

Is Christmas just another holiday? If you looked at the television or listened to the radio you would definitely think so. Sure there are many Christmas specials and Christmas songs that are on the air, but take a close listen. Do you see or hear any mention of Jesus? For the most part, you will not. Listen to the holiday songs. Maybe one out of ten will mention Jesus, the rest will sing of snow, bells, sleighs and the holiday spirit.

Look at the decorations on your street. You'll find Santas, reindeer, toy soldiers and snowmen, but once again, you'll be hard pressed to find a nativity scene. In fact, in some cases, you might need to search harder to find Christmas trees in public places, even though the Christmas tree is a secular and not a religious symbol. Apparently, even a secular icon can be deemed inappropriate by some for merely have "Christmas" in its name.

Christ said we would be hated by the world because we are not of the world (John 17:14). We should not be afraid of those who can kill the body but not the soul (Matt 10:28). We have not been given a spirit of fear but of power (2 Tim 1:7). Christians do not have to give in to the secularizing of Christmas. Legally, we are protected by the First Amendment. No matter how much some people try to argue otherwise, Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ. You can as much have Christmas without Christ as you can have Martin Luther King Day without remembering, teaching, learning and speaking about Martin Luther King. The same is true of the presidents' birthdays, Columbus Day or any other day that commemorates a person. It IS appropriate for us to remember the birth of the most influential person that has ever lived on the face of the earth.

Let us boldly take back Christmas. Before it's too late.