

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 substi-

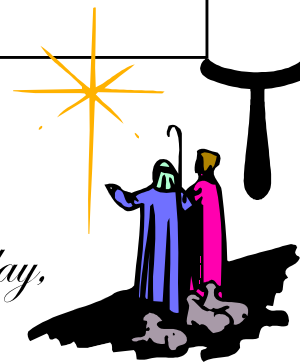
Dec 10, 2006 Christmas

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

A historical note... If you *ONLY* get the Christmas issue of the Crimson & White connection ... (1) Why is that? You can get my thoughts and ramblings multiple times a year. If you want to see what you're missing, go to www.CrimsonWhite.org to read what we've written and published all year long. Particularly, get your HS and college age kids on our mailing list. Our mailing list keeps growing partly from the "college kids" graduating and getting married and want to stay on the mailing list. And (2) the historical note: The Christmas issue of The Crimson & White Connection actually started back in 1985 as The Rebel Bugle. That is when we packed it all up and moved from Michigan to North Carolina and we created this "Christmas Card."



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.
Isaiah 9:6-7



*Wishing you a most joyous Holiday,
and the Peace and Joy
of the King of Kings
Rich & Marie Dymmel*



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

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I have just a couple notes that I'll put in another issue.
This whole issue is a letter from me to you...

Jesus Is Better Than Santa

Author unknown

From: mirage48485@____.com (Shirley Piatek)

Santa lives at the North Pole ...
JESUS is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh ...
JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year ...
JESUS is an ever present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies ...
JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited ...
JESUS stands at your door and knocks, and then enters your heart when invited.

You have to wait in line to see Santa ...
JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap ...
JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, what's your name?" ...

JESUS knew our name before we did.

Not only does He know our name,
He knows our address too.
He knows our history and future and
He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly ...
JESUS has a heart full of love.

All Santa can offer is HO HO HO ...
JESUS offers health, help and hope.

Santa says "You better not cry" ...
JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."

Santa's little helpers make toys ...
JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.

Santa may make you chuckle but ...
JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa puts gifts under your tree ...
JESUS became our gift and died on a tree.

It's obvious there is really no comparison.
We need to remember WHO Christmas is all about.
We need to put Christ back in CHRISTmas,
Jesus is still the reason for the season.

Yes, Jesus is better,
He is even better than Santa Claus.

A Letter to Santa

Author unknown

Snowflakes softly falling
Upon your window they play
Your blankets snug around you,
Into sleep you drift away.

I bend to gently kiss you,
when I see that on the floor
there's a letter, neatly written
I wonder who it's for.

I quietly unfold it
making sure you're still asleep,
It's a Christmas list for Santa
one my heart will always keep.

It started just as always
with the toys seen on TV,
A new watch for your father
and a winter coat for me.

But as my eyes read on
I could see that deep inside,
there were many things you wished for
that your loving heart would hide.

You asked if your friend Molly
could have another Dad;
It seems her father hits her
and it makes you very sad.

Then you asked dear Santa
if the neighbors down the street
Could find a job, that he might have
some food, and clothes, and heat.

You saw a family on the news
whose house had blown away,
"Dear Santa, send them just one thing,
a place where they can stay."

"And Santa, those four cookies that
I left you for a treat,
Could you take them to the children
who have nothing else to eat."

"Do you know that little bear I have
the one I love so dear?
I'm leaving it for you to take
to Africa this year".

"And as you fly your reindeer
on this night of Jesus' birth,
Could your magic bring to everyone
goodwill and peace on earth".

"There's one last thing before you go,
so grateful I would be,
If you'd smile at Baby Jesus
in the manger by our tree."

I pulled the letter close to me'
I felt it melt my heart.
Those tiny hands had written
what no other could impart.

"And a little child shall lead them,"
was whispered in my ear
As I watched you sleep
on Christmas Eve
while Santa Claus was here.

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## What's in a name?

©RRD – 12/5/01, 2006 – The choir was singing “Sing and Shout for Joy” that year. I’d marked several parts of lyrics and narration that just “jumped up” and really stuck in my mind at practice. One is the lyrics to an African-American spiritual, “What you (pronounced “wha-cha”) gonna call the precious little baby? Wha-cha gonna call the tiny child? ... He shall be called (from Isaiah 9:6) the Wonderful Counselor. ... the Mighty God. ... Everlasting Father. The Prince of Peace. ... Wha-cha gonna call the precious little baby born on Christmas morn?”

Matthew 1:21 says his name will be Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:23 says his name shall be Emanuel, which means God with us. Luke 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest.

