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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!

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Hot Potato

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I have been feeling like I want to relay these articles on to you, and then I back off... wondering if I'll make someone feel offended... And then the last couple mornings, the daily emails I've put out included - One Way to God: Fact or Fiction? "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (NIV) - And this morning, quoting from the piece from Greg Laurie, "... I find it ironic that those who tell us we need to be tolerant are very intolerant of the gospel. In fact, the most intolerant people seem to be those who are always telling you to be tolerant. I have heard the complaint that Christians are so intolerant, yet I don't think that is true at all." - And from that I went on to write, and have said we should always answer questions and situations the way Billy Graham would, by starting with, "The Bible says..." And we should speak up, and how we should stand on what the Bible says, and live that way. - And the Bible says that God loves the sinner, but it says He hates the sin. - And why? Because the sin actions damage relationships and us, physically and emotionally, and, it damages our relationship with Him.

So with all that said, I'm going to jump into a "hot potato" topic with some of the articles in this issue.

Here goes...

In Christ,

Rich

Do you have a relationship with God where you know He has accepted you just as you are? A relationship like with a loving father? If not, call me at 336-674-7564. Or call 1-888-NEED-HIM. - With God, you have never gone too far to return. -

Here's a thought... It's often in the words... If I am opposed to abortion, it's a "baby." If I'm in favor of abortion it can't be a baby, an unborn child, so it's a "fetus." If I'm opposed to homosexual behavior, it's "homosexual, sin, unnatural." If I'm in favor of homosexual activity, then it's called being gay, gay rights, gay pride, same sex ____, and just an alternative lifestyle.

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Today's Daily Encounter
Hot Potato One: Homosexuality

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 (NIV)

About two decades ago a teenager asked me the question: "Do you think homosexuality should be legalized?"

Regardless of what I thought at the time, much of our culture has come a long way since then in accepting homosexuality as "an alternate lifestyle."

True, everybody has a right to decide for themselves whether or not homosexuality should be legalized or accepted as an alternate lifestyle. What I did in this instance was share what I believed God's Word had to say about the subject. "According to God's Word," I answered, "homosexuality is an unnatural condition (Romans 1:27). It is listed with various other sins which are all destructive to human personality, and as such are opposed by God."

The Bible also says that God will forgive all who confess their sins, but indicates that those who willfully practice sexual immorality, idolatry, adultery, male prostitution, homosexuality, stealing, greed, drunkenness, slandering, and swindling will not inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

If God is opposed to these damaging behaviors, can we justly justify or legalize any one of them? The reason God is opposed to these actions (and all other sins) is because they are harmful to those whom he loves--us. Furthermore, it has never been proven that homosexuality is in one's genes any more than pedophilia is. And if they are, perhaps sin, too, is in our genes because we are born with a sin nature. But would that justify sinful acts? In fact, there are usually deep psychological causes behind many of these external "acts of sin." The causes often have their roots in the past and need to be confronted if a person is to find wholeness, healing and recovery--emotional and spiritual.

If we justify and legalize any act of sin, we harm the person involved much more than we ever help him. It gives him/her an excuse not to confront and resolve his/her problem.

As Christians we are to accept and love the sinner and not judge or condemn him (because we are all sinners and are probably all guilty of at least greed, gossip, or slandering which are listed in God's Word along with the sin of homosexuality). This doesn't mean that we accept, excuse, or approve anyone's sinful behavior (including our own). Very often it is a failure in love in early childhood that "drives" people into some acts of sin. Only love, Christ's unconditional love through us, will ever draw these people out again.

Suggested prayer: "Dear God, please help me to always accept what you say and not yield to the pressure of so-called political correctness. Help me to take the beam out of my own eye before trying to take the splinter out of another's eye. And like you, while I oppose all sin, please help me to love the sinner unconditionally and thereby help draw him to you for your healing grace, forgiveness, and victory over his sinful behavior. Thank you for

hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus' name, amen."

