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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 <u>you</u> are <u>important enough</u> 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 <u>you</u>.

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 8, 2006 What about a change?

by Dr. Richard R. Dymmel, Ed.D. © 5/02, 7/00

What is it that makes the difference? What is it that "saves" you? One place it says faith and grace and in James it says, Abraham was saved by works. Well? Which?

In James, the theme is that if you have faith, it will manifest itself in DOING, actions. James is saying that Abraham had a faith that said he would follow through and DO (works) what was asked of him.

I've heard it said – Belief is when you know God CAN do something. Faith is when you know God WILL do it. There are several of you for whom many people are praying, in <u>faith</u>, to the God they cannot see, for YOU. They KNOW God WILL work.

A TV preacher this past Sunday morning said, "If your religion doesn't change your life, you should change your religion." Jesus is in the life and soul changing business. 2 Cor 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a <u>new creation</u>; the old has gone, the new has come!" Steven Curtis Chapman sings, "What about the change?" The "change" should include some immediate things, but it will take your entire lifetime to complete.

Is Jesus changing you? Are you a 'lamp,' being filled by God to give His light to people around you?

In Christ, Rich

Saw this in front of a church:

The wages of sin is death. Why not quit before payday?

Change My Heart Oh God

CD: 16 Great Praise and Worship Classics, 2000, track 16. Eddie Espinosa (1982)

Change my heart, oh, God Make it ever true Change my heart, oh, God May I be like you

Change my heart, oh, God Make it ever true Change my heart, oh, God May I be like you

You are the Potter I am the clay Mold me and make me This is what I pray.

Change my heart, oh, God Make it ever true Change my heart, oh, God May I be like you

Jesus, oh, Jesus Come and fill Your lamps Jesus, oh, Jesus Come and fill Your lamps

Oh, let the Son of God infold you With His spirit and His love Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul

Oh, let Him have the things that hold you And His spirit, like a dove Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Jesus, oh, Jesus Come and fill Your lamps Jesus, oh, Jesus Come and fill Your lamps **From the mailbox** (Letters may be slightly edited. We also remove some personal content and identifying stuff. We won't blab your name or email address.) Your letters and notes encourage us, too. *Rich*

My email inbox and my mail box has been pretty empty... except for a few replies and a little correspondence from a couple as they have updated their mailing address.

Is your mailing address up to date?!?!

Read a good book we can recommend to others? Maybe one we gave you? How about writing a short review and recommendation and emailing it to me.

"I'm disgustingly comfortable with my life. Unhappy, alone, not sleeping. Settling for a God that brushes up against our leg like a neighbor's dog. – He wants to stir things up a little bit! My God is a God of passion, energy!

There are days He's all I have. He is enough.
Don't brush up against Jesus. Have Him for

your own." Brian Carrie @ M-Fuge, WPB, FL 7/98

You can get an encouraging word (almost) every morning. I select from several daily devotionals, I usually add a comment of my own and email it out. To try our daily morning thoughts, just drop me an email at <u>RDymmel@AOL.com</u> and write "try the daily email please" and we'll send it for two weeks and then ask you if you want to continue or not.

How about a couple summer reading suggestions?

... Books are not "just for chicks." I pulled this review out of an issue from way back. (Rachel and Heather have gone from

freshmen to graduated and married, but the books are still good books. They thought they were good and appropriate when they were 19.) If you write and ask, C&W has given away a lot of books, like *Lady in Waiting*. If you want to

read I would be happy to loan or give you for your library, a number of books. I have "chick" books like A Young Woman After God's Heart and If Men are Like Busses How Do I Catch One (which is a very interesting read, and guys can just do a

mental gender change of she for he, etc. and it applies just as well). And *Secrets of an Irresistible Woman* is great. *When God Writes Your Love Story* along with *Date or Mate* are for guys, too. And *Jesus Freaks* and *Jesus Freaks - Revolutionaries* and *How To Live Like A Jesus Freak* are all "my kind" of books about real people, in short segments (great for my ADHD style). Max Lucado's *Come Thirsty* is fantastic; about God satisfying the inner thirst.



