

The Clergy Corner

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IS IT SANTA OR CHRIST?

As we approach the Christmas season again, this, another year, what is your reaction? Is it the rush, rush of last minute shopping? Worrying whether you will get the right gift for the right person? Mailing cards?

We have hardly taken time to be thankful, when Christmas decorations are in full swing, and Santa is arrayed in all His Glory!

Lets look at the beginning, Santa as we think of him way back when he was known as Saint Nicholas. His work and practice was supposed to be for good. But what have we done to him? Have we not made a God out of him? No? "A Santa here, A Santa there, A Here a Santa, there, a Santa, Everywhere A Santa!"

A Christmas store open the year around and who adorns the premise? A Nativity Scene? No! A large movable figure dressed in bright red, greets you at the store entrance. Then there's North Pole, with Santa's Village, Indians etc. Is not this a form of worship? "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me!" This is what God has told us, yet we actually place Santa on a throne, and worship him. Christmas means Christ's birthday, in which we celebrate the coming of a great and glorious King! Yet again, we pick out a coloring book for children, and it portrays Santa, His Reindeer Christmas trees, presents, every thing to do with the season, but where is Christ?

You buy a kit to spray glass wax on the window, again is Santa, his reindeers, bells; Oh, there might be an angel, and we might even find a chutch in the background.

What of the greed which has developed in this line of thinking? "Santa, Santa everywhere, Santa Santa in my hair. Santa won't you give to me all that I would want to see." "The Spirit of Santa." We might call it.

What of the Spirit of disappointment arising from this very being? A child goes to a department store and talks with Santa, sits on his lap and hears: Ho! Ho! Ho! We hear him say, and what would you like for Christmas. The child then proceeds with an unending list.

Be sure to stop often, appeal on the parent, to fill the child's request and to tell them Santa brought it in the present, as promised is not more than the parent has a real problem on their hands to explain to a tear swept face as to why Santa didn't fulfill his promise.

I wish we could return to the original Spirit of Christmas Christ in the Manger, a babe adored by the simple Shepherds from the field, adored by the Angels from the highest heavens. Men from the lowest earth, Voices from heaven and earth joining together in Praise to honor God at the birth of His Son Jesus Christ! A Holy, and somewhat of a Silent night in reverence and not in revelry. "Singing, Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, good will to men!"

Won't you join with me, and make this your Christmas prayer?

"Give me the true Spirit of Christmas, Lord, as was taught in Bethlehem that Holy Night, and Sing again "O Come O Come Emanuel, and ransom capture Israel!"

Hospital Notes

Kimberly Richardson was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital, Wednesday.

Mrs. Charlotte Caple, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged Thursday.

Mrs. Harold Tiffany, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged Thursday.

Bradley Graves, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Thursday.

Mrs. Ronald Kimball, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, was discharged Saturday.

John Dean Jr., a patient in Jones Memorial, was discharged Saturday.

Howard McAndrew, a surgical patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Everett M. Childs, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Monday.



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