

## Lesson Notes:

### How to Keep Christ in Christmas

There is a “War against Christmas that began with Christ’s Birth and Herod that continues today. While Herod attempted to kill the Baby Jesus modern society makes a concerted attempt to change Christmas to a “Holiday Celebration”. – **Matthew 2**

### Scriptural Principles

#### How we can Keep Christ in Christmas

- 1) **Single out Verses to meditate on** – A verse each day keeps Satan away. –**Luke 10:27; Isaiah 41:10**
- 2) **Meditate on the Christ Child** – Mary did, check out **Luke 2:19**
- 3) **Be sure to present your home and yourself as a Christian.** - This is a way to honor God and to make a statement. Paul tells us in **Colossians 1:10** to live a life pleasing unto the Lord.
  - a) **For Christmas and parties decorate your house appropriately.** – Many times you can walk into a person’s home and he could tell immediately by the decoration of the home their spirituality.
  - b) **Greet and leave people with “Merry Christmas”, not “Happy Holidays”.**
  - c) **Be sure to send out cards with the appropriate theme “i.e. reference Christ and his birth”, not “Holiday Cards”.**
- 4) **Open your home to others at Christmas** – **Hebrews 13:2** tells us to open our home to others as some have entertained Christ’s Angels not knowing it.
- 5) **Recognize that Jesus birth was foretold by an angel, not a man to show deity.** Jesus was a common name of the time which meant Jehovah’s deliverer. – **Luke 1:26-35**
- 6) **Keep focused on Jesus and not showering loved ones with the material things of this world** – David tells us in **Psalm 37:4-5** that if we honor him he will give us the desires of our hearts. In **Matthew 16:26** Jesus asks, “What profit a man if he gains the whole world but losses his soul”?
- 7) **Remember those that are less fortunate, especially at this time of year** – In **Matthew 25:40** Jesus tells us that whatever you do for the poor and down trodden you also have done for me. In **Luke 18:22** Jesus tells the rich man that he must be willing to turn away from his riches and follow him.