

Crimson & White Connection

A ministry of prayer and encouragement to "High School, College, & Singles" (& others, too)
Values & Character + Spiritual Life + Relationships + Fun stuff

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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 60% of the mailing list are college students, 20% middle and high school, and 10% are age 22 to 30, and we'll just leave ages unsaid for the last 10% 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.

This letter and post cards are sent about twice a month. 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.

A second part of the ministry is prayer. We pray for each person 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, 2004

Freedom of choice

by Dr. Richard R. Dymmel, Ed.D. (c) 2004

"Hey! We just missed the exit! You didn't tell me." "Yes, I did." "I didn't hear you. You didn't speak up. It's your fault!" -- Well we just pulled over and backed up about a hundred yards on the shoulder, waited for break in traffic on the exit ramp, and took the exit for I-20 toward Atlanta. - Stop; back up; take the right road; go the right way this time. Back up. Do over. Make the right choice this time and go the right way.

Some choices, whether deliberate or accidental, can be "done over." No biggie. Some choices may have mild consequences, some serious, some short term, some long term, some eternal. But we get to choose. Let's look at a few choices.

Choose to drink (alcohol). Even a little affects your decision ability and choices. - I know a young man who choose to go to a bar. Only drank a little... something was said... when he left the bar he was attacked and beat up pretty bad, hospital, coma, rehab. ... Wrong place? - A young man wrote me: 'I was in the wrong place, doing the wrong thing, looking for the wrong things and God got my attention by having a guy stick a gun in my face. I was robbed. Could have been killed. I need to straighten out my life and my choices.'

Some choices are easily undone with little or no consequences. Didn't go to Promise Keepers or a Women of Faith seminar? Go to the next one or next year. A little delay in being inspired or challenged, but not catastrophic.

What if you go to the beach or to a party, drink, get drunk, keep on drinking - all your choices - decide to experiment with sex, or maybe someone else takes over and you are gang raped (obviously addressed to the gals) and you end up pregnant; and you decide on the abortion choice - two years of counseling before you life is SORT of back to quasi-normal - but you will always remember. Or statistically, summer is when a lot of kids lose their virginity. These choices all have life-long consequences. Can't "do over." One virgin in a discussion says, 'I can always become like you. You can never be like me again.' That is a ONE-TIME CHOICE. - Drink once, the next one is easier. Do drugs once, the next time and the next drug is easier. Have sex the first time, and the next time will be easier.

Decide to miss church this week. Not catastrophic. But miss one, the next is easier to miss. Result: maybe a little less "god directed" this week. But each step is just a small one, and soon the lyric says 'Never thought I'd get this far. ...I got here one step at a time.'

Think about your choices. Some are fully correctable - that is a choice, too. You can back up, re-choose, and fully do over. Word choices - you can apologize, but the old saying: "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me;" well it just isn't true. Words won't break your bones, but they can cut painfully and wound deeply; wounds that no matter what you say next, the wound will never completely heal. Be careful of the words you choose.

Some choices are once in a lifetime. Virginity, faithfulness.

Some choices may have a risk of immediate, soon, or eventual consequences. Choosing that 'traffic lights and stop signs are suggestions' may have a life-long consequence on the first time, or maybe a pregnancy doesn't occur until the 20th time.

At least one choice has eternal consequences - The last verse of "Amazing Grace" says "When we've been there ten thousand years ... we've no less days ... then when we first begun." Here's a math problem: Infinity minus (365.25x10,000) = _____. Answer: It's still infinity. Eternity is a long, long time. Are the choices you're making, make sense in light of eternity? When I think of what's important, I think of whether putting out another issue of the C&WC that might affect someone's life... I try to get out as many issues as I can, the target is 22 for the year. When you compare 5 or 120 minutes of pleasure with 25 or 50 years of regret, or 15 minutes of ridicule with 10,000 years of peace or pain - heaven or hell... Which are the better choices?

When playing with little kids, we often 'bend the rules, and if they miss the ball on the third strike we might say, "So close! Do over. Try again.'" As we get older our choices and actions often get more serious and the results more monumental and consequential. - Remember the little children's song... "Be careful little feet where you go..." Make good choices. - And with eternity in mind, choose Jesus as Lord of your life.