Note: Please read Chuck Colson's article on BreakPoint, "When a Dog Says Moo" at: <http://tinyurl.com/ntceqf>. <http://www.breakpoint.org/commentaries/2851-when-a-dog-says-moo>

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When a Dog Says 'Moo' Promoting Gay Rights

By Chuck Colson|Published Date: September 14, 2006

Cruella De Vil, the villain in Disney's 101 Dalmatians, would be proud: A Colorado group has taken a cute and cuddly puppy and turned him into something else—this time, however, not a fur coat. The puppy, Norman, has been made the spokesdog for a statewide campaign promoting gay rights. On billboards, TV ads, and a website, Norman belts out his trademark “moo,” proving that he was “born different.”

Sponsored by the Gill Foundation, which pours millions of dollars into gay rights' causes, Norman is designed to sway the hearts and minds of Colorado voters who, in November, will be voting on a domestic partnership referendum. Former Colorado Springs mayor and Gill Foundation employee Mary Ann Makepeace says Norman is not meant “to bring in religion or politics. It's about stimulating people to think about the question that they might not have thought about before: Are people born gay?”

We don't need a ventriloquist with a puppy to answer that question. Time and again, the scientists whose studies are cited as evidence for a gay gene have been careful to point out that their research does not support that theory. Even a link on Norman's website to a press release promoting the born-gay premise states that “the genetic mechanism for a homosexual orientation is unclear.” That's the best they can say.

Besides normalizing homosexual activity and foisting same-sex “marriage” on the rest of society—the 96 percent of people, by the way, who even the Born Different campaign concedes are not gay—the born-gay theory has significant implications for men and women trapped in the homosexual lifestyle. It robs them of hope.

Just ask Alan Chambers, president of Exodus International, a ministry that helps men and women break free of homosexual behavior. Alan knows firsthand the stranglehold of the born-gay mindset. He says, “I was told by people in the gay community that I couldn't change, that there was no hope for that.”

Thankfully, Alan found hope in the words of a preacher who assured him of God's love and in the commitment of Christian friends who held him accountable and walked with him through the process of breaking his addiction to a sinful lifestyle.

Alan and Randy [see The Good Life] are just two of those

who have found hope and healing through Exodus International and ministries like it. While his gay friends told him he was born that way and should accept his fate, caring Christians convinced him that practicing homosexuality was something he did, not something he was, and with God's help, he could leave that lifestyle behind.

That's not something you'll hear from the gay community. If they can convince us that they're simply born different, they will argue that it is a civil-rights issue, a tactic they are already pursuing in Colorado and elsewhere around the country. It's an argument that is convincing more and more people, which is why you and I need to know the facts and be able to refute the false idea that some people are just born gay. We need to tell our friends and neighbors, especially gay ones, about the hope we all have for real change through Jesus Christ. And if you live in Colorado, send Norman back to his kennel where he can "moo" until his heart is content.

For Further Reading and Information

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Today's Daily Encounter Hot Potato Follow-Up

"Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear." 2 Timothy 4:2-3 (NIV)

In response to a recent Daily Encounter on homosexuality a concerned subscriber asked for any suggestions that I could offer to help her talk and witness to a friend of hers who had chosen a lesbian lifestyle.

I didn't have a clear-cut answer, but here's what I suggested:

I don't think situations like this ever have a simple, pat answer. I certainly don't have any such advice. And while I don't want to sound too simplistic, I think it is very important that we ask God to help us to be as Jesus to all questioners and to give us the right word at the right time.

A girl, whom I will call Mary, attended one of my weekend seminars on "Loving and Understanding People." A participant asked about homosexuality and I expressed what God's Word had to say about it and added that, at least for some, its roots can go back to childhood which can cause a woman to unconsciously be searching for the mother love she never received, and where a man may still be searching unconsciously for the father love he never received. Mary was extremely upset with me. In no uncertain terms--in front of the entire group--she declared in no uncertain terms that I was "a pharisaical religious b - - - - -!"

This was quite a shocker to say the least. I simply answered, "Sometimes I probably am." It turned out that Mary was a lesbian.

To my amazement Mary turned up a few weeks later at a weeklong, live-in workshop we had for those who wanted to work on unresolved personal issues. There were about 25-30 people in attendance. In this entire week not one person condemned or judged Mary. Early in the week I told Mary that while I didn't agree with her lifestyle, I loved and accepted her for whom she was. In fact, the entire group loved and accepted her and by the end of the week she even gave me a very warm hug and said, "Maybe you are right."