I call Him “Lord.” Lord means “ruler.” He is God. That makes Him the ultimate ruler. And He rules over me by my voluntarily submitting myself to Him. That makes Him my Lord. It has been said that if He is not Lord of all, then He is not Lord at all. If He is not your *Lord*, then how can He be your *Savior*?

I also call the “tiny baby” my Friend. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you” (John 15:13-14) He laid down His life for me, so that I might have eternal life with Him. He’s *that* kind of friend. He is also a friend that is there every day, in every thing that happens and everything I do. He’s the closest of friends. He cares about and for me. Jesus is my Lord, All-mighty God, my Friend in good times and in trouble.

If He is not *your* Lord and Friend, He *can* be. All it takes is a *decision*. You just decide that *you* want to become friends with the God of the Universe and make Him Lord of your life. The decision is easy. Doing it is hard. It will be a life-long continuous process. I think this is what Paul meant by “as ye have always obeyed ... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” (Phil 2:12) Like being married, the initial words of commitment are easily said. It is the daily living that is hard and it is the life-long living that makes you married. After 30+ years, Marie and I are more and more like “one flesh.” We know and understand each other and what we want from each other much more than we did after 5 years of being married, and certainly better than after the 44 months of dating and courting when we first said “I do.”

If He is not all these things to you, He can be. Just ask Him.

*Dear Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God and that you died as payment for my sins. I believe you rose from the dead and are alive today. I have not lived a life that honors you, that is sin. Please forgive me. I want you to come into my heart and life. I want to grow in knowing you and in obedience to you. Thank you for forgiving me. Thank you for coming into my life. Thank you for giving me eternal life. Amen*

The Bible says: “All have sinned” (Romans 3:23) and “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life” (Rom. 6:23). It’s a *gift*; you can’t work hard enough or be good enough to deserve it. “That 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. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.” (Rom 10:9-10). Believe in your *heart*, not just your head. Confess with your mouth – it can’t be a secret, tell others what you believe, “walk the aisle” at church, call or write me, – and you will be saved from the eternal consequences of resisting and rebelling against God.

If you meant it, your life will be lived differently. You cannot have God living in you and live the way most of the world lives. You will be different. What do *you* call Him?

## Mary, Did You Know?

©RRD – 12/01, 12/02 – The choir sang “Mary, Did You Know” (written by Mark Lowry and Buddy Green). Oh, what a beautiful piece of music. Love the music. Listen and think about the words.

Think about it. – Mary, a pregnant teenager, not yet married but espoused. It meant more than engaged, but they weren’t yet married. No sex yet. And in that culture, and still in much of that part of the world, they were serious about the sex thing. Sex outside of marriage could get you killed. She was eligible to be publicly stoned to death for being pregnant.

When the angel tells her she is to bear a son, she asks “How, since I am a virgin?” (Luke 1:34) She’s not asking whether God can do it, just how He will do it. (She didn’t need a formal education to understand Sex 101.) – Willing to be used by God. – And then she is pregnant.

“Christmas.” A baby, the Lamb of God, born in a barn. Actually just down the road from Herod’s palace. An animal feeding trough for a bed. The song asks, “Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?” (Matthew 14:25) Did she understand that He would do things that defy the laws of nature? Could she really comprehend that He was *God*!!

“Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save your sons and daughters? Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new? (2Cor 5:17) And this child that you delivered will soon deliver you?” – Her baby would be the sacrificial perfect Lamb of God that would take away the sins of the world. Could she possibly comprehend that? I’m not sure I can.

Some of this is beyond understanding, I think. It is in the realm of “super”-natural. I’m a fairly smart guy, maybe too smart. I can reason through logical, scientific, explanations for creation and the flood in Genesis; provide proofs and arguments for a young, 6,000 year old earth, etc. Sometimes I try to use logic and reason to figure out spiritual things, and they get real confusing. Sometimes simpler is better. It’s not by mental understanding – head knowledge, it’s accepting it by faith – heart knowledge. Some people say “I’ll believe it when I see it.” This stuff is “I’ll see it when I believe it.”

“Mary, did you know that your baby boy would give sight to the blind man? (Matt 9:30, 12:22, Mark 8:22) ... calm the storm with His hand? (Mark 4:39) ... has walked where angels trod? And when you kissed the baby you’ve kissed the face of God.” – Can you see Mary? This young mother, holding her baby, gently kissing him, ... and this baby is ... *God*! God who will calm the storm with a wave of His hand and the words, “Peace. Be still,” and the men with him who were first terrified of the storm, said, “Who is this that even the wind and waves obey Him?!” (Matt 8:27, Mark 4:41) They didn’t understand it yet and they walked and lived with Him.

“Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? ... will one day rule the nations? ... was Heaven’s perfect Lamb? And the sleeping child you’re holding is the great I Am. ... Did - you - know?” – He is “the Great I Am.” Can you comprehend that? That *GOD*! gave up His God-ness to become a baby? He will come again as ruler, but He came as a servant to SAVE us. To make a way for us to live forever with Him, deliver us, save us from the consequence of our sin: separation from God. “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23) Did YOU know that?

What are YOU doing with what you know about Jesus?

## GOD IN THE FLESH

# God

chose to reveal himself though a human

body. The tongue that called forth the dead was a human one. The hand that touched the leper had dirt under its nails. The feet upon which the woman wept were callused and dusty And his tears. . . oh, don't miss the tears. . . they came from a heart as broken as yours or mine ever has been.

So, people came to him. My, how they came to him! They came at night; they touched him as he walked down the street; they followed him around the sea; they invited him into their homes and placed their children at his feet. Why? Because he refused to be a statue in a cathedral or a priest in an elevated pulpit. He chose instead to be a touchable, approachable, reachable Jesus.

There is not a hint of one person who was afraid to draw near him. There were those who mocked him. There were those who were envious of him. There were those who misunderstood him. There were those who revered him. But there was not one person who considered him too holy, too divine, or too celestial to touch. There was not one person who was reluctant to approach him for fear of being rejected.

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## The Bishop's Wife

A very old movie with Cary Grant in it. He plays an angel. The Bishop ... the whole story is immaterial to what I want to relate to you here. ... At the very end of the movie the Bishop gives his Christmas Eve sermon:

"Tonight I want to tell you the story of the empty stocking.

Once upon a midnight clear, there was a child's cry. A blazing star hung over a stable and wise men came with birthday gifts.

We haven't forgotten that night down the centuries. We celebrate with stars on Christmas trees, with the sound of bells, and with gifts ... but especially with gifts. - - You give me a book. I give you a tie. - Aunt Martha has always wanted an orange squeezer. - And Uncle Henry ... could do with a new pipe. - Oh, we forget nobody. An adored child.

All the stockings are filled. All that is except one. And we have even forgotten to hang it up. -- A stocking for the child born in a manger. It's His birthday we're celebrating. Don't let us ever forget that.

Let us ask ourselves ... what he would wish for most. -- And then - let each put in his share. -- Loving kindness. Warm hearts. And an outstretched hand of tolerance. -- All the shining gifts make peace on Earth."

But there is more. To put all those things in "Jesus' stocking" would be nice, yes. But what I think He wants even more is our hearts. Those other things can be symptoms of something else, or even an act, or even something done because it is expected, or we are kind so someone will be kind back. ... If we give Jesus our heart, then those things should come as the result of what has happened IN us. Just "doing" is an attempt to change from the outside in. Jesus wants to change us from the inside out.

## Christmas Symbols ...

# Candy Canes remind me of the real Christmas

**A candy cane reminds me of a shepherd's staff. On that first Christmas, the lowly shepherds were the first to be told of the baby born in Bethlehem.**

Luke 2: 8-12 *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.*

**And later Jesus said that he was the 'good shepherd' that would care for and protect me.**

John 10:11-14 *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—"*



**The stripe pattern reminds me of his taking my punishment for me and providing healing for me.**

Isaiah 53: 5 *But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.*

**The red and white colors remind me of my sin and how he transforms my sin and me.**

Isaiah 1:18 *"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."*

**Upside down, a candy cane is the letter J. The J is for Jesus. He is the one who redeems me.**

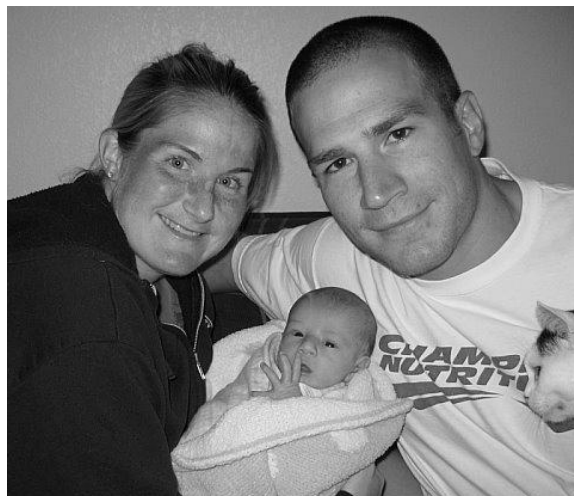
John 3:16-18 *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.*

**So you see, a candy cane is a symbol of the true reason for celebration at Christmas.**

## Christmas 2006 - On a Personal note...

**Holiday Agenda:** Working, a short trip to Michigan, probably more than one run down to the coast (a 4 hour drive each way), and the holidays will be pretty busy.

