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My In/out-box

Trust His constancy

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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 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!

I started out to have this be a "Valentine's Day" issue. Maybe it will get there. I started collecting a couple of the e-mails I've received from readers to do "From The Mailbox" and it's starting to take a little different direction already. - Trust His constancy.

Notes from readers tell me what's going on with them and how the C&WC has meant something to encourage them. And that encourages me. -

Well, I've placed the inbound e-mails and the articles they referred to, I felt they were relevant... and the pages are almost full. - If you get the daily e-mail devotionals, you've read parts of this issue once. Maybe they have an emphasis that will strike you today that wasn't quite the same as a few weeks ago. Maybe you'll get a different view from reading someone else's response. - In any case, this is what I felt led to put together for this issue. -

I still have a couple "Valentine" ideas rattling around in my head. Maybe I'll get that put together and off to the printer before Valentine's Day. - A Valentine suggestion... I have printed and have started passing out a Valentine's Day postcard / tract. I say, "Have you gotten any Valentine's cards yet?" "No." "Oh, good! Mine gets to be your first!" - If they say they already got one I say, "Oh, darn, I wanted to be first," and hand it to them. After Valentine's Day I say, "Did you get too many Valentine's cards?" You may get a few interesting answers. I don't recall anyone ever saying they got too many. I find people who didn't get one, "Not even from my kids," "No, my husband died last year." - The Valentine postcard I pass out is available at www.CrimsonWhite.org under downloads. Download the pdf file, print on card stock (use a 0% reduction in Acrobat Reader), print again on the back, cut into 4 postcards, hand out.

This first note is from a college student and how a particular daily e-mail devotional said something to her. I've included that "daily" piece since most of you aren't on that e-mail list (you could be, just e-mail me and ask to try it for two weeks.)

Subject: Re: Fr. 01/02/09_ "New" Date: 1/4/2009 From: ginger@___.com
 Rich,

We didn't take down our Christmas decorations until today (1/4) because we had a late "Christmas" with Mom yesterday. I always get sad putting it all away. The funny thing is that the house always looks clean and fresh after taking all the decorations down and doing the necessary post-Christmas decorations dusting and vacuuming. I think it is kind of like it is with Christ - a fresh start, a clean slate, everything restored, clean and fresh. The word in your bit of the devotion that got me was "restore." To me I think of restoring something as making it like it was before, but making it better - clean and working like new. While 2008 was a trying year for me, I am keeping faith that 2009 will be far better. I pray that each of us is restored in Christ. Thanks for this devotion.

Sincerely,
 Ginger

On Fri, Jan 2, 2009 <RDymmel@aol.com> wrote:
 Fr., 01/02/09 - "New"

A New Year... We got home from California on New Years Eve.. about 12:15 a.m., so it was actually New Years Day. We spent the day un-decorating from Christmas, restoring the house to it's "normal, original" condition. (Except I can't find the kitchen clock that we replaced with one that plays Christmas carols on the hour. It's here somewhere.) Not that "Christmas décor" is "bad," but I was just thinking how Christ makes us a new creature,

like Deke will talk about in his piece today. God wants to restore our relationship to what it was by a renewing of us. That renewing is actually a restoration of the old, the original relationship and condition.

“Deke Thoughts” is from the Crossroad Radio newsletter. They play “alternative Christian rock” ... I know, some of you may think that’s an oxymoron... on Fri and Sat night. (www.WBFJ.fm or www.CrossroadRadio.com for times and info). That is not the discussion today.

Have a blessed day renewing your relationship with God and your freedom. “Relying on God has to begin all over again every day, as if nothing had yet been done.” - C. S. Lewis. (That’s another of the wallpapers.) “Every day”? Sure. A marriage has to be worked on every day to keep it going strong. When you let it slide for a while, it just starts going downhill - like Casting Crowns song “Slow Fade,” into neutral. All relationships are like that. Constant maintenance.

Have a blessed renewal.

Rich

Here’s from Deke...

