

Crimson & White Connection

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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!

Aug. 31, 2005

PLEASE update "school addresses"

Ready or not ...

By Dr. Richard R. Dymmel, Ed.D., (c) 2005

On the TV last week one news item was the students moving in on a local campus. They had 200 more freshmen than they expected and were having to temporarily put 4 students into "3 student rooms" until another dorm that is under construction is completed in about 6 weeks. Actually some schools do this all the time because there will be some freshmen that will drop out during the first semester and the over crowding partly resolves itself. (For a few, the crowded living is why they quit.) Anyway. It IS "back-to-school" time.

As I start to write and assemble this issue, school will start for teachers, too. For about my 30th+ time as a teacher. Some years I've been more anxious than others. Every year brings new situations, obviously new students, sometimes teaching new subjects and new textbooks. Sometimes new locations with new associates and people and environments and the "culture" that accompanies all that. "New" is often a mix of excitement, anticipation, and maybe a little anxiety. - This year is a whole lot of "new" again. Complete with new school district, building, staff, another community (small town about 20 miles away). I don't feel anxious... but yet I'm awake at 3:30 a.m. starting to write this article on my "first day at school" at my new school assignment. ... Maybe I am a little. - I should be used to this. This is my 9th school and 30th school year start as a teacher. - If you're a starting freshman, high school or college, maybe you're a little anxious. "Will my locker be easy or be one that jams a lot? Will I forget and get locked out of my dorm room? Will I figure out where my classes are. Will my roommate be nice, a jerk, a Christian, or not? Will we get along well or will we clash? How far away is the cafeteria and is the food suitable for human consumption? Will I have to walk 47 miles a day to get around? Will I be able to learn the 238 commands and functions on my calculator for math class? Will I be able to fit in getting into a Bible study group - YoungLife or InterVarsity or BSU or whatever? Where is such a group? How will I find it? Will I like it? Will I 'fit in' or be a lonely outcast for the rest of my life, or at least the next four years? Will I be sucked into "the culture" or will I be able to stand on my own for what I know is right?"

Maybe it is a small comfort to you that the teacher might be just a little nervous, too. I wonder if I'll forget something, will I do a good job stimulating and challenging my students? Will they be eager to LEARN or just be there to get a grade and get on toward their degree. Are they there to get an education or am I and my class interfering with their party time? My students show up for class on the 26th.

I like learning. I like classes that challenge me to think. But I don't like tests. Maybe it's the tests that bother every student. But in school we will always have some kind of test. An evaluation of what you learned. The earlier you are in your educational career, the more tests. - The weekly spelling test. Then later it is chapter tests. Then fewer and fewer tests, but each one more weighty. In many of my graduate classes there was only the one project, one test, one grade. The WHOLE semester rested on one test. And for my dissertation, really, it was ONE paper, and it was pass/fail.

I was just thinking... Life is a little like that. There are lots of evaluations and learning experiences along the way. They tend to get larger and more important, but fewer, as we get older. And then there is the last one. The test question at the end. God will ask, "Why should I let you into My Heaven?" One question. Pass / fail. Do you know the answer?

This is not like Trivia Pursuit with a thousand questions and if you know enough of them, or more of them than someone else, or even the "wrong answers" printed on the cards, you can "win" heaven. (Question: What is the longest non-mechanized race in the world? "Wrong" answer on the card: Tour de France. - That is a bicycle race, a machine. The correct answer is the Idlerod dog sled race, a sled is not a machine. But that's not what the card

says.) The correct and ONLY answer has a related question. "What did you do with Jesus?" And God doesn't grade "on the curve" and the top 50% make the "cut" and get in. Heaven has a true "equal opportunity access" policy. Everyone can accept what Jesus did for them or not. It's your choice.

So ... will you pass the test? When the "school of life" is over and you are asked the one and only final question, will you have the right answer? Will you say, "I didn't do anything worthy of heaven. I did a lot of things that displeased you, God. But Jesus paid the penalty for that for me and I claimed Him as my Savior. That's why I deserve heaven."

Grantland Rice wrote, "When the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He marks, not that you won or lost, but how you played the game." Many people believe in a theology that says it is only important "how you played the game." Well, a theology of "I try to live a good life" and "I do good things" to gain access to Heaven or earn eternal life, isn't scriptural. The Bible says your absolutely very best deeds (righteousness) are "as filthy rags" [Isaiah 64:6] to God. We can't measure up to God's standard.