In Christ, Rich



From the mailbox (Letters may be slightly edited to remove

some personal content and identifying stuff. We won't blab your name or email address.) Your letters and notes encourage us, too. Rich

[As with a lot of "forwarded email" the original source gets lost. So for some of these the original source is unknown, so I can't give proper credits for those.]

Prayer List...

Liz is doing an internship with a church in Durban, South Africa for 10 weeks this Summer, in connection with her program at Cedarville University in Ohio. She'll be there through July. She's helping with youth activities and evangelism.



Michelle is working at Gospel Light Christian Camp in Hillsville, Virginia this summer... cooking, cleaning, counseling, and lifeguard. "Each summer I go to camp hoping that I will be a blessing to some child, but in return they are a blessing to me. As Christians we are all in a ministry so as I Timothy 1:12 says, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." It's so neat to see the Lord impact the life of a child whether it be to come to know Christ as their personal Savior or grow in their faith and make decisions to live for Him. Please pray for camp as we begin on June 9 and end on August 8, 2003. I will also be working on a bus route at Gospel Light each Sunday morning, where we will be picking up children who want to come to church. Have a blessed summer everyone!"



"The fact is that God has given us one of the greatest privileges as human beings - our free will. The privilege of self-determination. That freedom is a necessary moral component of love. One cannot be credited with love, unless it is also the prerogative of that person not to love. For us to be truly free, there entails the possibility of us rejecting the love God offered to us."

Ravi Zacharias, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM) 'A Slice of Infinity', 7/24/2000, Slice 003 "Bertrand's Claim Won't Work With God"

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. -

In an interview on the radio with CCM group Building 429: "It's not because we're so good at what we do. It's because God choose us."

The name of the group is derived from Ephesians 4:29 KJV: "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." NLT: "... Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."

**- Spring of Life -
H. Roger Bothwell**

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Ampersanded

While drooling through the glass at all the favors of Ben & Jerry's it occurred to me these two guys will forever be connected by an ampersand. A lot of people are ampersanded together because their initials are carved together in a heart on a tree. Do people still do that? I think the invention of spray paint has replaced the knife. Most of us are ampersanded with someone. Ever since I was a teen my name has been ampersanded with my wife's name. It is interesting to watch one's children grow up and see whom they bring home for the ampersanding process. It is one of life's more fascinating wonders.

I am sure one of my colleagues in the English department at my college will tell me the word "ampersand" is a noun and I can't use it as a verb. But I just did and that's how language grows.

The more I think about it I would like to be ampersanded with lots of things like the words "kind," "unselfish" and "thoughtful." I would also like my name to be ampersanded with Jesus. That has a good sound just like Ben & Jerry. Roger & Jesus. How about you? Could I invite you to ampersand your name with Jesus? Try it out. See how it sounds. I think you'll like it. I know Jesus likes it and if you want you can be ampersanded with Him long after people have forgotten Ben & Jerry.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." John 10:21

I'm Roger Bothwell

**To be ALMOST
saved
is to be TOTALLY
lost.**

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Declaring Independence

Jill Carattini

A child's first step is an occasion that parents gleefully celebrate. Like a child's first word or a teenager's first job, it is an independence day of sort.

From the moment we are born we are learning to grow in self-reliance. We are rewarded with smiles when we start walking and dessert when we learn to say "please". Though they don't always see eye to eye in the definition or application of independence, it is no doubt the desire of both parent and child. When it was time for my sister to learn to tie her own shoes, she defiantly announced that she would not learn until she was 5. The best interest of the child is a concept parents see more thoroughly.

When a father stands beside his child with his hand on the back of the bicycle seat, the goal is to slowly hold on less and less. If he lets go it is not because he doesn't want to hold onto his son, but because he wants to show his son the joy of bike riding. Though he let go of the seat, he did not let go of his role as parent. When boy and bike come tumbling to the pavement, consoling arms are not far off. Though the child moves in newfound independence, he knows his dad is near. And just as falls are more bearable when someone bigger is watching on, so the accomplishment is more victorious when it is done in dad's sight.

Independence, it seems, is known at its best when it is experienced within certain roles. The psalmist reminds us that this is true also of God and man.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.
As for man, his days are like grass,
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
But from everlasting to everlasting
the LORD's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children—
with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all. (Psalm 103:13-19).