All too often it is a lack of love that drives people into acts of sin as they search for their unmet love need in all the wrong ways and places. And only love will ever bring them out again--that is, God's love through us. True, we are to hate the things God hates, but at the same time we are to love the people God loves. And while God hates sin of all kind, he loves sinners of every kind. We need to do likewise because we all qualify as sinners.

Suggested prayer: "Dear God, before I ever point a finger at anyone else, please confront me with any unresolved issues and sinful ways in my life. And help me always to love fellow sinners--and be 'as Jesus' to them--even when I see their sinful and self-destructive ways. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus' name, amen."

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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.]

I don't think I've printed these letters before, even if they came a couple months ago.

Date: 4/14/2009

I just want to tell you how much the Crimson and White Connection newsletter has meant to our campus at _____. I know you work hard to make this happen. I understand the cost involved and would understand if you can't send it monthly. It has been a blessing to our staff and residents. Thanks.

LG

We're covered. God provides.. sometimes "just in time"... but He always comes through to cover our expanding bills.

Thanks for your kind words of encouragement.

In His service, Rich

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FOR OUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE

Hebrews 12:29, Deuteronomy 4:24, 9:3

Subject: Re: Crimson & White Connection

Date: 2/26/2009 5:30:53 P.M. Eastern Standard Time

From: _____@gmail.com

Hi Rich,

Thank you for continuing to send me the C&WC. I noticed that I receive the C&WC both in the mail and electronically. I actually prefer to receive it electronically, and it would save you a little postage. Thanks for this encouraging ministry.

Blessings, K.B.

Subject: Re: We., 07/01/09 - His Faithfulness

Date: 7/1/2009

Thank you for today's devotional. [We] really need to be reminded of this right now. So right now everything is up in the air. We are trying to remain faithful but the last 2 years have been difficult. God has always provided everything we needed and most of what we have wanted. He has been faithful to us but we are discouraged. Please pray for our spirits and for the situation. Thanks again for the reminder of God's Faithfulness.

Love, H.

Re: Su, 08/9/09 - Power; Calms

good one, thanks

Mike

Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2009 10:16 PM

Subject: GOD'S ACCURACY --AWESOME !!

GOD'S ACCURACY

How lovely to think about the way our Creator God planned everything so carefully and perfectly, everything with a plan. As His highest creation, 'we are fearfully and wonderfully made.'

God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs.

For example,

The eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days;

Those of the canary in 14 days;

Those of the barnyard hen in 21 days.

The eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days;

Those of the mallard in 35 days.

The eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.

(Notice, they are all divisible by seven).

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other Quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.

A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation! God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains.

Each watermelon has an even number of strips on the rind.

Each orange has an even number of segments.

Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.

Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains..

Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks

The Lord specified thirty fold, sixty fold, and a hundredfold - all even numbers.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day, so that Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

Thus the Lord in His wonderful grace can arrange the life that is entrusted to His care in such a way that it will carry out His purposes and plans, and will be fragrant with His presence. Only the God-planned life is successful. Only the life given over to the care of the Lord is safe.

*Author unknown

Oh, yeah. Here's another "hot potato" issue. This one came in my e-mail inbox from, what most people consider pretty conservative "Focus On The Family." Now don't jump to a conclusion before you read it.

Someone gave me a book a couple years ago, *Why I Left The Contemporary Christian Music Scene*. It was a justification as to why this stuff isn't good (or even Christian in some people's eyes, or should I say ears.) I found it to be mostly his personal opinion. As I read it I found several misquotes... I went to the original source, the author of a song and found the reason for the song... Not what was in the book. This kind of thing discredited the book for me. - Now he may have his personal reasons, but I don't think he was Biblical. - I've heard it said, "If you don't like the praise choruses, be careful. A lot of the lyrics come from scripture. Are you then saying you don't like to hear scripture sung?" -- Now that doesn't mean I'm justifying ANY music, in church or out. -- I'm just going to put one more opinion out there.

Subject: Boundless Update: Loud Music Date: 6/26/2009

The Effects of Loud Music

My life took a turn a dozen years ago. Though I personally didn't care for their style, I bought a Delirious album, thinking it'd be good for me to become familiar with their music.