Lady in Waiting

by Debby Jones & Jackie Kendall Read and reviewed by Rachel Kreh

(Rachel is a Sophomore at Liberty University) *Lady in Waiting* is a book about becoming a woman that finds fulfillment in God rather than worldly things. It takes principles from the Bible on being a lady of diligence, faith, virtue, devotion, purity, security contentment, conviction, and patience. This book can be applied to women who are married, but is more for single women waiting for the perfect guy to come along. I liked this book so much and would recommend it (and have recommended it to many) women seeking to do God's will because it puts your thoughts and views on guys into perspective. It helped me to develop my relationship with God and have more faith in Him on the man part, and also to realize I don't need a man to be a woman after God's own heart. I become a woman not when I have a man, but when I am seeking and doing the Lord's will. And then the finer things in life may come! (if God wants them to C)

Heather, a UNCG freshman, suggests *What to do Until Love Finds You - Getting Ready for Mr. Right* by Michelle McKinney Hammond as "one of the best books I've ever read."

She Said Yes, reviewed by Erin Iwanusa, Brooklyn, NY I read the greatest book. "She Said Yes" by Misty Bernall. It is the story of the girl, Cassie, who was shot at Columbine for saying she believed in God. It goes through her life, the troubles she went through before she accepted God into her life, what happened afterwards, and how she triumphed. It even talks about how the people of Littleton reacted to the incident. It is shocking to see what people did. After I read this book, I had an overwhelming sense of my faith, I felt like I was renewed, even though I hadn't strayed from the Lord. This book forces you to question things that you never thought of, it makes you feel differently about yourself and those around you. It is truly amazing. I highly recommend it!

[If you are interested in reading *She Said Yes*, but don't want to *buy* it, or don't know where to get it, I have 4 copies available. Just ask. – Rich – 336/674-7564 or RDymmel@AOL.com]

Freedom to make Choices!? Don't let someone DARE you to be STUPID!!

RRD (12/98, 7/06) — Summer. For some students it means a long vacation from responsibilities. For some it means a "summer job." For most students it will include more freedom. Whether that means the beach, the backyard, or the couch. That freedom also means responsibility. And freedom also means opportunities. And some of those opportunities are opportunities to be STUPID.

On the 11:00 News a couple years ago now, but it is in my notes under "stupid," I heard a tragic story of a college student who was dared to be STUPID. – A NC college student (sorry I don't remember the name of the college), on a dare, killed himself. I'm sure he didn't <u>plan</u> on dying. He just did something stupid. He took 100 caffeine tablets, on a dare. "How dangerous can caffeine tablets be?" That's the caffeine content of about 250 cups of coffee. He developed a irregular heart beat from all the caffeine - and DIED! — Please, don't do DUMB things! – Once before we said "Ask yourself: Is it safe, legal, moral, and right?" Need we add "stupid" (or "smart") to the other four questions?

Every emergency room and intensive care unit near a college takes in students with alcohol overdoses. – An alcohol overdose? I didn't know you could OD on beer. Yep. — They <u>usually</u> save them. – This was part of a recent ER episode on TV — a Halloween party, drinking, one student passed out and was discovered barely breathing and rushed to the ER and they saved him. It was also part of an episode of "7th Heaven" a while back where his friend was drinking at a party till he passed out and, luckily, someone got him to the hospital. – Alcohol is a depressant. It suppresses the heart rate and breathing. Excess alcohol WILL kill you. Some believe that you will pass out <u>before</u> you drink too much to do any real damage. **WRONG!** You CAN have enough alcohol in your system and stomach so you'll pass out and then continue to raise your blood alcohol level after you've passed out to the point where you'll stop breathing. It can **KILL** you.