What God does is measure us against the Standard of Jesus. And we can't measure up. But Jesus can intervene on our behalf. But we have to ask Him to help us. If we believe and confess that He is God and He died for us and we believe it - then He will step in for us in the judgement and say, "You professed and built a relationship with me. Now I will profess knowing you."

A more correct theological simile would be: "When the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He marks whether you won or lost, not how you played the game." It's a game where you only have to score one point to win, and you either win or lose based on making that one point. The one point? It's the answer to the question: "What did you do with Jesus?" You either accept Him and build a relationship with Him or you don't. The question is not "How did you play the game of life?"

Once it is determined that you've won the game, then it says there will be rewards based on how you played the game of life. Jesus said the "second commandment" was to love your neighbor (Matthew 22: 36-40). And "they will know you are my disciples if you love one another." (John 13: 34-35). SO how are you playing the game? Are you going to be a "secret Christian" at school, blending in, camouflaged so no one can identify you or what you believe? Or are you identifiable as "different," in a positive, good way; that you've got something good going on in your life?

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. -

Subject: Updated Contact Information **Date:** 8/18/2005

From: bb @ .net **To:** Rich@CrimsonWhite.org

Hey Rich, Got a letter in the mail that you were looking for my latest address and email. I am no longer at NCStateU. I graduated with a BA in English from [] and am working on my teaching licensure program. This is my last semester of classes. Starting in January I will start my student teaching. My current address is _____, NC ____ and my email: _____

I have enjoyed receiving and reading [the C&WC] and would like to still get it if at all possible.

Thanks for all you're doing, Beverly _____

As long as you give me an address, and as long as you want to get it, we'll keep mailing the C&WC. We now have many college grads and young marrieds reading the C&WC. And retirees, in their 70's+, too. Age is not a problem. Thanks for all your update. 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.]

[Elizabeth has been on the C&WC mailing list since the beginning, 8/1/98. And just like we hope the C&WC encourages you in living

*the Christian life, letters like this encourage us. **We thank YOU for your letters of encouragement.***

Subject: Crimson & White **Date:** 8/11/2005
From: elizabeth. @ .COM **To:** Rdymmel@aol.com

Hello Mr. Dymmel,
I wanted to thank you for all of the work that you have put in to the Crimson & White and sharing God's word through this outlet. I have enjoyed receiving it over the years, through college and even after. I pray that this ministry will continue to grow and help others. Thank you again for all of your work and dedication.

Elizabeth _____
(previously Elizabeth _____ - [address in NC])

From: Rdymmel@aol.com **To:** _____@hotmail.com
Subject: Address **Date:** Tue, 16 Aug 2005

Hi Sarah! Just need to check with you... the P.O. sent me a new address for you. Since I got it from them and not you, I try to follow up and check to make sure people still want to get the C&WC. (I hope you do, I just have to ask. Sometimes the reply is "I don't read it any more. Quit sending it.") Rich

From: _____@hotmail.com **Date:** 8/18/2005

Yes, please do keep sending it! We have bought a house here in _____, **Texas!** Thanks for checking!

I am teaching freshmen English. I finished up my student teaching last semester and graduated in May. This is my first year, and so far I am loving it. I find myself saying at the end of the day "This IS what I have wanted to do all my life!"

My husband and I are working ACTIVELY with the youth group at our local Methodist church. They are a great group of about 20 kids.

I do enjoy reading the C&WC. There is always something that gets me thinking. Thanks for keeping up with me! It is really great to know that someone across the country is thinking about and praying for me!

Sarah

From: _____@aol.com **Date:** 8/22/05

Rich, I just printed off the recent C&WC [gets the email edition]. I am looking forward to reading it! I am glad to hear about your job. I will pray that the Lord will bless you and his purposes will be fulfilled for you in this school.

Bless you, Julie

You've read Julie's letters about children in Brazil and Mozambique in the C&WC.

Share the C&WC with a friend or co-worker or sibling. Just say something like, "You might like this (maybe one of the jokes). There is this guy in Greensboro, North Carolina that sends this out free and they pray for each person on the mailing list. If you'd like it, it's free."

Cool Ways to Share Your Faith – On Your Campus, at Work, ...

Francis of Assisi said, “Witness always. Use words when necessary!”