In review... Tim and Kristen moved from California to the NC coast, near Matt and Jessica and Lauren and Gabe. They decided that the humidity right at the beach was too much, and in August they moved to Longmont, just outside Boulder, Colorado, almost in the shadow of the mountains. Nicole is our biggest news of the year. Nicole was born to them on September 8th. - We flew out at the end of September and spent a week with them. And saw some 2nd cousins we hadn't seen in a long time, too, that are only a few miles away. - The mountains are beautiful and majestic. And I'd bet we would get to love the church we visited there, very active and involved, but this week as I'm writing this, Tim and Kristen and Nicole have had almost a foot of snow total. - - Ah,



yes, that is one reason we picked to move SOUTH. Some of the predictions for this Winter are saying a foot of snow TOTAL, expecting more than normal. Others are forecasting only about 6" total.

Matt, Jessica, Lauren and Gabriel are still our "beach kids" with #3 to join them the 1st of May. Six year old Lauren enlisted 2 1/2 year old Gabe into her 3rd annual cookie and lemonade sale to raise money for her angel-tree-children. Each year she raises more money than the previous year for Christmas presents. They made and sold 350 cookies this year. They are going to go on a major shopping spree for Christmas this year!



Marie's parents had planned on spending Winters in FL and Summers with us. Summer '05 brought their bedroom and living room furniture to our house. In May this year, dad died. June to October, Mom stayed with us. We kept each other pretty busy. It was good. She'll be back next May. We didn't scare her away.

We bought some oversize, comfy furniture and rearranged the family room. There is "no room" for a full, decorated Christmas tree. So Marie said we would put up just "Rich's tree" this year. It is compact, simple, and easy. I like it for exactly those reasons.



With family scattered from the NC coast to Colorado, and from FL to Michigan, it gets harder to stay connected, especially as cousins scatter, too, ... Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Colorado, California, it gets harder and harder to maintain "family." But we keep making efforts.

Aunt Helen, the last of the aunts on Rich's mom's side died this year. At the funeral the cousins decided to try to plan a family reunion. The end of February the "Penner 1st cousins" are getting together near Orlando. Looking forward to that... not just FL in Feb, but cousins and family. :- ) - Aunt Maxine, the last of the aunts on Rich's dad's side, died in November, leaving only one uncle yet there.

Marie is still a Nursing Supervisor. And Rich is hopeful of a position at a Christian or private high school for the Fall.

And our C&W ministry keeps growing, slowly, but it just keeps growing. We are looking for a few partners to help spread it. And new methods, like the website.

And so we keep going and doing.

God bless and keep you.

Love to you,

**Rich & Marie**



## The “Politically Correct” Days of Christmas...

\*\* The twelve days of Christmas are actually the twelve days between Christmas and Epiphany (January 6th), which is when the three wise men supposedly arrived on the scene. – Traditions don’t necessarily follow history. The maji came and found the “young child” in the house and Herod had all the boys under age two killed. They didn’t arrive 12 days later. – Some say if they were women instead of men, they would have brought practical gifts like diapers, blankets, ... things the baby and mother could have actually used. And they would have arrived on time not over a year later. –

**O**n the 12th day of the Eurocentrically imposed midwinter festival, my Significant Other in a consenting adult, monogamous relationship gave to me:

TWELVE males reclaiming their inner warrior through ritual drumming,

ELEVEN pipers piping (plus the 18-member pit orchestra made up of members in good standing of the Musicians Equity Union as called for in their union contract even though they will not be asked to play a note),

TEN melanin deprived testosterone-poisoned scions of the patriarchal ruling class system leaping,

NINE persons engaged in rhythmic self-expression,

EIGHT economically disadvantaged female persons stealing milk-products from enslaved Bovine-Americans,

SEVEN endangered swans swimming on federally protected wetlands,

SIX enslaved Fowl-Americans producing stolen non-human animal products,

FIVE golden symbols of culturally sanctioned enforced domestic incarceration,

(NOTE: after members of the Animal Liberation Front threatened to throw red paint at my computer, the calling birds, French hens and partridge have been reintroduced to their native habitat. To avoid further Animal-American enslavement, the remaining gift package has been revised.)

FOUR hours of recorded whale songs

THREE deconstructionist poets

TWO Sierra Club calendars printed on recycled processed tree carcasses and...

ONE Spotted Owl activist chained to an old-growth pear tree.

