon.²

If At First You Don't Succeed ...

So, why am I not an NCG? It's not for lack of trying. I've realized that they do a lot of things correctly (and their sweetness usually seems to attract the boys). So in an attempt to be more Christ-like (and attract the boys), I have made an effort to morph myself into one of them.

I think the first impression I give off to people might fool them into thinking I'm an NCG. When I'm new to a group, I'm usually quiet and sweet. I don't speak up too much, and I keep my humor to myself. But once I've warmed up to people, it's all over. The real Denise shines through, sarcastic and lacking in grace.

Now I'm not saying that I'm completely tactless and cruel. I have my share of friends, and as far as I know, I haven't made too many people cry — at least not recently. It's not that I am evil or wrong. I just don't seem to be able to do things with as much compassion and gentleness as the NCGs.

Christian Cloning [Guys, morph the next couple paragraphs appropriately.]

I have felt a lot of pressure to be like the NCGs — mostly from myself. However, I think there is also some subtle insistence from churches and families that Christian girls are supposed to be mild and smiley. They are supposed to be obsessed with marriage, and want lots of kids. We girls should always present our best face — no matter what we're really feeling. And once we girls turn into moms, that's when we begin wearing embroidered vests and decorating our kitchens with chickens or apples. While not often vocalized, these ideas are engrained in us, where they quietly help us form judgments about the women around us.

The most important aspect of the Proverbs 31 woman — of all of us women — is our relationship with the Lord.

The NCG is an interesting concept we have come up with, especially since it's not necessarily a biblical idea. Of course, the Bible does tell women to submit. Gentleness is indeed a fruit of the spirit. I wholeheartedly agree with those things. However, all women do not fit into one personality mold. Just look at the women named in the lineage of Jesus, for goodness' sake!

Tamar was bold enough to make sure she had a child, no matter what it took. (She slept with her father-in-law — not something an NCG would do. Actually, not something I would do either. The NCGs and I are very similar in that matter.) Rahab (a prostitute) lied in order to hide Israelite spies. Ruth was pretty wild too. She hung out all night with a man who was not her husband. And we all know about Bathsheba (wink, wink). Then there's Mary, who vocally praised the Lord for her pregnancy, even though there was probably plenty of talk around town about her "encounter with the Holy Spirit."

Those are just the ladies in Jesus' lineage. God has used all kinds of women (and all kinds of personalities) to glorify himself. And He continues to do so.

My Spiritual Gift is Bluntness

Recently, I have given up on trying to be completely like the NCGs. Part of my decision may have to do with the fact that I'm a hopeless cause. But I think some of the reason also stems from recognizing who Christ made me to be.

According to the Bible, God created our inmost beings; He knew us before we were born (Psalm 139). God delights in us (Psalm 18:19, Psalm 149:4). He also has blessed each of us with different spiritual gifts in order to serve Him and others (Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12).

If all these things are true — and if I choose to believe what the Bible says — then I don't need to be exactly like everyone else; in fact, I was not made to be. The Lord knows the strengths of my personality. He also knows where it fails. Thankfully, I have His word and the Holy Spirit to help me correct my faults and to point me to the truth.

That Kinda Girl

I have often thought that the Proverbs 31 woman and I would not get along. She's busy being perfect, and I'm often preoccupied with caring way too much about myself. However, since I believe that "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NIV), I decided to revisit Proverbs to see how God's Word could improve my attitude. (I'm a glutton for rebuke.)

What I discovered is that the woman mentioned in Proverbs 31 is amazing. And not just in an NCG way...

The woman in Proverbs 31 — the wife the Bible says has *noble character* — is strong and opinionated. Her husband is fully confident in her as she runs around town buying tons of fields and working hard. She has compassion for the poor, and her children and husband have oceans of respect for her. While she does the traditional things we think of women doing (sewing, cooking, housework), the Bible says she speaks her mind with competence. "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue" (vv. 25-26).

This woman has characteristics of each one of us, ladies. Whether we prefer baking or making people laugh, writing encouraging notes or debating the issues, we are all unique women created *in the image of God.*

Most of us have heard the following verse before, and if you're like me, you've repeated it a thousand times singing along with an old dc talk song. The most important aspect of the Proverbs 31 woman — of all of us women — is our relationship with the Lord:

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty if fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised" (vs. 30).

Personalities aside, our pursuit of knowing Him better is what we should truly long for.

NCGs + Denise = BFF

The Lord has blessed all of us with different personalities and gifts. Mine may not be encouragement or service (although that does not give me license to avoid those things). My gifts may be speaking truth or leadership. And that's OK. The body of Christ is made up of many parts. We all have different jobs and abilities, each of them important. "But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body" (1 Corinthians 12:18-20).

I like the NCGs. I admire them. I love being friends with them. But I don't want to be exactly like them. To emulate them would be, in a way, denying part of who the Lord has created me to be. Hopefully, as the Lord teaches me to be more like Him, I will improve on the godly qualities I see shining strong in others.