With Adam and Eve, we are children struggling to exert our independence. When we see ourselves as we are—children living near the Father, dust and fleeting flower—we flourish under the everlasting throne. When we fail to remember who we are, we miss both the joys of childhood and the wonder of independence.

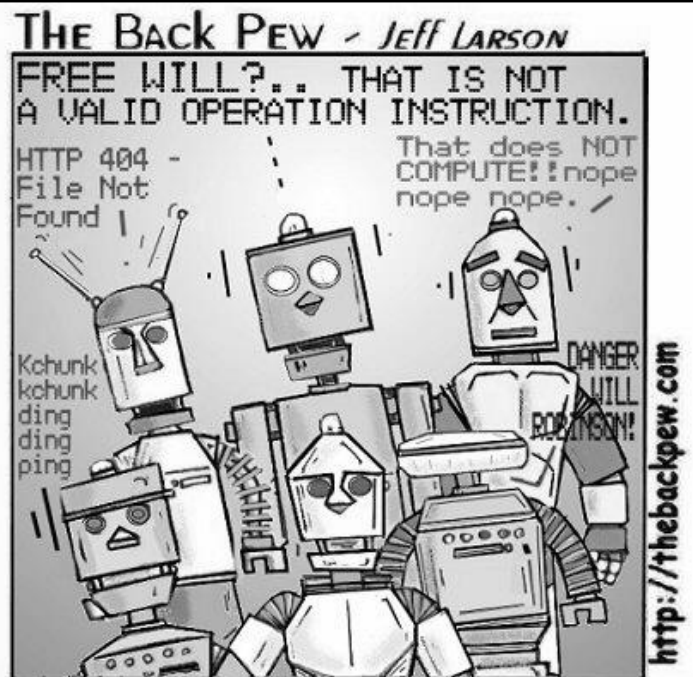
There is something disturbing about seeing the roles of parent and child reversed. When a 3-year-old has learned that she can

control her mom and dad, she is merely exercising the independence they taught her. And yet we are aware that it is independence gone wrong. The child is playing the role of something other than child; she is living outside of her own best interest. That a child first learns to seek independence at all is because of the love and guidance of a parent.

To seize the power of independence while forgetting dependence on the one who longs most for our success is a disheartening sight. Within the nature of independence lies the truth that we are, at our most authentic, undecorated level, wholly dependent upon something beyond ourselves. "I became my own," said C.S. Lewis, "when I gave myself to Another." It is in giving our lives to Christ that we find them, declaring independence in the freedom his life ordains.

As the psalmist declares and our lives confess, we are people seeking what we were created to know. Under the everlasting throne of God our days of independence are most worth celebrating. For He who formed us is the Maker of independence, in his service is perfect freedom.

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A World of Robots would not be worth creating. - CS Lewis (Mere Christianity)

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God Does Want You

by Dr. Richard R. Dymmel, Ed.D. (0) 2004

I like these lyrics. Every time I hear them I'm reminded of people who aren't sure they are "good enough" or they wonder "Why would God love me? Sometimes I don't even like me."

"Help me find a way. Bring me back to You. You're all I want. You're all I ever needed. You're all I want. Help me know You want me."

Another one goes: "I grew up in Sunday School ... But ask me why He loves me., and I don't know what to say. ... Until He became every-thing to me; More than a story, more than words on a page..."

I think a lot of people want to know God. They really want to trust God. They want to know God wants them. A couple things get in the way sometimes.

(1) We want God on our terms. What we want is a god (small g), like Greek mythology gods that were powerful and could be called on to perform and deliver.

(2) We want only \$3 worth of God. We acknowledge He's the God, but "Let's not get radical or fanatical about this religious thing."

\$3 Worth of God, please

How much of God do you want in your life? Think about it. I've discovered many settle for a thimbleful.

Author Wilbur Rees once wrote:

I would like to buy \$3 worth of God, please, not enough to explode my soul or disturb my sleep, but just enough to equal a cup of warm milk or a snooze in the sunshine. . . . I want ecstasy, not transformation; I want the warmth of the womb, not a new birth. I want about a pound of the Eternal in a paper sack. I would like to buy \$3 worth of God, please.1

How many of us settle for \$3 worth of God? We don't want to dump God entirely, just enough to keep Him at a comfortable distance. About a sack full of the Almighty, that'll do it. A sack full, nothing more, Just enough to keep my guilt level below the threshold of pain, to guarantee escape from eternal flames. I mean, come on, you don't expect me to change my life, do you?