Deke Thoughts

It’s that time of year again. Time to look back and see where life took you in 2008 and then step up to 2009 and prepare for what is ahead. Many times as new years approaches I think of the verse in 2 Corinthians that says:

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

This, of course, is speaking of our lives when we come to Christ in repentance and faith. This year I actual am ready to start the year with a single word: BUT

Yes, I am starting this year with a big but (only one “t” mind you). Where did I get this but from? Well. I have been listening to John MacArthur talk about Ephesians and I was hit with one of the passages he read.

“... we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others BUT God. who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.” Ephesians 2:3-4

Before Christ I was dead in sin and living a life of rebellion against the God who had created me. Once I turned to Christ and trusted in Him for salvation I can rejoice in the “but” of that verse. It was God’s grace and mercy that allowed me to be saved from my sin. Not my works, not my goodness, not ANYTHING. It was God and His love for a sinner like me.

In Christ. Rich

God wants to restore our relationship



From my mail box... mostly my e-mail in box! ... mail will be edited to protect your privacy.

We request that the P.O. tell us when you have put in a forwarding address with them. It costs us but we like to at least try to get the C&WC to you. Then when they tell us, we try to follow up with an e-mail IF we have an e-mail address for you, and/or by snail-mail.

(Shari has been getting the C&WC since Summer of 1999)

Subject: Hi “my sherie”

To: shari____@____.com

Date: Friday, December 12, 2008, 10:09 AM

Hi “my sherie”

.... I got an address update from the P.O. and I need to confirm what’s going on with you and if you want to keep getting the Crimson & White Connection. What the PO informed me was __. Is that year ‘round? Is that a new “home” address and you still have a “school address” too? Are your folks still at __? Does __ mean you’ve graduated and have a job? or a hubby or a beau?

Get back to me and let me know.

A blessing on bless you,

Rich

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Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (Phil 4:8 KJV)

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Subject: Re: Hi “my sherie” Date: 12/21/2008

From: shari__@____.com

Hi Rich!

Sorry it took me a little while to get back to you. I’m not always good at my personal e-mail. I’m on a computer most of the day at work so it’s hard to get on frequently at home!

I am graduated from ____ [Univ.] now. ... I like what I do and the people I work with, but the industry is obviously not doing very well right now. So, we’ll see...

The new address you have for me is correct! I am living in a house with 2 girls, just north of P____. No husband, or boyfriend of any kind, haha. But, we girls have a great time. ...

.... but I know God has a purpose for all of it! So, that’s the short version of the last few years of my life! Now, I’m just looking to see what the future holds.

What’s going on with you? Are you retired? **How is the C&W going? What’s new? I still get it and enjoy it very much! Thanks :)** It’s great to hear from you!

“my sherie”

- - Retired? Yes. Live on those checks? No. Still teaching; currently starting at a new assignment for ministering to HS students.

Subject: Re: Su., 11/30/08 – illustrated
Date: 11/30/2008 From: "Mike"@___.net

Thanks bro,
A picture is worth..... 8)
Mike G__

Su., 11/30/08 – illustrated

A visual for today.
Have a blessed day.
Rich

Sometimes we understand a message when it is simply illustrated..

(Don't go to "God wouldn't "miss" pieces."
Just enjoy the principle in the cartoon: Jesus does protect us. I think He allows some things so we'll be aware, be grateful, shapes us, ... His thinking (ways) are above our ways; don't try to figure Him out.)

--- On Thu, 12/4/08, Rdymmel@aol.com <Rdymmel@aol.com> wrote:
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2008
Th., 12/4/08 – Advent

I need, or I'll say want to get in the "Christmas spirit." I know it's only 22 days away, but I don't "feel" like Christmas.

Subject: Re: Th., 12/4/08 – Advent
Date: 12/4/2008
From: ___1982@___.com

Uncle Rich, [I'm not really her uncle. But that's to long a story and not relevant here.]

