



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Sunday Morning Sermon
(December 21, 2014)*

5 REASONS WHY I AM ~~NOT~~ SKIPPING CHRISTMAS

Introduction: For some people CHRISTmas is an exciting time! Other people remind us of the Grinch and Ebenezer Scrooge during the holidays. Have you seen the signs of the American Atheists this year? Are there Christians who actually support this billboard? Do you think members of the Lord's church helped to fund this display? How do you think God will judge these actions? In everything we do, word and deed, it should be done in the name of the Lord (**Colossians 3:17**). Therefore, I want to share with you five reasons why I'm not skipping CHRISTmas. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. Proof of Jesus Needs To Be Taught

John 1:1-18, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, John 18:37, Romans 1:3

II. Pollution of People Needs To Be Avoided

Romans 11:9, Romans 14:13, I Corinthians 1:23, I Corinthians 8:9, I Corinthians 1:23, I Corinthians 15, Matthew 26:26-29, Acts 2:42, Acts 20:7, I Corinthians 11:20-31, I Corinthians 16:1-2, Romans 14

III. Promises of God Need To Be Remembered

Matthew 1:1-17, Genesis 3:15, Micah 5:2, Hosea 11:1, Jeremiah 31:15, Isaiah 53:3, Psalm 2:6-7, Isaiah 7:14

IV. People in God's Story Need To Be Reinforced

Luke 4:14-30, Isaiah 61:1-2, Isaiah 58:6, Matthew 1:2-16, Luke 3:23-38

V. Precious Souls Need The Christmas Story

Genesis 12:3, Hosea 1:10-11, Matthew 1:23, Matthew 4:15-16, Matthew 8:16-17, Matthew 12:17-21, Matthew 28:18-20

Conclusion: CHRISTmas may be over commercialized. CHRISTmas may have a heightened secular appeal and may be corrupted by false concepts. CHRISTmas may even be in the wrong season. CHRISTmas can be sad and depressing to some people... but there is a fantastic old song that reminds us that "Little is Much, When God Is In It." CHRISTmas is a time when people get a glimpse of God. They hear songs about the grace and love of our Creator. They actually sing praise to our Savior Jesus Christ. This may be the only time this year you can talk to your neighbor about Jesus! Shouldn't you take that opportunity? God bless you and merry CHRISTmas!