Chuck Swindoll

1 Wilbur Rees, \$3.00 Worth of God (Vallev Forge, Penn.: Judson Press, 1971).

(3) Or maybe you're not convinced God wants you. 'I mean, why would the Almighty God, Creator of the Universe, want ME? I'm not good, worthy, ... I've messed up, screwed up; I'm insignificant. Even people that know me don't want me; my parents kicked me out, they don't want me. Why should I think God wants me?'

Read the Psalms and elsewhere - David screwed up big time. Here's a guy who abused his power as King to 'lay with' Bathsheba, then when she got pregnant he tried to cover it up. When that didn't work according to plan, he had her husband killed. He was a terrible dad, inciting his son to rebel. It just goes on. And Moses was a murderer and fugitive. Matthew was a friend to the "enemy, Rome." God called and used all of them. David is called a "man after God's own heart."

This all reminds me of the lyrics by Casting Crowns:

Who am I, that the Lord of all the Earth
cared to know my name, cared to feel my hurt?
Not because of who I am. But because of what You've done.
Not because of what I've done. But because of who You are.
I am a flower quickly fading... a vapor in the wind;
Still You hear me calling;
Lord, You catch me when I'm falling;
And You told me what I am: I am Yours. I am Yours.

Who am I, that the eyes that see no sin
would look on me with love, and watch me rise again?
Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea,
would call out through the rain, and calm the storm in me?

I am Yours. I am Yours. I am Yours.
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

This "getting to know God" thing can be very scary, or exciting. But it is a commitment. When you decide that you're ready to want to get to know God, He takes you at your word. He is willing to give you all of Himself. The part that can be scary, is that He doesn't want to be just enough to make you comfortable. He doesn't want to add a little spice to your life. He said He was the bread of life not the basil of life. He wants to be the core, the center, He wants control.

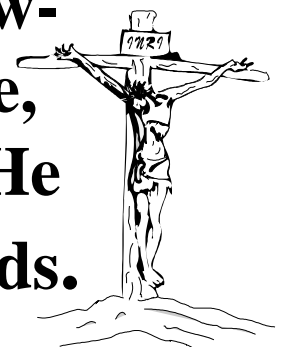
Can you trust Him? If you believe and trust Him with your eternity... shouldn't you be able to trust him with today and tomorrow?

Romans 12:1-2, to name one of several, talks about being trans-formed, a new birth, changed, being made new. ... Or maybe you only want a quarter-pound Wendy's single when He's offering a full banquet. But going to the banquet means you accept His invitation on His terms.

We're going to a wedding this weekend. The following weekend we're going to a birthday party. We accepted the invitations to the wedding and the reception, the banquet and party, on their terms. They set the times, places, and menu. Our choice was to accept or decline. We couldn't say, "Instead of the banquet, I'd like a Whopper, no mayo, no onions, extra pickle and a Pepsi." "Instead of Saturday at 2, we want to come Friday at 7 because we other plans for Saturday afternoon and evening." We either accept the invitation or not. God has issued an invitation. Will you come to His banquet? He's buying. It's all paid for.

Rich

**He was show-
ing His love,
that's how He
hurt his hands.**



Faith@Work July 6, 2004 **Slaves of the Master**

"If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." – Romans 10:9

The Bible uses many images to describe our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. One of those images is slave and Master. Jesus lived in a time when the roles of slave and master were accepted by society throughout the Roman Empire.

Do you know what it means to call Jesus Christ your "Lord"? The words roll easily off the tongue, but the meaning runs deep.

To call Jesus "Lord" means that you are claiming to be a "slave" of Jesus. It means that Jesus is your master; you are his bond-servant. A bond-servant is a person who willingly chooses to serve a beloved master as a slave for life.

Before you call Jesus "Lord," think about the implications of this relationship for your life:

1. Your wants and desires are subservient to the will of your Master. You live according to the Master's priorities.
2. Your time is not your own. When the Master calls for your service, you must do his bidding.
3. You own nothing. All that you have belongs to the master and is to be used to accomplish the Master's will.
4. Your entire life is ruled by your love for your Master. Your relationship with the Master is the most important relationship in your life.