Some people and ads will tell you to "Drink responsibly." You are always responsible for any consequences from your actions. But to drink responsibly, I think, is an oxymoron. I say, if you call yourself a Christian, your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit; you and your body belong to Jesus. Alcohol does damage to your body, actually kills brain cells, so don't drink alcohol, smoke, or do any drugs at all! Be a total abstainer. Respect and take care of your body.

Substances as "mild" as Tylenol are DEADLY in excess. Alamance ER gets several students every year who take a bottle of Tylenol, maybe thinking, 'This will scare them, but won't really do anything. I'll get their attention now.' Too much Tylenol shuts down the liver. There is no antidote or treatment for Tylenol poisoning. You may **DIE**!

Let's see. What are some other stupid things people might try to get you to do? – Get in a car where the driver has had a couple beers. – Have sex without "protection" – Have sex at all! There is no such thing as "safe" sex! The **only** "safe sex" is **abstinence**! - A married adult couple I know was using 'the pill' to delay starting their family. Their new baby is just adorable! - And another couple I know of, the same. And that's just pregnancy. Condoms have a failure rate and they don't protect against some STDs at all. According to published data from Planned Parenthood (!) the <u>pregnancy</u> rate for teenage condom users is over 18%(!) and 11% for the "Pill" (*Family Planning Perspectives*, v18, n5, cited in Josh McDowell, Handbook on Counseling Youth, p.294).

You are the only Jesus some people may ever see and the only Bible they may ever read. You are to be 'different' from this world. Don't **compromise** or **neutralize** your testimony by drinking **ANY** alcohol. Drink Pepsi, 7-Up, tea, coffee, etc. — And please don't do STUPID, self damaging things like drugs, pot, tobacco, sex, even once, ... or, any more. "Intimacy without commitment, like icing without cake, can be sweet, but it ends up making us sick." ~Joshua Harris~ I Kissed Dating Good-bye

I've seen some of the "smartest" students in school make some of the dumbest choices and decisions in life. I worry about them. I worry about their future. A high GPA doesn't guarantee good decisions. It takes VALUES, CHARACTER, and INTEGRITY to make good decisions in LIFE.

DR. RICHARD R. DYMMEL

At college age, you can tell who is best at taking tests and going to school, but you can't tell who the best people are. That worries the hell out of me.

BARNABY C. KEENEY

"I ask myself, '10 years from now, if I looked at myself today, would I be proud?" And if the answer is 'no' then I'm off track."

Dr. Laura Schlessinger

Two signs seen in TN: Character is developed by two small words Yes and No

A man's character is like a fence – it cannot be strengthened by whitewash

BETTER TO KEEP YOURSELF CLEAN AND BRIGHT; YOU ARE THE WINDOW THROUGH WHICH YOU MUST SEE THE WORLD.

If I take care of my Character, my reputation will take care of itself.

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Values are not something I practice just when everyone agrees with me.

I know the future -God wins.

God's rules don't restrict me, they free me from consequences.

> "I will lose my dignity and integrity in order to have my fantasy" is NOT on anybody's inspirational calendar.

A lot of people use duct tape to fix things ... God used nails.

Tis better to have loved and lost than to be stuck with a real loser for the rest of your entire, miserable existence! Hallmark coffee mug slogan

"When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years." — Mark Twain

"The only reward of virtue is virtue."

Ralph Waldo Emerson Is that enough? Does virtue create other rewards?

"The only way to have a friend is to be one." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Become the kind of person you are looking for.

"You can always tell a real friend; when you've made a fool of yourself, he doesn't feel you've done a permanent job." Laurence J. Peter"

Some people stay in an unhappy dating relationship because even a bad relationship can provide a sense of security.

Commitment creates a small island of certainty in the swirling waters of uncertainty.

Immature love says, "I love you because I need you." Mature love says, "I need you because I love you." Erich Fromm

More Suggested Reading:

- *Sex, Lies, and the Truth,* Focus on the Family, Call 1-800-A-FAMILY; ~\$5.00(?) [For all teens. Has no scripture references, just medical, physical, and emotional truths.]
- *If God Loves Me, Why Can't I Get My Locker Open*, by Lorraine Peterson; Bethany House Publishers; ISBN 0-87123-251-0 ['Devotionals' for teens.]