I came to love their music, and have since come to appreciate a swath of contemporary Christian music. Sure, a whole lot of it is worthless pabulum: uninspired lyrics spit out by some Random Christian Cliche Generator, skill-less musicianship, tired rhythms and chord progressions, sterile production. But some Christians creating music for today's generation speak with a relevance and passion and quality that inspires me in my devotion to the Lord and my devotion to excellence.

So today I'm listening to RED, a band whose lyrics wrestle with our disposition to sin, that explore our struggle to honor the Lord with integrity. That they use distorted guitars and edge into metal/screamo at times does not distract from the urgency and desperation of their message. Indeed, I find that it promotes it, helping me better engage it.

I don't know that I would have denounced this kind of music a decade ago. I may have just dismissed it. But these days I really appreciate the breadth of musical styles embraced by many of today's Christian musicians.

I had a conversation with someone earlier this week who was condemning the music of today's Christian artists because it's "loud" and "rhythmic" and "extreme." Such music, because it may provoke a physical response, he dismissed as "sexual." His judgment reminded me of Michal, King David's wife, who mocked her husband for the "vulgar" way he was "leaping and dancing before the LORD." God's judgment against her? Barrenness. [Don't take *my* word for it. "The Bible says..." Read it for yourself in 2 Samuel 6:12-23.]

I'm learning not to be so quick to write something off as ungodly simply because it's not my preference. After all, the Lord's ways are not like my ways. And where Scripture doesn't express a clear judgment, perhaps I should be slow to express mine.

Well, that's a little peek into where some of my thoughts are today: affected by a discussion I had a few days ago and by my current iPod playlist.

**//Today's devotion with Greg Laurie
Friday, May 15, 2009**

Finding the Way

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

— John 14:6

During World War II, an American pilot who was shot down over the jungles of Burma was able to safely eject from his plane. As he landed in the deep, dense jungle, he was met by a friendly Burmese man. The man gestured for him to follow. So the American soldier followed the man through the jungle. There was no path that he could see, and ahead of him was the Burmese man, slicing away with his machete. It didn't seem like they were going in any particular direction. The American became frantic. So he yelled out to the man, "Where is the way?"

In broken English, the man told him, "I am the way. Follow me."

That is what Jesus says to us in the maze of life: "I am the way. Follow Me. I will get you to where you are supposed to go." The entire meaning of the Christian faith can be condensed into four words: "I am the way."

You might be wondering, But how do I do this? How do I find my way? First of all, the road to heaven is a toll road. It will cost, but you can't pay the toll. Jesus paid it for you. You must realize that you can't do it on your own. And you must admit that you are a sinner. The Bible says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Which road are you on today? Which way are you going to choose? There is only one way to find a life that is full and rich on this earth and then to know for certain you are going to heaven. It is the highway to heaven. And you can pull onto the onramp today.

Greg Laurie

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"Prayer without faith is nothing more than useless words that have no meaning; prayer with faith, on the other hand, are words that touch God's Heart and can move mountains." - Myself [I asked a student to give me a quote I could use to fill this space.]

After this was printed, exactly as he sent it to me, he saw it, and said "You should have put my name, not 'myself!'" Sooo, this was from "My Name."

Catch Of The Day, Two to nothing,

August 28, 2009 by John Fischer



Pay attention as an informal counseling session in our living room puts some flesh on the insights of the last few days.

A staunch pro-life advocate in her church, this woman is a secret sufferer—one of every three women in evangelical churches who have had at least one abortion.* Who does this woman share her life's pain with? And every time pro-life supporters—herself among them—speak to the harm of abortion, her wounds are opened again to the mounting years of guilt and torment as her silent screams drive her painful contradictions further inside her.

My wife is leading the questioning, and I act as if I am trying to understand what is going on here—pretending to lend my support—but the full impact is missing me. I get the Kleenex (I am a willing servant, often covering my own conflict with mundane activity) but I am feeling detached inside. I didn't relate well to my wife's births, how can I connect to this death so long ago? I feel the same pulling away now. I want this little session to be over with. There's a ball game on right now and I don't even know the score. I want to get on with my evening. I resent the intrusion of someone's inner pain.