Nice Christian Girls and I can learn from and teach each other, as the Lord draws all of us closer to Him in order to glorify Himself.

Notes

1. Writing Nice Christian Girl over and over again is giving me carpal tunnel. Therefore, I may sometimes refer to them as NCG.

2. If you have no clue what I'm talking about when I make this distinction between me and the Nice Christian Girls, I am truly sorry. I promise my next article will be less about my specific shortcomings, and more about something that more of you will be able to relate to.



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Mo., 9/22/08 - Build solid

Did you see this picture?

After the hurricanes go through, the destruction is unbelievable. Very little survives. Anything left undamaged is an anomaly.

When the first storm did its damage, these people rebuilt. But this time they built solid, to withstand a category 5 storm.

The Golden Gate Bridge is designed to sway in high winds. In 100 mph winds it deflects something like 20 feet at the center. That's 2 lanes of the road width, more than a car-length. The foundations for the south tower goes something like 100 feet below the bottom of the bay, to <u>rock</u>. They built a giant round wall, all the way to the bay floor, then pumped the water out, then dug and blasted down to solid rock. When they got all the soft junk out of the way, then they built up. And it is maintained. It is a constant paint and repair project.

Tall buildings and structures require starting with a foundation on "bed rock," solid, firm, rock. Even the shed behind my house has a foundation so it doesn't sink in the mud.

Life is like that. A solid foundation. Built to withstand storms. Then maintained.

How are you building your life? Solid, firm, secure? Or are you building with weak materials, fastened weakly. Are you building on sand or a sure foundation, a rock? Is it strong quality inside, the frame and foundation, or does it just look good on the outside?

Luke 6:46-49

KJV: ⁴⁶And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? ⁴⁷Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: ⁴⁸He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. ⁴⁹But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

NLT: ⁴⁶"So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say? ⁴⁷I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. ⁴⁸It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against the house, it stands firm because it is well built. ⁴⁹But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins."

The Message: ⁴⁶"Why are you so polite with me, always saying 'Yes, sir,' and 'That's right, sir,' but never doing a thing I tell you? ⁴⁷These words I speak to you are not mere additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundation words, words to build a life on.

⁴⁸"If you work the words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who dug deep and laid the foundation of his house on bedrock. When the river burst its banks and crashed against the house, nothing could shake it; it was built to last. ⁴⁹But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a dumb carpenter who built a house but skipped the foundation. When the swollen river came crashing in, it collapsed like a house of cards. It was a total loss."

(Also Matthew 7:24-27)

(I picked up the picture 9/20/08, but I saw it the first time a day or two before on AOL News, after Hurricane Ike hit the Texas coast.)



A single home stands in what used to be a neighborhood in Gilchrist, Texas. Judy Hudspeth said it belongs to her sister, Pam Adams, and that it was rebuilt in 2006 to withstand a Category 5 hurricane.

Mostly just for fun...

Bumper Stickers . . .

I don't question your existence - GOD Next time you think you're perfect...

..try walking on water.

Lord help me to be the person my dog thinks I am. Come the rapture can I have your car?

If God didn't want us to eat animals why did he make them out of meat?

Jesus. Don't leave earth without him. Bumper Stickers To Releate To

Forget World Peace — Visualize Turning Off Your

Turn Signal!

Ever Stop To Think, And Forget To Start Again? This Bumper Sticker Exploits Illiterates Eat Right, Exercise, Die Anyway He Who Laughs Last Thinks Slowest The Facts of Life?

Psychiatrists say that 1 of 4 people are mentally ill. Check 3 friends. If they're OK, you're it.

A truly wise man never plays leapfrog with a unicorn. It has recently been discovered that research causes cancer in rats.

Paranoids are people, too; they have their own problems. It's easy to criticize, but if everybody hated you, you'd be paranoid, too.

A diplomat is someone who can say nice doggie until he can find a rock.

Bumper Stickers - The Proverbs of Life....

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.

A Clean House Is A Sign Of A Misspent Life

Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.

Housework Done Properly Can Kill You "I Yell Because I Care"

"Procrastinate Now"

"Rehab Is for Quitters"

"My Dog Can Lick Anyone"

"Never Underestimate the Power of Stupid People in Large Groups"

"I Don't Suffer from Insanity I'm a Carrier"

"I Don't Suffer from Insanity... I'm enjoying it"

"He had decided to live forever or die in the attempt."-Joseph Heller

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Giving a friend a copy of this letter and asking them if they
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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.

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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Do not read the Crimson & White Connection unless you want your HEART ENCOURAGED and your MIND CHALLENGED and your SPIRIT PRODDED

Yes! This is a subversive, challenging, counterculture publication. That's what Christianity is - a counter-culture. This should have a warning label.

I like the bumber sticker: I'm a fool for God. Who are you a fool for? ⁵"I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing." (Jesus)

John 15:5 The Message