Most of us are willing to be "servants of God." Servants get a couple of days off each week and get paid for their labors. But the Bible literally calls us "slaves of God." Oddly enough, it is in being a "slave" to the "Master" that we finally discover true freedom. Is Jesus your Lord?

Bringing It Home:

1. The concept of being a "slave" is a challenging one for many of us. Spend some time in Romans 6 this week and allow it to challenge you.
2. In what areas of your life are you not submitting yourself to the will of the Master? What needs to change?
3. Today, seek to live with a heightened consciousness of being a "slave of the Master." Allow the experience to shape you.

Prayer:

Lord, I confess that I don't particularly like the thought of being a "slave." The sin within me cries out to be independent. Help me to experience true freedom by submitting myself to you. Shape my thoughts and my will, and conform them to your own. This I humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Jeff Marian, Pastor

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Please feel free to forward this devotion to others.

Psalm 119:44-45

(KJV) So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. And I will walk at **liberty**: for I seek thy precepts.

(New Century Version) I will obey your teachings forever and ever.

So I will live in **freedom**.

because I want to follow your orders.

(The Message)

Oh, I'll guard with my life what you've revealed to me, guard it now, guard it ever;

And I'll stride **freely** through wide open spaces as I look for your truth and your wisdom;

Isaiah 61:1 KJV: [Messianic, speaks of Jesus, He gives freedom] The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim **liberty** to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are bound*;

Galatians 5:1,13,14 KJV: Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Galatians 5:1,13,14 New Century Version: We have freedom now, because Christ made us free. So stand strong. Do not change and go back into the slavery of the law. My brothers and sisters, God called you to be free, but do not use your freedom as an excuse to do what pleases your sinful self. Serve each other with love. ^{The} whole law is made complete in this one command: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

Galatians 5:1,13,14 The Message: THE LIFE OF FREEDOM - Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you. It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom.



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You see, God IS "pro choice"...
It just depends on what the question is!

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Ever consider working in a Crisis center? "Safe sex"? "Safe" abortion as a choice? Read this!

BreakPoint with Charles Colson (Printed with permission)
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In Denial: The Deadly Dangers of Abortion

"They told her it was safe, and it killed her." As he struggled to hold back tears, Monty Patterson told America something we almost never hear — at least, not on network television: So-called "safe, legal abortion" kills women far more often than many realize. And it has just killed Patterson's own beautiful young daughter.

When Holly Patterson found out she was pregnant, she hid the news from her father. Instead, the blond teenager put her trust in the local Planned Parenthood staff. They prescribed RU-486, the chemical abortion cocktail.

A few days later, Holly was rushed to a hospital, suffering excruciating pain. She later died of massive systemic infection.

When her death became public, the abortion industry and its media allies began damage control. Reporters interviewed Eric Schaff, chairman of the National Abortion Federation. Schaff claimed that "studies" proved RU-486 could be used "very safely." This is like asking the head of the tobacco lobby about the safety of cigarette smoking. The truth is that RU-486 is a known killer.

According to the WASHINGTON TIMES, RU-486 took the lives of two women last year. Hundreds of others have suffered complications, many serious. Not only that, but these complications were exposed during clinical trials. So why did then-President Clinton allow the FDA to ignore its own rules and rush the approval of this dangerous drug? Politics.

This ought to surprise no one. In approving RU-486, abortion proponents were simply following the same pattern they always follow when it comes to legalizing abortion procedures. It doesn't matter if the procedures are safe. All that matters is that they are legal and that underage girls can get them without their parents' knowledge, preferably at taxpayer expense.

The consequences have been horrific. Mary Cunningham Agee, president of the Nurturing Network, says abortion has been proven so dangerous to women's health that it ought to be restricted on safety grounds alone. Abortions not only kill some women outright — girls like Holly Patterson — they can also cause problems with future "wanted" pregnancies: problems like premature birth and cerebral palsy. And women who abort have a 58 percent greater risk of dying during a later pregnancy.

"Can you imagine," Agee says, "what an honest warning label might read like for such a procedure?"

These heartbreaking statistics reveal the tragedy of a flawed worldview: a worldview that says that we can have sex out of wedlock without consequences, that birth control will prevent unplanned pregnancies, that abortion is a "safe" solution when contraception fails, and that total strangers with financial incentives can be trusted to care more about teenage girls than their own parents.

