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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!

July 9, 2009

Feel a little down? Want God to do something?

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Feel a little down? Things, life, job, whatever is a little rough right now? Want God to do something? These are the lyrics to FFH's "Lord, Move, or Move Me" from a couple years ago...

I can't find the words to pray.

I'm a little down today.

Can You hold me?

I feel a million miles away

and I don't know what to say.

Can You hear me ... anyway

What I need, is for You to reach out to me

You have taught me:

No matter what You'd understand.

Lord, move in a way

that I've never seen before.

There's a mountain in the way,

and a lock on the door.

I'm drifting away.

Waves are crashing on the shore.

Lord, move {move}, or move me.

....

Lord, I know the only way is through this.

Lord, I know I need You to help me do this.

Lord, move in a way

that I've never seen before.

There's a mountain in the way,

and a lock on the door.

I'm drifting away.

Waves are crashing on the shore.

Lord, move {move}, or move me..

.. out of this place of complacency,

To a place of service ___ ___ with Thee.

I am weak but, Lord, You are so strong

___ ___ ___ it's been way too long.

Lord, move in a way

that I've never seen before.

There's a mountain in the way

And a lock on the door.

I'm drifting away.

Waves are crashing on the shore.

Lord, move {move}, or move me.


Still good lyrics. - It includes the view, the possibility that there are obstacles, a door that's not opening, drifting, stormy (waves crashing)... but there's another phrase in there... "Lord, move, or move me." - Maybe the problem isn't the obstacle, maybe we need to move, go elsewhere, change, change our desires to match up with His plan. Maybe. Or maybe not. - There's a Southern Gospel song lyric that goes, "It's true I can have anything I want, but my 'wants' been changed.

I'm not saying that if "it ain't workin'" that you're headed in the wrong direction. Just make sure you are seeking His plan and will for your life. You may be learning patience. He may be arranging something that just isn't ready for you yet.

My suggestion? "PUSH."
That's Pray Until Something Happens.

In Christ,

Rich

 **From my mail box...** *mostly my e-mail in box) ... mail will be edited to protect your privacy. [I will ALWAYS delete things that would identify you from e-mails you send me unless you specifically tell me I can use your name.]*

These are from emails I got a couple years ago. I ran across them today and decided to include them, even if they weren't "recent."
Rich

I found a couple really cool quotes today and in keeping my ears open, and I know how you love to collect quotes so I figured that I would pass them along :) Love you lots!! ~Liz

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” -Jim Elliot

“Grace does not give us the right to do whatever we desire. Grace gives us the desire to do what is right.” -Dr. Drullinger

“The Holy Spirit in every Christian is resident. The Holy Spirit in every Christian wants to be President.” -Dr. Drullinger

“Isn't it so awesome just to look around and love people??” -a friend of mine

From Ken ...

“Success is knowing what God made me to do and doing it.” -- Rick Warren

“GRACE: The fact that God knows every mistake I'll ever make in ministry and He still chose me.” -- Rick Warren

And from Gramma Musil:

My Daily Creed

Author Unknown

Let me be a little kinder,
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me.

Let me praise a little more
Let me be, when I am weary
Just a little bit more cheery.

Let me strive a little better,
For those that I am striving for.
Let me be a little braver

When temptations bids me waver
Let me strive a little harder
To be all that I should be.

Let me be a little meeker,
With a brother who is weaker,
Let me think more of my neighbor
And a little less of me.

THE BACK PEW - Jeff LARSON

My wife and I realize life will be easier right around the corner. Problem is.. this corner is over the hill, through the fog, and the BRIDGE is out!!



http://thebackpew.com

Does life ever feel this way to you?
Remember **Romans 8:28**

Love is: “When you tell someone something bad about yourself and you're scared they won't love you anymore. But then you get surprised because not only do they still love you, they love you even more.”
-- Matthew, age 7

Love is: “God could have said magic words to make the nails fall off the cross, but He didn't. That's love.” – Max, age 5

“Jesus will not forget you. You are etched on His hands.” (Sign in Eden, NC)

A basic prayer for when you are desperate...



There are several variations as you can see. To “work,” they all require that you want God’s help, that you are done trying to do it on your own. There is a “catch.” – For God to answer, He will want you to want to surrender control. – Ooooo.

God ... please ... help me!
God, please help me!

Please help me!

Please help me, God.

God, please help me!
PLEASE, GOD, HELP ME!