1. Wear a religious symbol - on a chain, bracelet, or bookcover. Christian fish, WWJD?, cross, how about a Star of David and a cross?
2. Wear a T-shirt from a Christian organization - your church, Young Life, BSU, FCA, InterVarsity, Campus Crusade, Promise Keepers, ... camp, ... - or one with just a neat Christian message. People like to read T-shirts.
3. Invite people on your hall or in your classes to social activities at (see list of places in #2).
4. Have spiritual quotes and cool Bible verses on posters or little signs on your walls and door where people can read them. (They are for you and others. You can use the back page of the C&WC each month to put up new ones. Use the little quotes and ‘church signs’ that are quoted in the C&WC to make up more on your computer.
5. Be generous with your ‘stuff.’ Let people borrow your laundry detergent, dictionary, pens, markers, paper. The friendlier you are, the more often they’ll talk with you, the more often they are in your room, the better your chances that they may see your posters and ask and start a conversation where you can be a friend and maybe witness.
6. Play good music and let people borrow your CDs. Music may be where they first hear any spiritual ideas. And it is good for your mind and spirit, too. Groups like Jars of Clay, dc talk, Adrenaline, Newsboys, Point of Grace, and lots more are popular. And there is Christian music of ALL types including ‘alternative’ and, ... and just *every* kind.
7. Start a Bible study in your dorm. Meet in the lobby or common room.
8. Have a sign by your door that advertises the meeting of a campus group that you attend (Young Life, BSU, InterVarsity, Campus Crusade, FCA, Victory Campus Ministries, Spartan Victory Fellowship, ...) or the nearby church you’re attending. (You *are* attending Sunday School and Worship aren’t you? Some schools even have Sunday School and Worship right there *on campus*.)
9. Ask other people to tell you about their religious beliefs and spiritual background. Listen. Then you can share (not preach) about your beliefs. Narrow-mindedness is a turn-off. Maintain an openness in those conversations.
10. Be active in classroom discussions. Jesus was not ashamed of us on the cross, so we shouldn’t be ashamed of Him in biology. Christians often say nothing because we don’t want to offend or stand out as different. Know what you believe and stand firm for what you believe. But don’t be obnoxious or offensive either.
11. At meals, pause, bow your head and quietly pray over your food in public places. It can be very brief.
12. Have lunch with your non-Christian friends.
13. When you start to take a test, pause and pray.
14. Occasionally send ‘forwards’ with a Christian idea to non-

Christian friends. (Would you like us to make a point of sending you some? Request it from us.)

15. Tell people, even non-Christians, that you are praying for them when they are having a tough time, ... *and mean it*.
16. Be positive. Wish people well as they approach a test, going out on a date, a weekend trip, ...
17. Be GENUINE when you ask “What’s up?” or “How’s it going?” Listen to people.
18. Be an example. Practice what you preach. “You may be the only Bible some people ever read.”
19. When someone is having a crisis, it is often more helpful to just be a good listener than to give advice.
20. Have a small Bible in your book bag. Do a short reading during that long break between classes. Have the “Roman Road” marked or listed, maybe on a post-it in the front. Be prepared to use it.
21. When you get angry, show people that ‘bad words’ aren’t necessary.
22. Attitude. NOT a self-righteous, judgmental, holier than thou, correcting everyone else’s bad habits attitude. God doesn’t need you on patrol. He needs servants.

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- **Spring of Life** -

H. Roger Bothwell

<http://www.religionworld.org/dd/archiv14/3876.htm>

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So Much To Become

I had an uncomfortable but yet not unfamiliar exchange with a student today. We are at the end of the semester and she came asking me how to do a particular assignment I gave during the very first class. It is a large assignment and will be impossible for her to do with any depth. At this point she will pull an all-nighter and hand in the paper only to get a grade. It was evident she did not care about learning anything she merely wants a degree.

Sometimes I wish on the very first day of classes we would just give degrees to anyone who wants one. Then we would get to spend the rest of the semester with those who really want to learn something. I wonder how many students would be left? How many people go to school for an education and how many go for the degree? Degrees are merely pieces of paper.

I wonder how many of us want eternal life for the mansions and streets of gold as opposed to wanting to live forever because there is not enough time in this life to accomplish real worthwhile growth? There are so many things to learn, so many things to understand, so many talents to develop, so many poems, songs and books to write. There is so much character development to accomplish.

This is not “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” where Mr. Wonka said, “So much time and so little to do.” This is about so much time and so much to become!

I’m Roger Bothwell and my address is 151 Old Farm Rd. Leominster, MA 01453.

