

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Whoa, whoa, whoa, how about putting the “**breaks on**”! First, it was right after Thanksgiving Day and what the shopping malls might call “**Black Friday**” and the shopping malls became full of “**Christmas Items**”! Second, it was right after the joyful celebration of Halloween by the children in our society and the shopping malls became full of “**Christmas Items**”! Third, it has become obvious that the shopping malls are now even beginning the on slot, before Thanksgiving Day, before Halloween, yes even earlier than Halloween, and the shopping malls have become full of “**Christmas Items**”!

Yes, there they are in plain view, Christmas Cards, Christmas Decorations, Christmas Lights, and even some forms of Christmas Deals to encourage those entering a shopping mall to **begin thinking Christmas**, and all of this occurring long before---what month is it that we celebrate Christmas---o yes, **December!**

Whoa, whoa, whoa, how about putting the “**breaks on**”! Yes, it makes a person want to say “**what gives**”?

Well, here is a thought the “**motivation**” for these early Christmas yearnings by the shopping malls may be “**just a tad**” off the “**mark**”!!!

However, the results which seem to be moving us closer and closer to an “**every day**” is “**Christmas Day**” kind of a mentality at least at the shopping mall might be “**right on target**”!!!

Yes indeed, “**CHRISTMAS DAY**” “**every day**” does “**hit the mark**” not so much from a secular point of view but from a “**SPIRITUAL**” point of view!!!

First, **CHRISTMAS** is really about the amazing wonder of **GOD’S GRACIOUS LOVE** for us as children in the Family of God!!!

Second, **CHRISTMAS** is really about how **GOD** has revealed **GOD’S GRACIOUS LOVE** to us through the very special **GIFT** of baby **JESUS** born in Bethlehem, announced by angels and found lying in a manger by shepherds!!!

Third, **CHRISTMAS** is inseparably link to **EASTER**!!! **EASTER** is highlighted by the earthly death of **JESUS** on what we have called **GOOD FRIDAY** and the **CRUCIFIXION** followed three days later by the **EMPTY TOMB** and the **RESURRECTION** of **JESUS**!!!

Here is the thing; the shopping malls may be closer than we think, not so much from a secular point of view, but from a “**SPIRITUAL**” point of view!!!

GOD’S GRACIOUS LOVE is available to each and every one of us and **GOD’S GRACIOUS LOVE** is available to each and every one of us each and every day!!!

Yes indeed, we as children in the Family of God have every reason to carry **CHRISTMAS** in our **HEARTS** each and every day!!!

Clearly, we are not talking Christmas Cards, Christmas Decorations, Christmas Lights, or some form of Christmas Deal; we are talking here about **CHRISTMAS LOVE**, which is a precious gift from **GOD** offered and available to each and every one of us each and every day!!!

Love in Christ,

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