GOD, ... HELP!

God, help me, please!
God, please help me!

God, please, help me!
Please, God, help me!

God, please help me!

God!...Please!

please help me. God, please.

God, please help me!

God, ... please ... help ... me.

Help ... me.

Do you know someone who’s in a mess or trouble and you’ve run out of what to say to God for them. You can pray this prayer. Just put their name in for “me.”

Have you reached the “end of your rope”?

Are you ready to turn things over to God?

Do you regret the way things are – maybe because of your choices and decisions?

Want a change in your life?

Ready to try God?

God knows your situation. He knows your heart. It’s not just actions, He sees and knows the attitude, the heart. He knows what you need. Maybe you need to be broken so you’ll be submissive. He wants to rescue you out of this mess. ‘Lift you from the miry clay’ as the old hymn goes. He really wants to rescue your life, not just today, but for eternity.

Are you ready to trust God? Are you ready to trust the people that God has placed around you to help rescue you? There are parents, friends, an aunt or uncle, pastor, professional counselor, youth leader, InterVarsity group, a Bible study group, neighbor, co-worker. Who has God placed there that you need to trust to advise you? Are there people that have offered to help you that you turned down, and now you think that maybe they could have helped you? Are you too proud or ashamed to go back to them? “What would they think of me?” Try them. They offered before, they would probably still want to help.

Sometimes God actually speaks in an audible voice. I’ve heard Him, a couple times. Sometimes it’s a “still, small voice” in your head. Sometimes it’s the voice on the radio. Sometimes it’s the voice of a friend saying, “We’ll help you. You can trust us. We love you. Let us help you.” Be careful that the voice you listen to is worthy of your trust. Evaluate the source. Do they offer to lift you? Is what they

3/28/09 – Special Sauce

God's graffiti

by Tim Bertram



Whatever happened to Shadrach, Meshach and Abed Nego after the fiery furnace? Daniel 3:13-30

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



'Most people wonder why things go wrong. I'm just thankful when anything goes right!'

One thing that really irks me about web sites is the almost constant changes. People set it up, then move. Email addresses change, certainly more than their snail-mail address. – When I was sent this by Brenda 4/9/2000, I searched and found it online. Then in 04 that address didn't exist, Then I found it somewhere else in 06; then that reference is no longer. This week I found it again, at another website. I think I'll post it at www.CrimsonWhite.org under articles of interest... and leave it there for people to find... and in the process, they'll find the C&WC.

A continuation of pieces about God's thinking and plan for each of us. – Isaiah 55:9 and Jeremiah 29:11. – Feel like you are in a real disaster, and God's not hearing or answering? One answer is that He's preparing somethin' special. The answer may take a little time to prepare.

Isaiah 55:9 (God talking to Isaiah) NKJV: 9“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Jeremiah 29:11 (God talking to Jeremiah about Israel after their 70 years of captivity in Babylon. We sometimes claim this for ourselves because it's a statement showing God's character of knowing, goodness, and having a plan for the future.)

TMSG: 11I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out— plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

NKJV: 11For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

NIV: 11For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

NCV: 11I say this because I know what I am planning for you,” says the LORD. “I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future.

YLT: 11For I have known the thoughts that I am thinking towards you— ...

Notice that in Young's Literal Translation and also in the New Century Version, the translators used the phrases “I am thinking” and “I am planning.” That is present tense, God currently working on it.

Subj: Brenda D___ wants you to check this site out Date: 4/9/2000
From: Brenda D___ To: rdymmel@aol.com

Your friend, _____, thought that you would be interested in the website “Special Sauce!”. You can find this website at <http://www.ric1.com/c.e?313110459076F0C>

[9/11/04 – “The page cannot be found”] [7/5/06 found it at www.just4ladies.com/channels/inspiration/story17.htm]

7/17/08 Page can't be found. Found it at:

<http://fourcrowns.com/Documents/Special%20Sauce%20blessings.doc> Now it is also stored at www.CrimsonWhite.org under [Articles of Interest.]

Here is a description of the website:

SPECIAL SAUCE. A trip to MacDonald's drive-through window has an unexpected result. Hope abounds in this joyous Inspirational Moment.