My Notebook

by Dr. Rich

I accumulate so many notes and have so much I want to remember and to say... I write things down because... I have this dichotomy - I can keep so many things, plans, projects, etc., running in my head, and then like when Marie and I go to a movie and see five previews... We'll say, "That looks funny. We should see that when it comes out." Then when the next preview runs, I don't remember the title of the movie we said we'd like to see!!! See my problem? So I keep a notebook... which drives Marie crazy if I'm driving and grab the book to write down a bumper sticker, billboard, or a quote from someone on the radio. "*You drive!* I'll write it down." So here's a few thoughts from my notebook:

"And let my words be few.

Jesus, I am so in love with You." Philips, Craig, & Dean

Priorities. - What is the greatest commandment? The first and greatest commandment is to love God with all your heart and soul and mind. The second is to love your neighbor as yourself. On these two are all the laws of the prophets.

Sonic Flood - "Resonate" - What is it to resonate? To vibrate in sync with. To move be sync with God!

Sign: **If you miss heaven, then what? - God"**

Sign: **"Do you have any idea where you're going? - God"**

dfc ljn dljfn soad uf yvpw8er khj [I couldn't figure out what it said either. Must have been one I scribbled at 70 mph.]

"I'm going in. I'm divin deep." (Lyrics. Are you staying in the shallow pool, the kiddie pool, are you afraid of the deep water? Or are you diving in and going deep, immersed into God?)

"You've heard the expression, 'Get a life.' How about this - Love, joy, peace? Get a new life in Jesus."

Luis Palo (sp.) www.FaithResourceCenter.com

Lyrics:

I love you. I love you.

That's what Calvary said.

Lyrics:

Where do I go when I need some shelter?

Where do I go when I need a friend?

Where do I go when I need some helping?

Back on my knees again.

Lyrics from Third Day:

You are beautiful, My Sweet Sweet Song.

... You are my Father in Heaven.

You are the Spirit inside me.

You are my Jesus who loves me.

"Living the "Spirit filled life" is not about how much more of Him I get, but how much more of me He gets"

Charles Stanley

"Who we are is definitive of what we do." Razi Zacharias speaking at University of Iowa

More signs:

**Life is short
Eternity isn't**

**Be an organ donor
Give your heart to Jesus**

**You aren't too bad to come in
or too good to stay out**

**Warning: Exposure to the
Son may prevent burning**

**God's office is at the end
of your rope**

God answers knee mail

**"Stop, drop and roll"
won't work in Hell**

**If God is your copilot
you should change seats**

Q. What does the agnostic dyslexic insomniac do at night?

A. Lies awake wondering whether there really is a dog.

Mostly just for fun...

Part of being "educated" is the ability to communicate. To do that effectively you must know the meaning of words. Here's a few definitions sent in by Shirley P.

AN ALTERNATIVE DICTIONARY

The Washington Post recently published a contest for readers in which they were asked to supply alternate meanings for various words. The following were some of the winning entries:

Abdicare (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Carcinoma (n.), a valley in California, notable for its heavy smog.

Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.

Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.

Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightie.

Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.

Gargoyle (n.), an olive-flavored mouthwash.

Coffee (n.), a person who is coughed upon.

Flatulence (n.) the emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.

Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.

Semantics (n.), pranks conducted by young men studying for the priesthood, including such things as gluing the pages of the priest's prayer book together just before vespers.

Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified demeanor assumed by a proctologist immediately before he examines you.

Marionettes (n.), residents of Washington who have been jerked around by the mayor.

Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions.

Frisbatarianism (n.), The belief that, when you die, your soul goes up on the roof and gets stuck there.

The Washington Post's Style Invitational also asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are some recent winners:

Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the reader who doesn't get it.

Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very high.

Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously.

Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease.

Karmageddon: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like a serious bummer.

Dopeler effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come a you rapidly.

Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a refund from the IRS, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

You Make Me Laugh A daily dose of clean jokes.

<http://entertainment.crosswalk.com> July 2, 2002

Church Dictionary

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

BULLETIN: 1. Parish information, read only during the homily.

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.

HYMN: A song of praise, usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

INCENSE: Holy Smoke!

JONAH: The original "Jaws" story.

JUSTICE: When kids have kids of their own.

MAGI: The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.

MANGER: 1. Where Mary gave birth to Jesus because Joseph didn't have private health coverage. 2. The Biblical proof that holiday travel has always been rough.

