

WHEN YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD BACKFIRES

UNSEEN CONSEQUENCES OF GOOD INTENTIONS

1. Our Mission

- a. To make all men see the fellowship of the mystery – Eph 3:9, 1 Tim 2:4, 2 Cor 5:20
- b. Besides being a Catholic superstition, Christmas is not a good tool for this
- c. Cards with fables: Jesus in a barn, three wise men, drummer boy - 1 Tim 4:7, 2 Tim 4:4
 - i. There is a reason Mary always wears blue, and that that she also has a halo
- d. Quote-mining cards: 'Joy', 'Peace', 'Hope' and quote Romans 15:13 are used as slogans
- e. More honest cards: wish the spirit of joy stays all year; because they know it is temporary
- f. Cards that backfire: teach wrong doctrine, lead people to wrong passages

2. Christ is Born!

- a. Jesus is born! Christ is born! Many mistake this for our gospel – Luke 2:10-11, Isa 9:6-7
- b. Immanuel meant God was with his nation Israel – Isa 7:14
- c. Jesus taught the prophetic acceptable year to Israel - Isaiah 61:1-3 / Luke 4:17
- d. Who knows that he was presented as king in Matthew and man in Luke?
- e. No one continues reading what Mary knew after Luke 2:20 – he was born under law Gal 4:4
- f. Again salvation is presented, but it is not yours – Luke 2:25-32 compare to Luke 1:68-69
- g. You will not find a Christmas card that has a bloody cross on it, or an empty tomb

3. Joy to the World

- a. Isaac Watts wrote it to teach doctrine, originally called *The Messiah's Coming and Kingdom*
- b. Psalm 98:1-4, 98:9 – come to judge and make war; this is not his first coming
- c. Nobody knows the history, nobody knows the doctrine; but the card and song does not help.

4. A Child Shall Lead Them

- a. "a child shall lead them" – This is the kingdom on earth, the child is not Jesus -Isa 11:1,4, 6
- b. The disciples forsook all (families, careers, etc.) to follow him - Luke 5:10-11, Mat 19:28-30
- c. He taught the law of Moses in his healing messages (Benny Hinn does not) – Luke 5:13-14
- d. He gave them power to heal the sick, and not take money - Luke 9:1-3, but...Luke 22:35-37

5. Where Two or Three are Gathered

- a. Family time is good, all year round – no need to use wrong doctrine, or pretense to do it.
- b. Where are two or three are gathered is about binding and loosing - Matthew 18:2
- c. The assembling here is not even referring to parties and such - Heb 10:25, but 10:26-27

6. A Gift from Heaven

- a. Every good gift come from the father of Lights - James 1:17
- b. The gift here is not Jesus in the manger, but the holy Spirit was given – Heb 6:4
- c. James teaches the law in every chapter!
- d. The gift was not the baby in a cradle, but life from the cross.