SPECIAL SAUCE

I was sitting at the drive thru window at McDonald's this weekend (ok, I eat out a lot). I did the usual thing, I drove up to the menu and ordered. I proceeded to the first window and paid, then drove to the second window and waited for the order. After sitting there for a few minutes, the clerk slid back the window and asked, "Will you please pull over to the side; your order is not ready." I was a little upset and even impatient, but I pulled over and waited. I thought, "How come other folks ordered and drove straight through and I have to wait?" I waited for another two or three minutes -- it seemed like hours -- before the clerk finally ran out, tapped on the window, and handed me the order. Of course I asked, "Hey, what took so long?" She replied, "You wanted the SPECIAL SAUCE, which meant it had to be especially made for that sandwich, it doesn't usually come with that one." The scene is a reflection of our prayer life. We make our request to the Lord. Our menu is His word where He has listed promise after promise. We stand before Him and request and plead and, sometimes, even beg. We go to the first window and pay, sometimes with fervent prayer, sometimes with prolonged suffering, sometimes with obedience, and sometimes not at all. We then move to the second window and wait for our order. If God doesn't answer within a few minutes, we become upset. You know the phrase, "Jesus, it's 5:00 PM Friday; I prayed to you yesterday, and You still haven't answered. I can't wait much longer." Why is it taking Him so long, I've seen people drive up before me and they received their orders right away? We even go so far as to tap on the window and ask if He has forgotten our order. We become impatient. We become upset. We become downright mad. "Lord I asked for a mate ten days ago and I don't see him/her anywhere." "Lord, I've been asking for a new job for two years; others have passed me by." "I've been waiting on a financial blessing for ten years and I still have more month than money." "Where are You and why haven't you blessed me?" And just when you think He is giving you the answer, He pulls back the royal curtain of eternity, and states, "Please pull over to the side and wait a while longer?" This once frustrated me to no end, made me mad, made me want to give up, made me wanna holler; that is, until the clerk brought out my sandwich -- then, the revelation became clear.

Do you know why the Lord has put you on the side? Do you know why you have had to wait for this blessing longer than before? Do you know why He has put you through more this time than ever? Do you know why it seems as though He has not heard you and He does not care? Do you know why it seems like you have had to go through more tears, more pains, and more struggling this time?

Because this blessing is a SPECIAL SAUCE BLESSING. This is an OVERFLOWING, PRESSED DOWN, SHAKEN TOGETHER, BLESSING! You made a SPECIAL ORDER and GOD has been putting together A SPECIAL SAUCE BLESSING for you and He has to prepare it for you.

That mate you wanted, He's putting together a SPECIAL SAUCE.

That job you wanted, He's putting together a SPECIAL SAUCE.

That financial blessing, A SPECIAL SAUCE.

That peace on the job, A SPECIAL SAUCE.

That house... A SPECIAL SAUCE.

That promotion... A SPECIAL SAUCE.

That deeper anointing... A SPECIAL SAUCE.

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end..." [and a SPECIAL SAUCE]. Jeremiah 29:11

How many people have driven away before the clerk brought their food, and how many people have missed their blessings because they did not wait?

Hang in there. Keep on waiting. You made a SPECIAL ORDER, now wait on a SPECIAL SAUCE! "But they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

They who wait shall get a SPECIAL SAUCE!

---author known only to God.

"God always has a blessing in store for you, no matter what your current circumstance!"

Father by RRD, (c) 2009

As I'm putting this issue together, note that this, as well as the daily emailed thoughts, are often sort of my "blog." My personal thoughts. And messages from God to me... that I am just relaying on, in hopes that the message is also for some of you. I particularly feel that way today. - I got a call this morning from an HR office checking with me as a reference someone gave for a job... I've prayed for them often for a job... I hope to hear in the next day that they got it.

I came across an article from "Boundless," an online e-magazine from Focus On The Family, and this article. You can go online for the whole thing. I'm pulling this excerpt for you. Then I will comment after...

www.boundless.org/2005/articles/a0002064.cfm

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Our Father

by Rachel Starr Thomson

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I pause and look into the eyes of the audience, men and women and children crammed into church pews, some listening intently, with heads cocked and eyes focused; others blank, unreadable. I am giving the first narration in Father, a small-scale ballet based on the Lord's Prayer, and I hope these people really hear — that they're drawn deeply into this drama of Creator and created, of estrangement, reconciliation, provision and hope.

The narration continues, going beyond Eden to Moses, who learned that God is "I AM THAT I AM" — a God far beyond us, outside of our whole sphere of reference.