PEW: A medieval torture device still found in most churches.

USHERS: The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew!

Thanks to Pastor Tim for this joke! www.cybersalt.org/cleanlaugh (Used with permission)

Why God never received a PhD....

1. He had only one major publication.
2. It was in Hebrew and Greek.
3. It had no references.
4. It wasn't published in a refereed journal.
5. Some even doubt he wrote it by himself.
6. It may be true that he created the world, but what has he done since then?
7. His cooperative efforts have been quite limited.
8. The scientific community has never been able to reproduce his results.
9. He never applied to the ethics board for permission to use human subjects.
10. When one experiment went awry he tried to cover it by drowning his subjects.
11. When subjects didn't behave as predicted, he deleted them from the sample.
12. He rarely came to class, just told students to read the book.
13. He expelled his first two students for breaking class rules.
14. Although there were only 10 requirements, all of his students failed.
15. His office hours were infrequent and usually held on a mountaintop.
16. Some say he had his Son teach the class.

Which one is different? - Prize - Trophy - Gift - Diploma - Paycheck A gift is not earned, it's because they love you. Jesus is the gift God gave us. A gift can be accepted or rejected. Paul Willis, Cathedral of His Glory, Greensboro, NC, July '03

Okay. Here's the Fall sex and alcohol lecture

Dr. Rich Dymmel (c) 2005

When I taught on a university campus, one of the most sad parts of the job was the students that would come to class and either tell me, or be so visibly upset I ask them what was the matter and they would then tell me. I can't tell you the number of suicides students told me about.

There are many reasons young people decide to take their life. They obviously see no other way out of whatever situation they are in.

One sad story was a girl who came to class on Monday morning and came up to me. "Dr. Dymmel, I heard I missed a test on Friday. And I know I'm supposed to make up a test on the first day I return to class. But I'm not thinking well today. Friday night my best friend was raped. And on Saturday she committed suicide." - We walked out in the hall and she just started telling me more. - I sent her to a campus counselor and called to say she was coming and later to make sure she had arrived and was getting some professional help. We talked in my office several times after that.

College is where some young people, now that they are away from home, away from the parental authority, fall away from "church" because it had been "just the family culture" sort of thing and they had not personalized and internalized Christ and all that that entails, they step over "boundaries," experiment, "try their wings," "stretch." And that statistically involves voluntary sexual activity, and sometimes situations that end in involuntary sex, rape.

The first and last part of the school year are the "most dangerous" for the female freshman, statistically. Some stats I've collected will say between 20% and 40% of freshmen women will be raped. Over half of these occur during this first and last month of school. The first month they get into situations they are too naive to know are dangerous, the last month they are too confident that they can handle anything and get into dangerous situations. Over 90% of college campus "date rapes" involve alcohol.

A "classic" situation is the "frat party." - I'll probably get someone to write defending fraternities, but this is a true story. - She went to the party. She had a couple drinks. Go upstairs "to talk" and drink more privately or "Come see my room." Once she was really drunk they got her to drink even more. Then when she'd pass out, there would still be alcohol in her stomach to KEEP her passed out. - Then they gang raped her while she was passed out.

Too ashamed to admit what she'd done, or allowed to happen, she didn't get immediate help. Six weeks later she discovered she was pregnant. She and her mother decided to abort the baby. - Months of counseling later... Her grades were so affected that the registrar, by request from the rape counseling center, deleted that year from the record. - Like in the movie "Hunt For Red October" where he says "And I was never here." She was never there, withdrawn, no classes, no grades, no credits, no F's. Did get to do a complete "do over" for that semester.

And "they," many students that drink, say students and alcohol isn't a problem. In fact there were two people on the news yesterday, one saying 'Parents and adults should let teenagers drink at parties in their homes. Then they can supervise and be sure they don't drink-and-drive.' The other person said, 'One, it is illegal and that is encouraging breaking the law. And two, it is dangerous and unhealthy for teenagers to drink.' - Who gets hurt by drinking? And sex is just for fun; who gets hurt? Well, alcohol accounts for 1700 college student deaths and 30,000 assaults every year in the U.S. Every two years that is more than those killed on 9/11. And over 90% of college campus rapes

involve alcohol.