Thank you for today's devotion.
I have to say that I feel the same way about Christmas this year. I want to be in the Christmas spirit but am having a hard time. I've put up decorations and started listening to Christmas music. But to be honest I'm still not into it yet. It's nice to know I'm not alone. Please pray for us. We ... are both discouraged and I hate to admit it but I'm angry. I know God is ok with me being angry and can handle it. I know He has a plan but I guess I'm not believing He has one. If you could just keep us in your prayers I would appreciate it. **Thanks again for the daily devotions. I find they almost always apply to me on a daily basis.**

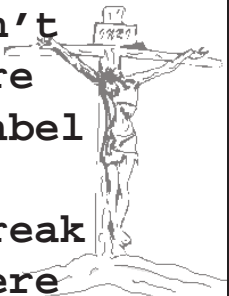
Heather



...and you question God - 'why me?'... always look at the bigger picture... .

A day without the Lord - Is a day wasted.

"What will people think when they hear that I'm a Jesus Freak? What will people do when they find out it's true? I don't really care if they label me a Jesus Freak 'cause there ain't no disguising the truth."



Lyric from "Jesus Freak" by dc talk, 1995. From p4-5 of the book *Jesus Freaks, Stories of those who stood for JESUS: the ultimate Jesus Freaks*, assembled by dc Talk and The Voice of the Martyrs, 1999

"What if I stumble, what if I fall? What if I lose my step and make fools of us all, will the love continue, when my walk becomes a crawl? What if I stumble, what if I fall?Why do I dread my trespasses, will they leave a deadly scar? I hear you whisper my name, you say, My love for you will never change, never change What if I stumble, what if I fall? You never turn in the heat of it all. What if I stumble, what if I fall? You are my comfort, and my God."
(*"What If I Stumble,"* from CD: dc Talk, dc Talk, 1995)

January 16, 2009

[Jordana has told me before that I can leave her e-mail and all in and use anything she writes. I'd still be discrete. Here's her e-mail and the daily devotionals she's writing about. God is constant. He IS in control.]

Subject: Re:

Date: 1/16/2009

From: jordana.hart@gmail.com

EXACTLY what i needed to hear (from the past two days) and TOTALLY what i have been struggling with lately. God IS good ALL the time!

blessings to you, dear rich!

i know i haven't sent out an update since june. soooooooooo much has happened. will try to do that very soon.

have a great weekend!

//jordana

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sweden

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A woman's heart should be so hidden in God that a man has to seek Him just to find her. - Max Lucado

[I LOVE the quotes she uses to close her e-mails!]

Wed., 01/14/09 – Constant

Correction to Tuesday, 1/6/09...

Pope Gregory altered the calendar in 1582 from the Julian calendar with a new leap year calculation AND by dropping ten days from October that year and renumbered the years from what they calculated to be the birth of Jesus, instead of the founding of Rome.

The Julian calendar, a reform of the Roman calendar that was introduced by Julius Caesar in 46 BC, and came into force in 45 BC (709 ab urbe condita). Ab Urbe condita (related with Anno Urbis conditae: AUC or a.u.c.) is Latin for "from the founding of the City (Rome)", traditionally set in 753 BC.

See, they changed the starting point.

Now that that's partially clear... Well, if you do a little digging into calendars, you can have some fun playing with the numbers. Like why is 2000 a leap year and 1900 not? Does/has October always have 30 days? Answer: in 1582 it had 21. Huh! Why? The "god" Caesar had it wrong and the seasons slowly got out of sync with his calendar.

We think of so many things as absolute, this is the way it is, period. No more questions. - They once thought the world was flat (some still do). They once thought you cured people by letting the bad blood out. They once were absolutely positive that everything rotated around the earth. - Aren't you glad that there is something constant, is true, that can be depended on? God never changed. He is immutable. From the beginning to the end, He is the same.

From Easton's Bible Dictionary: "Alpha, the first letter of the Greek alphabet, as Omega is the last. These letters occur in the text of Rev. 1:8, 11; 21:6; 22:13, and are represented by "Alpha" and "Omega" respectively (omitted in R.V., Rev. 1:11). They mean "the first and last." (Compare Heb. 12:2; Isa. 41:4; 44:6; Rev. 1:11, 17; 2:8.) In the symbols of the early Christian Church these two letters are frequently combined with the cross or with Christ's monogram to denote his divinity.

In Daniel He is the "Ancient of Days," from before time began and

extending beyond the end of time.