The loneliest moment is when you experience what you thought was the ultimate ... and it wasn't.

What was supposed to be an "ultimate" experience? Was it a drug high? Was it having a boyfriend or girlfriend? Was it

____? Some people are disillusioned when they get disappointed. People, feelings, careers, the 'church' (when we expect the people there to do or be something), all can set up expectations that reality doesn't fulfill. If we allow God to design and run our life, it can be richer and fuller, not necessarily full of things and 'happy, happy,' but can be full of peace, stability, hope, and purpose. *This is what the LORD says: "... For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (Jeremiah 29: 10-11).

Jody Foster's line near the end of "Contact" when recounting the experience with space travel, etc.: 'To believe without evidence is faith.' Then after examining the tape they find 18 minutes unaccounted for. — There is evidence of God. We just have to look for it. But we have to believe. Not 'I'll believe it when I see it, but *you'll see it when you believe it*.'

This summer be a Son worshipper.

The Bible should more than inform us, it should transform us. (a sign in High Point, NC)

To improve, you need a willingness to ask, willingness to listen, willingness to change.

"Does it strike you as odd that Christians build homes with a room for a TV but not for prayer?" -John Piper

There are two kinds of fools in the world - You are either a fool for Jesus - or a fool for some-

one else God may be out of sight but never out of reach

If God seems far away maybe YOU moved

Change your thinking! Rom 12:1-2:

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Today's Daily Encounter

1. As You Think

"As a man thinks in his heart, so is he."1

Golfer Arnold Palmer has won hundreds of trophies but he never flaunts these. In his office is only one trophy on display. It is a small cup he received at his first professional win at the Canadian Open in 1955.

On his office wall is this lone framed plaque that reads:

If you think you are beaten, you are. / If you think you dare not, you don't. / If you'd like to win but think you can't, / it's almost certain you won't. Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man, / But sooner or later, the man who wins / is the man who thinks he can.

Life's battles, challenges, successes and/or failures are all fought, won or lost in the mind.

"Keep your heart with all diligence," said Solomon, "for out of it are the issues of life."2 The heart in the Bible refers to the total mind: the intellect, the will, and the emotions. And that's the "mind" we need to guard with all diligence, and daily commit and trust to God.

For "what the mind dwells on the body acts on." If you don't agree with this, just think how temptation works.

Suggested prayer: "Dear God, please help me to guard my heart and mind with all diligence ... and keep my thoughts focused on things that are 'true, pure, and of good report.' Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully in Jesus' name, amen."

1. Proverbs 23:7. 2. Proverbs 4:23.

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2. To Know God and be sure you're a real Christian without having to be religious click on: http://tinyurl.com/8glq9 (or cut and paste the URL in your browser).

"The plan is progress ... not perfection."

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(Based on notes from listening to Chuck Swindoll and some late-night TV) Philippians 3:12-16 Forgetting what lies behind – leave it, don't look back, focus on looking forward; past achievements and past failures are lessons learned.

I once heard an interview with a student who said that once their GPA had fallen below a 4.0, since they weren't perfect, they felt like they didn't have any standard to uphold anymore. So they were drinking, doing pot, having casual sex, ...

Well, we can't be perfect. No one is. I'm sure not. You can't be. But we can be pretty good. On Sally the other night they brought back "tough teens" from previous shows. One girl said, 'I'm making progress. You can't do this in one big step.' She, age 15, had been sleeping with a 25 year old guy. Her mother said, 'She now has her 18 year old boyfriend sleeping over and admits to having unprotected sex at home.' 'Well, isn't that progress? At least he's closer to my age and I stay at home.' Another girl there on stage said to her, 'No. You have to make a clean break. What you're doing is stupid and dangerous and wrong! You won't ever make it by trying to change gradually.'