Because they do not wish to take the name of the Lord in vain, Orthodox Jews often refer to God simply as Hashem — The Name. [Or Yahway, which isn't the actual word in the OT text. They revered the name of God so highly that they wouldn't even speak His name.]

My own journey through the Lord's Prayer began years ago, where this journey usually begins — with the words "Our Father." Simple words, but how they impacted me. How they still do.

But then, 2,000 years ago, a cluster of men sat around their leader. "Lord," they asked, "teach us to pray." And Jesus said, "Our Father, which art in heaven."

He called Hashem "Father." [Actually more like "Daddy."]
Our Father.

Those two words do more to express what Jesus did for us than any other two words I can think of. He came to bring I AM into our dirty, broken lives. He finished the work of judgment and consequence, giving us mercy in place of punishment. He closed the gap. No more is God distant, untouchable, the inaccessible Name. The Son has come down from the heart of God, drawn us back in with Him, and taught us to pray "Our Father."

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I'm think of my father. Half joking, I say "When he said 'Jump,' you'd ask 'How high?' ... on the way up." Yet his way was also to teach me to think, and to earn and accept responsibility. - He would be frugal at one time and then

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON

Oh please God.. no bad news!!
No overdue visa bills, no bank overdrafts... AND NO MORE LETTER BOMBS!!



Many see the glass of life half empty rather than half full. Harvey sees his glass guzzled down to empty by doubt and fear. **Phillipians 4:6-7**

with the money saved, he would turn around and be oh so generous. - At 10, I was a latch-key-kid who on Friday would catch the right bus, go to downtown Detroit (I know, it's different today; safety) report in to my parents' offices, and wander downtown until it was time to meet and head home, maybe haircuts, maybe dinner at Milroy's (inexpensive) or Carl's (\$6 burgers and this was 50+ years ago, and steaks - I eventually discovered Filet Mignon there) on the way home.

From his position of age and wisdom and experience, he could see and know things I couldn't. I learned to respect and accept his wisdom and authority. And I *knew* he took care of us and provided.

Now, for me, the analogy of learning about God as a loving, caring Father, from the role model of a loving father, I think has been in part true. - And now, I know I have a Father who guides the world, and me, with my best interest in mind. He's active, current, capable, overseeing... - Jeremiah 29:11 - YLT: For I have known the thoughts that I am thinking [present tense] towards you... And The Message reads: I say this because I know what I am planning [present tense] for you," says the LORD. "I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future.

Do you know God as that kind of Father? The Bible says He is. I trust Him with me Eternity. I trust Him with my today and tomorrow. How about you?

If you are a dad, you have a great task set for you... teaching your children about God by modeling.

Just for the fun of it...

You Make Me Laugh Friday, June 26, 2009

TODAY'S CLEAN LAUGH *Funeral Weather*

As with many funerals, it was a cloudy, rainy day.

The deceased was a little old lady who had devoted her entire married life to fussing at her poor husband. When the graveside service had no more than terminated, there was a tremendous burst of thunder accompanied by a distant lightning bolt.

The little ol man looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there."

Thanks to Pastor Tim for this joke! www.cybersalt.org/cleanlaugh

EYE LAUGH "Cat Kiss"

www.cybersalt.org/cleanlaugh/images/06/catkiss.htm



Mitzy soon regretted meeting Ray from the chat room.

TODAY'S CLEAN LAUGH *Hybrid Car*

My uncle in Detroit tried to make a new kind of car. He took the engine from a Ford, the transmission from an Oldsmobile, the tires from a Cadillac, and the exhaust system from a Plymouth."

"Really? What did he get?"

"Fifteen years for auto-theft."

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"I always turn to the sports page first. The sports page records people's accomplishments; the front page nothing but man's failure." -- Chief Justice Earl Warren

"It's the tragedy of the world that no one knows what he doesn't know -- and the less a man knows, the more sure he is that he knows everything." -- Joyce Cary

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.

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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Father

**You can't be good enough to deserve
heaven. And you can't be bad enough
to be beyond God's forgiveness.**

If you are forwarding or
mailing this, it needs a 1st
class stamp for 1 ounce.

Someone PRAYED for YOU and mentioned YOU before God's throne
as this was prepared for mailing. God bless and watch over you today.

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comes with a warning label.**

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culture publication. That's what Christianity is - a
counter-culture. This should have a warning label.

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Pray
Until
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*The LORD is good,
a refuge in times of
trouble. He cares for
those that trust in
him.*

Nahum 1:7 NIV