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//Today's devotion with Greg Laurie Harvest Weekend - 12/20/08 It's All About Him

A little girl noticed that her mom was getting really stressed out around Christmas. Everything was bothering her mom, and she was very irritable.

Evening came and the mom bathed the little girl, got her ready for bed, put her under the covers, and had her say her prayers. She would usually pray the Lord's Prayer, but on this particular evening, she amended it a little bit.

Her petition went something like this, "Father, forgive us our Christmases, as we forgive those who Christmas against us."

That is what happens when we lose focus of the real meaning of Christmas, isn't it? We get so caught up in the busyness of the season that sometimes we forget the wonder of it all: that deity took on humanity, that God became a man.

Scripture sums it up well in 2 Corinthians 8:9, which says, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich" (NKJV). Jesus literally went from the throne of heaven to a simple little cave or stable.

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But God had it all put together, because the time was just right in every way.

There was one small detail: the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem, as Scripture prophesied (see Micah 5:2). But Mary and her husband-to-be Joseph lived in Nazareth. So the Lord touched a little man who was big in his own mind.

His name was Caesar, and at this particular time in history, he was the most powerful man on Earth. One day, Caesar gave a decree that all of the world should be taxed.

In reality, he was nothing more than a pawn in the hand of God. The Lord needed Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem, so He moved events.

Mary and Joseph made the difficult journey to Bethlehem, which was especially perilous for a woman who was as far along in her pregnancy as Mary was. But they did make it, and there, the miraculous birth of Christ took place, just as Scripture said it would

....

This Jesus who was born in a manger, who walked this earth, who was crucified, and who rose again, is not some mere historical figure, although He was that. He is alive, and He is still in the business of changing lives.

That is the reason He came: to put us in touch with God, to forgive us of all of our sins, and to give our lives purpose and meaning.

Greg Laurie

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Have a blessed day and a great forever.

Rich

Th., 01/15/09 – Why?!?! (1 of 2)

I often do battle between... "I know He is in control"... and "Why ___?" or "Why doesn't ___?" and I have more than one thing to fill into the blank. How about you?

On TV morning news they are doing bits on stress. Some situations can create negative stress.

“God, why don’t You do something to resolve this situation?!” – Our situation, or one we’re close to, can be upsetting and be stressful. – Why can’t they find a job? Why did the car breakdown? Why won’t they speak to me?

I found and pulled and saved this editorial by Greg Laurie. And this morning it was what I needed to read. – He is in control.

Have a great day and a fantastic forever, knowing who’s you are.
Rich

Greg Laurie gave me permission to reprint any of his stuff, so I’m assuming “any” of his writings includes this article from World Net Daily, too.

Where were you, God?

Posted: November 08, 2008

Have you ever had a crisis so overwhelm you that you thought you could not survive? Have you ever faced a set of circumstances that you simply thought you would not be able to get through?

I have. When my son Christopher went to heaven just a few months ago, it was my worst nightmare come true. It seemed almost unbearable. But God was with our family, sustaining us in each moment through the most radical of circumstances. He has been helping us get through it each and every day.

The Bible tells the story of a tight-knit family who also had a loved one die. They were friends of Jesus, and he would frequent their home in Bethany, near Jerusalem. Mary, Martha and Lazarus were three people who could honestly say that Jesus was their personal friend. But one day, Lazarus became gravely ill. So they did what every person ought to do in times of crisis: they sent word to Jesus to do something about it.

What we first learn from this story is that life is filled with pain, sorrow, sickness, and the death of loved ones. When we are younger, we don’t necessarily understand this. But as we get older, our grandparents will die, then our parents will die, and then, as we age, our day will eventually come.

But then there are those unexpected deaths, such as the death of a spouse or a sibling, or someone who is close to us in age. Suddenly we are made aware of our own mortality. That was the case with Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Suddenly one of them was deathly ill.

This brings us to the next thing we learn from this story, which is that God loves us. And God will never allow anything to happen in the lives of his children that is not motivated by his everlasting love. God says, “I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself” (Jeremiah 31:30 NLT).