If you <u>know</u> what is right, and you're doing what you <u>know</u> is wrong, you have to want to stop and turn around, that is called repentance. In a courtroom, a judge would not consider repentant a thief who would say, "I'm making progress. I'm stealing less expensive stuff." If you're repentant, you try to <u>not do it at all</u>. You might fail, but you want to try to have a real change.

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2 Corinthians 5:17 - Changed, new!

TMSG: ¹⁷Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it!

NIV: ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

NCV: ¹⁷If anyone belongs to Christ, there is a new creation. The old things have gone; everything is made new!

KJV: 17Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Romans 12:2 -- Change!

TMSG: ²Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

NIV: ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

NCV: ²Do not change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect.

KJV: ²And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Pearls

(What are you hanging on to? Does God want you to exchange it for something better?)

Sent by Nancy Christmas ... "this is real great"

Jenny was a bright-eyed pretty five-year-old.

One day when she and her mother were checking out at the grocery store, Jenny saw a plastic pearl necklace priced at \$2.50. How she wanted that necklace, and when she asked her mother if she would buy it for her, her mother said, "Well, it is a pretty necklace, but it costs an awful lot of money. I'll tell you what. I'll buy you the necklace, and when we get home we can make up a list of chores that you can do to pay for the necklace. And don't forget that for your birthday Grandma just might give you a whole dollar bill, too. Okay?" Jenny agreed, and her mother bought the pearl necklace for her.

Jenny worked on her chores very hard every day, and sure enough, her grandma gave her a brand new dollar bill for her birthday. Soon Jenny had paid off the pearls. How Jenny loved those pearls. She wore them everywhere — to kindergarten, to bed and when she went out with her mother to run errands. The only time she didn't wear them was in the shower — her mother had told her that they would turn her neck green!

Now Jenny had a very loving daddy. When Jenny went to bed, he would get up from his favorite chair every night and read Jenny her favorite story. One night when he finished the story, he said, "Jenny, do you love me?"

"Oh yes, Daddy, you know I love you," the little girl said. "Well, then, give me your pearls."

"Oh! Daddy, not my pearls," Jenny said. "But you can have Rosie, my favorite doll. Remember her? You gave her to me last year for my birthday. And you can have her tea party outfit, too. Okay?"

"Oh no, darling, that's okay." Her father brushed her cheek with a kiss. "Good night, little one."

A week later, her father once again asked Jenny after her story, "Do you love me?"

"Oh yes, Daddy, you know I love you."

"Well, then, give me your pearls."

"Oh, Daddy, not my pearls! But you can have Ribbons, my toy horse. Do you remember her? She's my favorite. Her hair is so soft, and you can play with it and braid it and everything. You can have Ribbons if you want her, Daddy," the little girl said to her father.

"No, that's okay," her father said and brushed her cheek again with a kiss "God bless you, little one. Sweet dreams."

Several days later, when Jenny's father came in to read her a story, Jenny was sitting on her bed and her lip was trembling. "Here, Daddy," she said, and held out her hand. She opened it and her beloved pearl necklace was inside. She let it slip into her father's hand.

With one hand her father held the plastic pearls and with the other he pulled out of his pocket a blue velvet box. Inside of the box were real, genuine, beautiful pearls. He had them all along. He was waiting for Jenny to give up the cheap stuff so he could give her the real thing.

So it is with our Heavenly Father. He is waiting for us to give up the cheap things in our lives so he can give us beautiful treasure. Isn't God good?

You can do two things with this story: a) You can pass it on and let others be touched by its message, or b) You can throw it away and not let it touch your heart. I strongly recommend option A. This made me think about the things I hold on to and wonder what God would have me give up. "I will give you a new heart with new and right desires, and will put a new spirit in you." – Ezekiel 36:26 NLT

The Change

Steven Curtis Chapman; CD: (Speechless), 1999, track 3

Well I got myself a T-shirt that says what I believe I got letters on my bracelet to serve as my ID I got the necklace and the key chain And almost everything a good Christian needs

I got the little Bible magnets on my refrigerator door And a welcome mat to bless you before you walk across my floor I got a Jesus bumper sticker And the outline of a fish stuck on my car And even though this stuff's all well and good, I cannot help but ask myself ...

