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Crimson & White? What's this?

It started with 37 college students. in 1998. Now, in the 25th year of issues, less than 10% of the mailing list are "students" ages 14 to 24. About 40% are ... we'll just say "over 30" in the database, including several 80+ers. About 1/3 of our over ~900 print copies go into prisons in 24 states (9/1/21 count), a direction we never expected this to go. But "the spiritual life," and values are not age or marital status or gender or life situational specific, they are universal. -- Topics are character, values, spiritual life - "walk the walk, not just talk the talk" - relationships and more ... and some fun.

The theology position is "conservative," i.e. Jesus is God's only Son, eternal, born of a virgin, sinless, crucified, died, 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. Jesus said it comes down to 'love God and love your neighbor' (Matthew 22:37-40).

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 (John 14:6). If you admit that you can not reach God's standard, are repentant and sorry for your short fall (sin) and rebellion against Him 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?

You WILL BE and ARE a slave! But you can CHOOSE your master! CHOOSE God today. John 3:16 is true. Accept no substitute!

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.

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The Battle For The Mind

By Dr. Richard R. Dymmel, Ed.D., (c) 6/2006, 6/2023

The lyrics go something like, 'The battle for the mind is on... No you won't. Yes I will.' What arguments go on in your head? Accept God's forgiveness? Surrender to God? A battle over some sin? -- Charles Swindoll says that "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it."

John Leonard was at our church back in '06. What happened and how did he react? -- They are planting churches in a poor state in Northeast Brazil. Five churches in 16 years. Average attendance: about 90 new Christians. Last Fall, outside his church, he was shot!!! One bullet hit his spinal cord. He is paralyzed from his arms down. Yes, he admitted there was a time of "down" and "Why did You let this happen?!" He is strapped in one of those full power electric chairs. His view? He brought at least one nurse in the hospital to salvation. And they are planning on heading back to Brazil. Maybe John was the only way she would listen. She did. John was used.

A few years ago... thousands actually... I was reminded of this again on the History Channel as they did several interesting pieces on the Pyramids and tombs and all in Egypt... I wonder if the Jews as slaves in Egypt built all that. ... Joseph (start reading the whole story at Genesis 37) was attacked by his brothers... then they sold him into slavery. Potifer bought him as a slave (Genesis 39) and eventually Joe ran the whole house. Potifer's wife tried to seduce him, but he resisted, even ran when she grabbed him. She accused him and he ended up in jail. Through contacts there, he went from jail to the Pharaoh's court and became the Secretary of Agriculture. This was the "weird" path God took to get Joe in charge of Egypt. Why? So he could save his people from starvation (this part of the story continues to chapter 47).

Along the way, Joe had lots of opportunities to do battle in his mind. He could have been bitter about being thrown in the well and sold to slave traders. Potifer probably wouldn't have bought an angry, bitter slave, and certainly not eventually put him in a position of trust and responsibility. When seduced by the powerful wife of Potifer, he could have thought, "Hmmm. I could have everything, including the woman." But he ran. This is what integrity looks like. And it got him in jail. Sometimes "bad things" happen, even when you do the right things. It happened to Joe. But with Joe, we can see what happened next and next. (Hind sight is sometimes 20-20.) Now we can see that God was manipulating a whole set of bizarre circumstances and situations to eventually put Joe in a place to be used. He certainly couldn't have ridden his camel to the Pharaoh's Civil Service Office and said, "I want to apply for the job of running the country." "Yea, right. An interview with Pharaoh? Right away."

Sometimes it takes a lot of faith to see where God is moving us. My experience is that we usually just have to go where He leads us and we might see why later.

So why didn't God just make the crops grow and eliminate the famine? I don't know. Maybe so we could look at this and say, "Gee, God HAD to be in control of all the details to make it work together; it's too weird to be coincidence. Maybe I should trust Him with planning things for me."

God calls us to a life of values, His values; a life of integrity. He calls us to TRUST Him with our lives and circumstances. ... Believe that God is in control and has a good plan. ... What's your "disaster? Believe God knows. And He still says, "Do what is right."

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 away to come home. --

Lord, help me be a
 passionate, abandoned,
 radiant, overcome,
 infused, holy,
 transformed, broken,
 authentic, undignified,
 obedient, sold-out,
 yielded, exuberant,
 humbled, surrendered,
 forgiven, devoted,
 radical, intimate,
 consumed, living
 sacrifice!

Mostly just for fun...

* ————— Guaranteed to Roll Your Eyes ————— *

One of my third-graders came to school crying. "Jonathan's upset because he couldn't complete his math homework," his mother explained.

"Why's that?" I asked.

"Unfortunately," she said, "our computer doesn't have Roman numerals."

"Is this a bad idea? The folks at Sprint announced it is developing a TV cell phone. It will let you watch TV on your cell phone. They have the perfect name for it: 'Nine Dead in Interstate Pileup.'" —Jay Leno

I hated math. Math teachers would ask me questions: "Can you tell us the common denominator here?"

"Yeah, we all think this stinks."

My Dad and I were talking the other night about love and marriage. He told me that he knew as early as their wedding what marriage to my Mom would be like. It seems the minister asked my Mom, "Do you take this man to be your husband." And she said, "I do."

Then the minister asked my Dad, "Do you take this woman to be your wife," and my Mom said, "He does."

THE BACK PEW - Jeff Larson



http://thebackpew.com

I'd rather be a 'PIRATE' and lose me hand, foot, or eye if they cause me to sin, than to go to Hell!! **Mark 9:43-47**

There is only



God's
Traffic
Directions



The world sometimes doesn't allow
U-turns, but God **DOES**.



to Him

"I love to shop after a bad relationship. I don't know. I buy a new outfit and it makes me feel better. It just does. Sometimes I see a really great outfit, I'll break up with someone on purpose." —Rita Rudner

Rummaging through her attic one day, my friend Kathryn found an old shotgun. Unsure how to dispose of it, she called her parents.

"Take it to the police station," her mother suggested.

My friend was about to hang up when her mom added....

"And, Kathryn?"

"Yes, mom?"

"Call them first and let them know you're coming."

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

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.

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 Rdymmel@AOL.com, and say, "I just asked Jesus to be my Lord."

**Whatever your lot in life...
build something on it.**

A publication so dangerous it now comes with a warning label

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resources are at

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Tell a friend!

Download and print witness postcards.

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

**“Let’s say that God was
the color blue. Every as-
pect of your life should be
some shade of blue”**

Kemisha N. Age 17

Lord, when people see me, I want them to recognize that You live inside me. Help me to think before I speak and to share the message that You still change lives today.

Real Teens, Real Stories, Real Life
T. Suzanne Eller. 2002. p. 114

John 3:30

KJV: He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

NIV: He must become greater; I must become less.

New Century: He must become greater, and I must become less im-
portant.

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