Mary and Martha knew they were loved by Jesus. But they didn’t say, “Lord, the one who is devoted to you is sick,” or even, “The one who loves you is sick.” Rather, they said, “Lord, the one you love is sick” (John 11:3 NIV). This is a good thing to remember when we appeal to God: Never appeal on the basis of our devotion, because our love is fickle. Rather, we should appeal to God on the basis of his love for us. Mary and Martha didn’t even tell him what to do. They didn’t say, “So rush over here and do something now.” They simply said, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”

I find it interesting that in the original language, they used the Greek word *phileo*, which means brotherly love. But then we are told that “Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus” (John 11:5 NIV). The Greek word used here for “love” is *agape*. This is a different kind of love than *phileo*. It is God’s supernatural, all-consuming love.

God’s love for us may be demonstrated in ways we don’t always understand. Because Jesus loved Lazarus, he delayed his trip to Bethany. It doesn’t really make sense when you look at it, but God wanted to do more than Mary and Martha expected.

We live in the here and now, while God lives in the eternal.

We are interested in what will benefit us right now, but God is thinking about the big picture. We will ask for certain things that seem to work for

our lives or make them more comfortable, but God is looking at the broader picture.

And that is exactly what was happening in the lives of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. God was about to demonstrate this in a different way altogether. So Lazarus died. And by the time Jesus arrived in town, Lazarus had been dead for four days. Martha, who was not one to hold her tongue, went out to meet Jesus. She said, “If you had been here, my brother would not have died.” To loosely paraphrase, “Where were you anyway, Jesus?”

Maybe you have said that in so many words: Where were you when my marriage dissolved? ... Where were you when my parents divorced? ... Where were you when my child went astray? ...

Where were you when my loved one died?

Jesus did not reprove Martha for what she said. Sometimes we may feel as though we can never express our fears or even our doubts to God, but that is not the case at all. It is not wrong to tell God how we feel.

The psalms offer example after example of people who cried out to God with their fears and doubts. And Jesus himself, while he was hanging on the cross, cried out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46 NIV). The point is that they prayed. When tragedy strikes or hardship comes, we sometimes withdraw from God or become angry with him. Yet it is in times like these that we need him more than ever. So cry out to him with your doubts. Cry out to him with your pain. He will patiently and lovingly listen.

Not only will Jesus listen, but he will weep with us in our times of pain. The Bible reminds us, “He was despised and rejected – a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. ... It was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down” (Isaiah 53:4–6 NLT). He not only carried our sin, but he also carried our sorrows. And the Bible says a day is coming when God will wipe away all of our tears.

So the next time you are tempted to ask, “Where were you, Lord?” know that he was – and is – there. Jesus was there when my son went to heaven. Jesus was there when I heard the horrific news. And he will be with you in your good days and your bad days.

The psalmist David said, “Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me” (Psalm 23:4 NLT). This is the great hope we have when we put our faith in Christ: We will never be alone. God will be with us through everything we face. And the best is yet to come when we meet him in glory.

Fr., 01/16/09 – Why?!?! (2 of 2)

I actually wrote this yesterday, as a continuation from yesterday’s piece, as part of my personal struggle with pleading with God in my life the last few weeks. - This stuff is often God-directed personally to me, something I need to read, write, etc.

Yesterday in Greg Laurie’s piece he wrote:

“And by the time Jesus arrived in town, Lazarus had been dead for four days. Martha, who was not one to hold her tongue, went out to meet Jesus. She said, “If you had been here, my brother would not have died.” To loosely paraphrase, “Where were you anyway, Jesus?” “

Ever feel like Martha? I do sometimes. It’s not easy to let God be in control if you’re a major or minor “control freak.” ... I don’t think I’m a control freak, but I do like things to run smoothly and certainly not be “out of control.” ... Well, okay, maybe a minor CF.

And so when I feel like I need to “sound off” a little, like Martha,

it reminds me of two things. One is a book title, God, If You Love Me, Why Can't I Get My Locker Open?. The point? God does care about the little details of our lives.