What about the change? What about the difference? What about the grace? What about forgiveness? What about a life that's showing I'm undergoing the change? (yeah, I'm undergoing the change)

Well I've got this way of thinking that comes so naturally Where I believe the whole world is revolving around me And I got this way of living that I have to die to every single day 'Cause if God's Spirit lives inside of me, yeah, I'm gonna live life differently

I'm gonna have the change I'm gonna have the difference I'm gonna have the grace I'm gonna have forgiveness I'm gonna live a life that's showing I'm undergoing the change.

What about the change? What about the difference? What about the grace? What about forgiveness? What about a life that's showing I'm undergoing the change?

Get the C&WC by email

"You've got mail." - I like that movie... - If you would PREFER to get the C&WC by email please let us know. We will deliver by either method. - We've added that line on the form --> for new folks. Or you can just email us with that request for change of delivery method.

<u>Mostly just for fun...</u>

Since we're talking about "change" ... How many psychiatrists does it take to change a light bulb? One. But only if the light bulb really wants to change.

How many IBM engineers does it take to change a burned out light bulb?

None, They simply change the standard of darkness and upgrade the customers.

How many narcissists does it take to change a light bulb? One. He holds the bulb while the world revolves around him.

"How many women with P.M.S. does it take to change a light bulb?" she asks.

"How many? he asks. "Six"

"Why?"

"It just does, okay!"

How many art students does it take to change a light bulb? One, but he gets two credits.

How many grad students does it take to change a light bulb? One, but it takes 3 years.

How many programmers does it take to change a light bulb? None. That's a hardware problem.

How many football players does it take to change a light bulb? The whole team and they all get one semester credit for it.

How many telemarketers does it take to change a light bulb? One, but they have to do it while you're eating dinner.

"How many reference librarians does it take to change a light bulb?" "I don't know. I'll have to look that up and get back to you."

How many bluegrass musicians does it take to change a light bulb? Four. One to change it and three to complain that it's electric.

"Would you like a cup of coffee?"

"No. When I drink coffee I can't sleep."

"With me it's the other way around; when I sleep I can't drink coffee."

The difference between Mechanical Engineers and Civil Engineers is that mechanical Engineers build weapons and Civil Engineers build targets.

The optimist sees the glass as half full; the pessimist sees the glass as half empty; and the engineer sees the glass as one that is twice as big as it needs to be.

Why did the scientist install a knocker on his door? So he could win the no-bell prize.

What do you call a dog with no legs? It doesn't matter. He can't come anyway.

Share	with	someone
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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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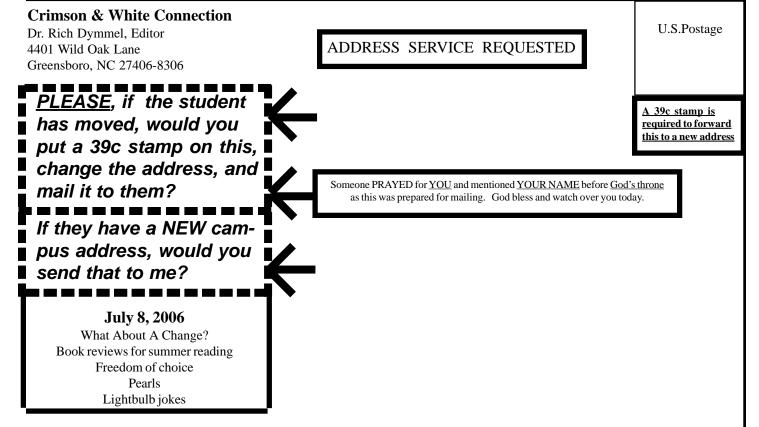
Becoming a Christian: A-B-C

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).

 \mathbf{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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Jesus must increase and I must decrease.

He must increase, but I must decrease. John 3:30 KJV