**Merry Christmas** Happy Chanukah. Good Kwanzaa. Blessed Yule. Oh, heck! ... Happy Holidays!!!! (unless otherwise prohibited by law) Or unless, of course, you are suffering from Seasonally Affected Disorder (SAD). If this be the case, please substitute this gratuitous call for celebration with suggestion that you have a thoroughly adequate day.

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From [www.cvc.org/christmas/index](http://www.cvc.org/christmas/index). [2004]

**Central Valley Christian School, Visalia, California**

The twelve days of Christmas are the twelve days between Christmas and Epiphany (January 6th), which is when the three wise men supposedly arrived on the scene. It is *NOT* the twelve days before Christmas as many erroneously believe.

The tradition of giving a gift on each of the twelve days is pretty much gone. However, in some families, the tradition of giving Christmas gifts on each of those twelve days persists.

Most people know of The Twelve Days of Christmas from the song of that name.

## ORIGIN OF “THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS”

### An Underground Catechism

Most folks, I believe, are familiar with the Christmas song, “The Twelve Days of Christmas”. If you listen to the words carefully, it seems like nonsense set to rhyme and music. However, it was written with a serious purpose.

It is more than just a list of twelve silly gifts. Catholics in England during the period 1558 to 1829 were prohibited by law to practice their faith either in public or private. It was illegal to be Catholic. [Note: Parliament finally emancipated Catholics in England in 1829.]

“The Twelve Days of Christmas” was written in England as one of the “catechism songs” to help young Catholics learn the basics of their faith. In short, it was a memory aid. Since the song sounded like rhyming nonsense, young Catholics could sing the song without fear of imprisonment. The authorities would not know that it was a religious song. Actually, the catechism to which it referred was rather ecumenical so could probably be claimed to be protestant if cornered.

The song’s gifts had hidden meanings to the teachings of the Catholic faith. The “true love” mentioned in the song doesn’t refer to an earthly suitor, but it refers to God Himself. The “me” who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. i.e. the church. The partridge in a pear tree is Christ Jesus, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge in memory of the expression of Christ’s sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: “Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but thou wouldst not have it so...”

Here is a complete list of the 12 symbols with their meanings\*:

1 Partridge in a pear tree = The One true God revealed in the person of Jesus Christ

2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments

3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity

4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists

5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the “Pentateuch” which contain the law condemning us of our sins.

6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation

7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments of the Catholic faith

8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes

9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Spirit

10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments

11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles

12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle’s Creed

\*original source of symbol meaning: an article from *Catholic Information Network* that we discovered in 1995 by Fr. Hal Stockert of Fishnet. We then discovered some other resources that backed-up this article.



## ***email delivery*** “You’ve got mail.”

- I like that movie... - A couple people have suggested that some college students do EVERYTHING by email and can't remember their campus box number. Our experience has been that a physical piece of mail was preferred by almost everyone. But we make it an option. If you would PREFER to get the C&WC by email just let us know. We will deliver by either method.

www.cvc.org/christmas/index.

Central Valley Christian School, Visalia, California

### **The following Christmas carols were rewritten by government officials. Can you guess the original titles?**

1. Move Hither The Entire Assembly Of Those Who Are Loyal In Their Belief
2. Embellish Interior Passageways
3. Vertically Challenged Adolescent Percussionist
4. First Person Singular Experiencing An Hallucinatory Phenomenon Of A Natal Celebration Devoid Of Color
5. Soundless Nocturnal Period
6. Majestic Triplet Referred To In The First Person Plural
7. The Yuletide Occurrence Preceding All Others
8. Precious Metal Musical Devices
9. Omnipotent Supreme Being Elicit Respite To Ecstatic Distinguished Males
10. Caribou With Vermillion Olfactory Appendage
11. Allow Crystalline Formations To Descend
12. Jovial Yuletide Desired For The Second Person Singular Or Plural By The First Person Plural
13. Commence Auditory Reception The Announcing Cherubs Vocalize
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16. Its Arrival Occurred At Twelve O'clock During A Clement Nocturnal Period
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## **Becoming a Christian: A-B-C's**

**A – Admit** that you're a sinner. You just can't meet God's standard. The Bible says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 (also see 1 John 1:8).

**B – Believe** that Jesus was the Son of God and died in your place, took the punishment for you. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world (that includes you) that he gave His only begotten son (that's Jesus) that whosoever (that's you again) believes in Him should not perish (that's saved from eternal death, Hell) but have eternal life (given eternal life with God, that's "salvation" or to "be saved")." John 3:16

**C – Confess** your sin to God. – The Bible says, "If we confess (own up to) our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleans us..." 1John 1:9.

**S – Submit** yourself to His commands and control.

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