

SPECIAL DAYS - CHRISTMAS

"I'M DREAMING OF A RIGHT CHRISTMAS!"

The fact that we have to have annual calls in this country to “put Christ back into Christmas” is a pretty serious indictment of us. It implies that the majority do not have a Christ centered Christmas and that there is something wrong about the modern observance of Christmas.

Evidently it never occurs to many people, that they have crowded Christ out of Christmas. And what is even worse, they don’t seem to miss Him at all. They are not consciously trying to get rid of Him; they just don’t realize what they are doing. It is their ignorance that is the real tragedy.

I am not condemning the joy and gladness, the cheer and good will of the Christmas holidays, if it is the right kind. I only wish there were more of it, especially for our children, who are so excited at this season. But I want them to have a right Christmas. A right Christmas will reveal the Christ of Christmas to them as the only Savior from sin.

And I know that they will never find Him in the kind of Christmas which many businessmen, advertisers and entertainers are giving them. But if we had a right Christmas we would have to tell the truth about Christmas, which so many people do not know, and which so many others do not want. It would be bad for business but it would be good for us.

The materialistic approach to Christmas is illustrated by an incident that took place in front of a department store window. Two ladies were Christmas window shopping. The window had a display of various gifts and as a background John 3:16 was written out in letters of gold on black velvet: “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.” Said one lady to the other, “What will these Christians think of next? They are even trying to put Christianity into Christmas!”

I plead guilty to their charge. I am still dreaming of a right Christmas.

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