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“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

“America is a blessed nation because for most of its existence it has blessed God; the God of the Holy Bible. The principles for self-government and the foundations of our republic are based on biblical standards.” –Dave



We are a blessed people. On Christmas we are supposed to celebrate the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ. However, in recent history we’ve been told the words, “Merry Christmas” can be received as offensive.

We may be offended by this offense, however we should be saddened. Furthermore, we should take that moment as a chance to share the gospel.

My question to the offended one is, “What is it about Merry Christmas that offends you?” Many times, that person really doesn’t have an answer. He or she has just embraced the latest cause célèbre of the Left. They’re offended because they are supposed to be.

I have never felt offended by Kwanzaa, a holiday created by Maulana Karenga in 1966. It is a result of the black nationalist

movement of the 1960’s. Mr. Karenga said Kwanzaa was initially created as an “oppositional alternative” to Christmas. He later moderated his stance so that Christians would not be offended.

This leads me to another question: “Why should Christians be offended by Kwanzaa?” If African-Americans want to celebrate their heritage by inventing a holiday, more power to them. Is that not the beauty of pursuing their own happiness? Does Kwanzaa violate my God-endowed inalienable rights?

No, but secular humanists took the baton from alternatives to Christmas and ran towards abolishing all public displays of Christmas, specifically the Nativity.

That is where we need to be offended to the point of civic action; but not disobedience. We can do so by insisting our elected officials at all governmental levels protect our rights as citizens.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



Of course Ronald Reagan was not a Founding Father, but he did make it “morning in America again.” As Christians, we long for those days and we can have them again if we are willing to work for their return.

“On Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Christ with prayer, feasting, and great merriment. But, most of all, we experience it in our hearts. For, more than just a day, Christmas is a state of mind. It is found throughout the year whenever faith overcomes doubt, hope conquers despair, and love triumphs over hate. It is present when men of any creed bring love and understanding to the hearts of their fellow man.” President Ronald Reagan, [*Christmas Message*](#), December 24, 1981

Ronald Reagan was not just the greatest president of my lifetime, but also of the modern era. He was unabashedly open about his Christian faith while still respectful of others. He did not bow to political correctness or pressure when it came to celebrating the birth and life of Christ.

Too many Christians think the way to win the culture battle is to fight our opponents, outwitting them in arguments and debates. The late great lion of the Christian faith, Dr. Adrian Rogers once said, “I never try to talk a man into anything because someone will come after me and talk them out of it.”

To win the culture war we must be the salt and light Jesus taught us we are to be:

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:13-16)

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may we renew our commitment to His teachings.

FROM THE PULPIT

“Come, then; I will try and argue with you, to induce you to do so, that I may send you home this Christmas Day, to be missionaries in the localities to which you belong, and to be real preachers, though you are not so by name. Dear friends, tell this story when you go home.”
Reverend Charles Spurgeon, “[Going Home - A Christmas Sermon](#)”, Music Hall, Royal Surrey Gardens, London, December 21, 1856.

The great preacher Charles Spurgeon was recalling conversations he’d had with many in his congregation on sharing the gospel with family members during Christmas. Spurgeon gives a list of reasons of why we should do so. First, because we supposedly love Jesus.

Second, if our friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors are believers then talking of Christ during Christmas would “make their hearts glad.”

Third, to those who are hostile to the gospel we should share it with them “for their soul’s salvation.” Spurgeon further recommends that you do this with your unsaved friend one at a time instead of a group to preclude them from laughing at you.

I know good and well how difficult it can be to share the gospel with family during the holidays. However, I cannot imagine the Holy Spirit’s power being more available than when you want to share the gospel with a loved one while celebrating the Savior’s birth. I will offer you some resources on the next page that will make this endeavor less terrifying, but Spurgeon offers four good steps to sharing your testimony:

1. “Tell it truthfully.” Tell your testimony, not someone else’s story. Tell your experience truthfully, how it was you came to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. “Tell it very humbly.” Do not try to come across as a know-it-all, particularly with those older than you. Tell it “as a friend and as a son.”
3. “Tell it very earnestly.” Spurgeon says that we should “Let them see you meant it.” We need to be in prayer and share the gospel reverently.
4. “Tell it very devoutly.” If you get up tomorrow morning determined to share the gospel with someone, be sure God is the first person to see your face. Spurgeon exhorts us to “wrestle with God for them.”

One last point to help you overcome your fear of sharing Jesus. You are not responsible for their response. Your sin of silence is what you’ll be held accountable for by Jesus.

TO THE STREETS

So why did we concentrate on sharing the gospel during Christmas time? To be completely honest with you, I had no idea this newsletter would take the form it has. For that matter, I woke up this morning feeling led to write on this topic. This was not unlike most mornings when I write my [devotionals](#).

Nevertheless, I am convinced that if we are going to “make America great again,” it won’t be because Donald Trump is our new president and he’s put together the greatest administration in presidential history. When nearly 50% of Americans are receiving some form of government assistance, our nation’s problems are more than just Barack Obama.

For America to become great again, we must return to what made us great in the first place. That is an unwavering reliance on Jesus Christ and His biblical principles. This does not mean we are trying to establish a theocracy or requiring citizens to be Christians in order to have a say in our government.

However, to quote the great [Judge Paul Pressley](#), “If you want to change Washington DC, then you have to change the hearts of those there.” I want to offer three books I think will help you in the future, beyond this Christmas season:

1. I highly recommend you read [“Share Jesus Without Fear.”](#) This book gives a simple step-by-step process of sharing the gospel in a non-threatening way.
2. While this is a work of fiction, my buddy [Steve Deace’s](#), [“A Nefarious Plot,”](#) is not only required reading to those who want to save America, it is also going to be made into a major motion picture by the same studio that made “God’s Not Dead.” Release is projected to be in 2018. This book will show how the American Dream was co-opted.
3. May I humbly recommend my [book](#), “Understanding Evangelicals: A Guide to Jesusland.” It will encourage you and help you to better explain what we believe, and why it’s important. It will greatly equip you to engage in the culture war.

Patriots, this is our moment! We must be prepared to confront the immorality that has decayed society, and do so with truth and grace. Merry Christmas!

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