Alcohol, sex, rules, limits. Casual sex does not equal freedom and happiness. "Casual sex" is not the land where the "happy people" live. Check the research, like this study:

<http://www.heritage.org/Research/Family/cda0304.cfm>

Sexually Active Teenagers Are More Likely to Be Depressed and to Attempt Suicide

by Robert E. Rector, Kirk A. Johnson, Ph.D., and Lauren R. Noyes
Center for Data Analysis Report #03-04 - - June 3, 2003

Read the whole report at the website. - My very abbreviated summary... Data from 6,500 subjects. Good data and methods. You might think those teens that are sexually active are "free," "unrestrained," "enjoying all of life's experiences," "happy." Actually they have a THREE times HIGHER rate of depression and suicide attempts. ...

This is not to say that every young person that is depressed or attempts suicide is sexually active. It says that those who are active are more likely to be depressed and attempt suicide.

See? God says be not sexually impure. It's healthier for you. God only wants what's BEST for you.

Be safe. Be pure. Make good choices. Be careful. Follow God's guidelines.

**"God's rules don't restrict you,
they protect you from
consequences."**

GIGO

GIGO can mean "garbage in garbage out" or can also mean "good in good out." How about finding some good Christian radio stations in your area? Put "good stuff" in your ears and into your head. Don't know a good station? You can search the radio dial, or you can search the web. Most college dorm rooms are now wired for high speed internet access. That means that radio stations that may not even be in your area are accessible on the web because they stream on line. Stations like www.klove.com and www.wbfj.fm are accessible by anyone anywhere in the world. Check out www.ChristianRadio.com for a list of thousands of Christian radio stations. And the "old people's Christian radio stations," like BBN and WTRU, often have GREAT programs like Ravi Zacharias who is a great college campus speaker, an apologist, and "Adventures in Odyssey" with terrific stories about kids, it radio plays from Focus on the Family.

There are links to www.ChristianRadio.com and several stations and networks on the Links to Resources page on the www.CrimsonWhite.org

Scientists Say: The assumption is that changes have been constant. So calculate backward.

Scientists have shown that the moon is moving away at a tiny, although measurable distance from the earth every year. If you do the math, you can calculate that 85 million years ago the moon was orbiting the earth at a distance of about 35 feet from the earth's surface. This would explain the death of the dinosaurs... the tallest ones, anyway.

Did You See the Answer?

Faith@Work June 27, 2005

[Faith@Work is one of daily devotions that we select from to forward (almost) every morning. Like to try getting a daily piece to read? Email RDymmel@AOL.com and just ask for a two week trial.]

"Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened for you." –Matthew 7:7

A number of years ago, another pastor and I were taking a group of Middle School age students camping. On the day that we left, we loaded up the cars, and before we started driving, we prayed that God would bless the week, and keep us safe in our travels. We then piled into the cars and started driving. In the midst of the trip to the campsite one of the cars had transmission troubles. We limped to the nearest rest area and started seeking help. Since it was late on a Sunday, help was hard to come by. Finally, through the help of some kind people who lived in the nearest small town, we got a hold of a car dealer, who came and rented us another vehicle, so that we could continue on our way and enjoy our week of camping. We arrived late, and set up our tents in the dark as it began to rain. It wasn't a great start to the trip. The next morning, one of the students said, "I sure am glad we prayed before we left. I'd hate to see what would have happened to us yesterday if we hadn't prayed!"

The event and the statement of the student reminded us that the answer to prayer isn't always what we would have given ourselves, but that the answer is always there in one form or another, if we are open to seeing it. God chose not to stop the car from breaking down, but God answered our prayer by providing kind people, who went out of their way to help us in our time of need. I am glad that we all were able to see God's hand. It would have been too easy to miss it!

Bringing It Home:

1. Sometimes the answer to prayer is given, and we miss it, because it is different than we expect. Think back to a time when this has happened to you. Give thanks to God for the answer that you did receive.
2. Are you waiting for an answer to prayer that may have already come? Is your own answer to that prayer getting in the way of seeing God's answer? Pray that God would clear your vision, so that you may see God's answer to your prayer.

Prayer:

Lord, sometimes when I pray, I receive your presence and your answer so clearly. Sometimes it isn't so easy. Help me to pray with confidence, and to see with eyes that focus on you. I desire to walk in your ways and not my human ways, which are too limited. Amen.

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Please feel free to share this devotion with others.

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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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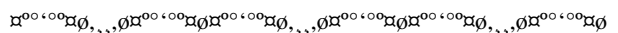
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Becoming a Christian: A-B-C

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 call 1-888-NEED-HIM, and say, "I just asked Jesus to be my Lord."

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