



CHRISTMAS SEASON

As we approach Christmas we are inundated with all sorts of advertisement on what to buy for Christmas. There is even an add asking, "What would Jesus buy?" This is commercialism of Christmas to the extreme. There is very little being said about Jesus being the way, the truth, and the life. There is no mention about what Jesus has done for us.

It has gotten so bad that some stores forbid their personnel wishing anyone a Merry Christmas. This week there have been several news stories this week about political correctness and Christmas. ABC has this story: [Calling Christmas by Its Name](#). Who had the crazy idea that wishing someone a Merry Christmas would be offensive? If someone wishes me a Happy Hanukkah, I thank the individual. Another editorial on <http://www.renewamerica.us> has this article: [Merry Christmas! Got a problem with that?](#)

It is getting so bad that there is an article on <http://www.worldnetdaily.com> called: [CRIMINALIZING CHRISTIANITY](#) How America's founding religion is becoming illegal. We are seeing more and more of the return to the policies of ancient Rome where Christians were executed and used as sport in the Colosseum. Those of us who have read [Fox's Book of Martyrs](#) see the time approaching where it will be illegal to be a Christian. The day of the Lord's return is soon at hand!

We are definitely living in the time where evil is called good and righteousness is called

evil.

Isaiah 5:18-30

18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope:

19 That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

25 Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For

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all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly:

27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:

28 Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind:

29 Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it.

30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

We are living in the day where the wicked are considered as righteous. We are living in the day where the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah are honored by the cities of the world. Philadelphia has the whole month of June dedicated as "Gay Pride Month." This evil wickedness indicates that we are getting closer and closer to the day of the Lord.

Christmas should not be principally about commerce and capitalism. Christmas should be about Christ and what he did for us. Jesus did not come into the world 2,005 years ago so that the world would have another holiday, but he came to provide a way for sinners to gain access to heaven and eternal life.

1 Timothy 1:15

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all

acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

The commercialism of Christmas along with all of the other Christian holidays cheapens Christianity. Jesus and him crucified is what Christmas should be about, not Santa Claus and his elves. Jesus should not be used in any commercial advertising for the selling of goods. The world is doing everything possible to cheapen the meaning of Christmas and Christianity.

Jesus came into the world to save us from our own wickedness. He came so that we would be able to spend eternity with him. This is the most precious gift! The gift of life is greater than any other gift that the world is using Christmas to promote. Today is the day to accept Christ's gift for yourself.

Seek the Lord with your whole heart and lean not to your own understanding. Jesus is our savior.

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