Those consequences are usually hidden from view, but a few weeks ago, they were briefly on full and tragic display.

I pray that around the country, other frightened, pregnant teens see Holly's father's tears — and decide to seek help, not at Planned Parenthood, but at a crisis pregnancy center where they will hear about a worldview that offers life instead of death. Remember Monty Patterson's anguished words: "They told her it was safe, and it killed her."

Abortion deadly not only to the baby. - Article rated SS (Serious Sex)

Relationships & Love & ...

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From *People* magazine, from AOL online 7/2/04:

While Spears has met Federline's parents, she has not met Kori, the 2-year-old daughter he has with his ex, [ex-gf that is, not ex-wife] actress Shar Jackson, who is pregnant with their second child.

Kevin: *By (the time he met Britney, that relationship) was already done. I love my children more than life itself. If there's anything I want people to understand, it's that: My kids will always be a part of my life.*

Britney: *I plan to meet his daughter. I love little ones. I think the situation is good.*

What about children of their own?

Britney: *I'm not pregnant. (But) I definitely want to have some kids. I see myself with four or five.*

Give me a break! Or have pity on these kids! He has a 2-year-old with his ex-gf who is pregnant with his second child, and he's now engaged to Britney! "My kids will always be part of my life." - Then why are you leaving them?? -- "I plan to meet his daughter... I think the situation is good." - You are going to marry him, his kids be a part of your life, and you've never even met the daughter and talked about how the mother is going to integrate into all this? And you think "the situation is good"?! Hey! Wake up! This guy screws around and makes kids with a woman who doesn't make a nest first - birds make the nest first before making baby birds. He leave her while she's pregnant. His "happiness today" is more important than any commitment to his children or the mother of them. He's like a dog going where he can find a female in heat and be happy for the moment - and you think this is a good situation?!?! A good guy?!?! -- Not according to THIS publication.

FURTHER READING & INFORMATION

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Mostly just for fun...

There is the story of a person who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: I have good news and bad news.

"The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets." :)

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign...

- Energy efficient vehicle.
- Runs on oats and grass.
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A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him in front of the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean; same in my business."

People want the front of the bus, back of the church & center of attention.

Somebody once figured out that we have 35 million laws trying to enforce 10 commandments.

Somebody has well said that there are only two kinds of people in world, there are those who wake up in the morning and say "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. So he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note. "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION."

A father was approached by his small son, who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' What the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "So, what does the Bible mean?" "Daddy, It stands for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."

A man went into his shrink's office and says, "Doc, you have got to help me! Every night I keep dreaming that I'm a sports car. The other night I dreamed I was a Trans Am. Another night I dreamed I was an Alpha Romeo. Last night I dreamed I was a Porsche. What does this mean?"

"Relax," says the doctor, "You're just having an auto-body experience."

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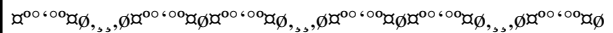
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B – Believe that Jesus was the Son of God and died in your place, took the punishment for you. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world (that includes you) that he gave His only begotten son (that's Jesus) that whosoever (that's you again) believes 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.

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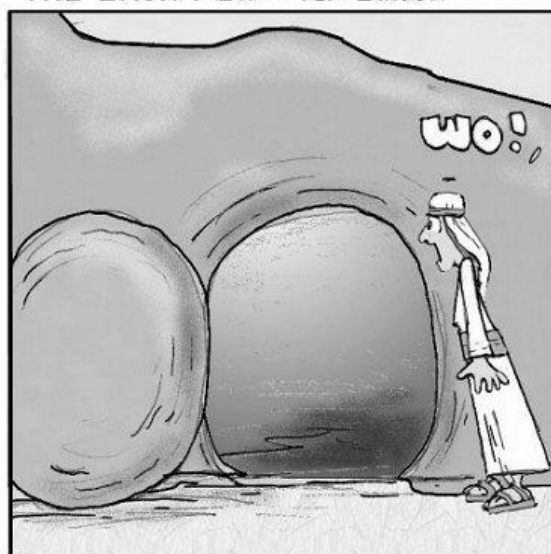
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