Now Marti is moving things along by suggesting I go over and put my arm around this woman. Marti knows full well what I am doing—why I am trying to get away. She knows I can't embrace her without embracing my own sin, and I am not very good at that. It's certainly not that I don't sin; it's just that... well... okay, I'll come out and say it: my sin isn't quite as bad as hers. The big rub, if I'm totally honest, is that I'm willing to admit I'm a sinner, just not a really bad one. She's lower than me on the totem pole of sin. I'll embrace her, but I have to come down the pole to get to her. What I'd really like are levels of grace, please, so I can stay with what I consider the not-so-bad sinners yet still get forgiven. People can know I was bad, just not that bad.

I find myself moving closer and putting my arm around her. This releases more tears. I reach for more Kleenex, feeling awkward. Marti is smiling. Suddenly the counselee has an arm around the counselor as she hugs back, and tears are working their way into my eyes now. I fight them, trying to hold them back. My arms are telling her that everything is going to be okay. Strangely, her hold on me is telling me the same. A tangible healing is going on. I'm holding onto a self-convicted murderer, and suddenly I see the shame of my own loss... one sinner to another. The closer I get to her pain, the more I feel mine.

Suddenly, some barrier between us has come down. I hardly care what the score is between us, or in the game I wanted to watch. I'll find out soon enough. The score here is two to nothing: two sinners reduced to nothing, results in a win for each of us. After all, we are on the same team anyway.

* See PACE ministry (Post Abortion Counseling and Education) www.perimeter.org/index.php?module=ministry&submodule=cms&artid=96&mid=40758

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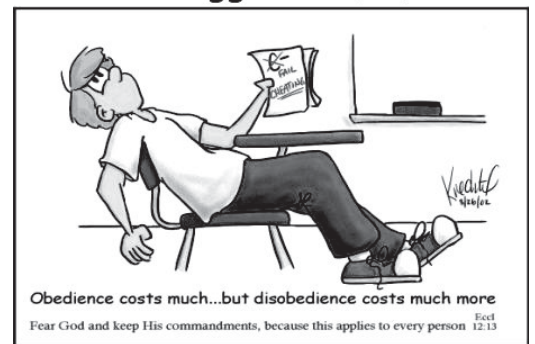


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Just for the fun of it...

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

A husband reading a newspaper says to his wife, "You know, honey, I think there might be some real merit to what this article says, that the intelligence of a father often proves a stumbling block to the son."

"Well, thank heaven," said the wife, "at least our James has nothing standing in his way."

At the Boeing Museum of Flight in Seattle, there is a full size mockup of an F/A-18 fighter. A ramp allows visitors to climb into the cockpit and get a sense of what the pilot sees and feels.

A guide at the top of the ramp points out the various controls and gauges in the cockpit and gives information about the aircraft's capabilities to each visitor who gets in.

When my two-year-old son sat down in the plane, he seemed fascinated by all he saw and heard. Then, he looked out at us and said, "Gramma, could I have a quarter?"

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

An elderly parish priest was tending his garden near a convent when a passerby stopped to inquire after the priest's much-loved roses.

"Not bad," said the priest, "but they suffer from a disease peculiar to this area known as the black death."

"What on earth is that?" asked the passerby, anxious to increase his garden knowledge.

"Nuns with scissors."

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

I spent 20 minutes explaining life insurance options to one of our employees. After reviewing the different plans and monthly deductions, he decided to max out, choosing \$100,000 worth of life insurance. But he had one last question.

"Now," he said, "what do I have to do to collect the money?"

--Daily Show correspondent John Hodgman, on the dangers of global warming

"We estimate that there are perhaps 20,000 prehistoric hunter-gatherers frozen up in those glaciers. Now, if they simply thaw and wander around, it's not a problem, but if they find a leader - a Captain Caveman, if you will - we'll be facing an even more serious problem."

Roof Leak

Mr. Gable had a leak in the roof over his dining room, so he called a repairman to take a look at it. "When did you first notice the leak?" the repairman inquired.

Mr. Gable scowled. "Last night, when it took me two hours to finish my soup!"

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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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... forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13 NKJV