The second is the song by Chris Rice, "Big Enough." The lyrics go like this:

www.allthelyrics.com/lyrics/chris_rice/big_enough-lyrics-1078040.html

Chris Rice Big Enough Lyrics
Songwriters: Rice, Christopher M;

None of us knows and that makes it a mystery
If life is a comedy, then why all the tragedy
Three-and-a-half pounds of brain try to figure out
What this world is all about
And is there an eternity, is there an eternity?

God if You're there I wish You'd show me
And God if You care then I need You to know me
I hope You don't mind me askin' the questions
But I figure You're big enough
I figure You're big enough

Lying on pillows we're haunted and half-awake
Does anyone hear us pray, "If I die before I wake"
Then the morning comes and the mirror's the other place
Where we wrestle face to face with the image of Deity
The image of Deity

God if You're there I wish You'd show me
And God if You care then I need You to know me
I hope You don't mind me askin' the questions
But I figure You're big enough
I figure You're big enough

When I imagine the size of the universe
And I wonder what's out past the edges
Then I discover inside me a space as big
And believe that I'm meant to be
Filled up with more than just questions

So, God if You're there I wish You'd show me
And God if You care then I need You to know me
I hope You don't mind me askin' the questions
But I figure You're big enough
I figure You're big enough
'Cause I am not big enough

And so yesterday morning I did "sound off," ... just a little... to God about a situation. His answer? One situation, the latest one I've been concerned about, was pretty much solved by lunch. – God is good, all the time. He is in control, all the time. He is concerned, He is involved, He can act, He does act in the details of our lives. ... He just doesn't always act in the schedule I have planned or in the way I have it figured out.

Amen.

Have a great day knowing who's you are and Who is in control.
Rich

How about some cool wallpaper for your screen? – <http://www.crosscards.com/wallpaper.aspx> has eight for the month of January. They post new ones every month. These are from their January collection...

– Freedom from condemnation - If the Son sets you free you will be free indeed. John 3:36



Psalm 8 - *When I consider the heavens, what is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him?*



Just for the fun of it...

“Expecting the world to treat you fairly because you are good is like expecting the bull not to charge because you are a vegetarian.” --Dennis Wholey

No one is more cautious than a first-time parent. After our daughter was big enough to ride on the back of my bicycle, I bought a special carrier with a seat belt and got her a little helmet.

The day of the first ride I put her in the seat, double-checked all the equipment, wheeled the bike to the end of the driveway, carefully looked both ways and, swinging my leg up over the crossbar, accidentally kicked her right in the chin.

----- Guaranteed to Roll Your Eyes -----

My wife doesn't complain often, but once she was having a old-fashioned "heart-to-heart" with me and said, "Hon, you never listen to me. Every time I try to talk to you, you get this far-away look in your eyes after only a few seconds. Please promise me you'll try to work on that."

The last thing I remember was replying, "I'm sorry, what was that you were saying?"

"Health experts are now concerned that this bad economy may be causing Americans to gain weight. They call it recession pounds. You heard about this? You put on recession pounds during economic hardship. So guys, if your wife or girl-friend says, 'Do these pants make me look like we're in a recession?' be careful what you say." --Jay Leno

My daughter and I went through the McDonald's take-out window and I gave the clerk a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her a quarter. She said, "you gave me too much money."

I said, "Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar bill back."

She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the quarter, and said "We're sorry but they could not do that kind of thing." The clerk then proceeded to give me back \$1 and 75 cents in change.

Do not confuse the clerks at McD's.

"One of the symptoms of an approaching nervous breakdown is the belief that one's work is terribly important." --Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

"I have always been a huge admirer of my own work. I'm one of the funniest and most entertaining writers I know." -Mel Brooks

"A pair of powerful spectacles has sometimes sufficed to cure a person in love." -Friedrich Nietzsche

today's THOT =====
I may look busy, but I'm just confused.
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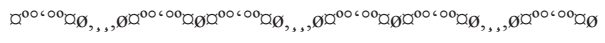
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Becoming a Christian: A-B-C's

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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What kind of challenges would you expect to face if servanthood became your lifestyle? ... What would be some of the possible rewards?

from *Sister Freaks, Stories of Women Who Gave Up Everything for God*, Rebecca St. James, 2005, p.24.