

For more than two hundred years the words "Merry Christmas" have been a part of our American culture. These words of Good Cheer have been seen on countless greeting cards, storefront signs, and calendars, and have been heard on a similar number of radio songs, school plays, and TV shows. They have been spoken and heard by millions of people.

This special holiday greeting that recognizes the birth of Christ and the holiday that celebrates His birth has always been viewed as an innocent expression of goodwill to others. That is ... until now.

Why do these words bother so many people?

Third, these words "Merry Christmas" bother some people because they are words that honour the Lord Jesus Christ. As our society becomes more humanistic and pluralistic, it also becomes more materialistic. The words "Happy Holidays" seem to fit the activities of the season more than "Merry Christmas."

More liquor will be consumed, more debt will be piled, more suicides will be threatened, more domestic violence will be suffered, more depression will be suffered, and more ungodly sins will be committed at this time of year than at any other. Should it shock us that the name of Christ should trouble some?

First, these words "Merry Christmas" bother some people because they are words that have a religious connotation. In our increasingly humanistic society, any public mention of religion generates controversy. This is the result of two devilish deceptions that have been accepted by many.

One deception is the Godless so-called "theory of evolution" that directly contradicts the Genesis account of mankind's divine creation. The other deception is the so-called "separation of church and state" A phrase which supposedly is found in the U.S. constitution but most definitely is not.

Prophesied in Matthew 1:21,23

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for He shall save his people from their sins. Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Announced in Luke 2:10-11

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Second, these words "Merry Christmas" bother some people because they are words that emphasize one religion above others. As one segment of society becomes increasingly humanistic, another segment becomes increasingly pluralistic. Here again, two devilish deceptions come into view.

One deception is "all religions are the same." Of course, this is ridiculous, since some religions teach things that are the opposite of other religions. The other deception states "it is wrong to promote one religion over another. How absurd, since the superiority of Christianity can be statistically proven!

What is so wrong

with

"Merry Christmas"

