

CHRISTMAS TIME

Christmas time is a wonderful time to discover who we really are. It the time when all our addictions come into full bloom.

Those who are addicted to alcohol or drugs will find that it a great occasion to over-indulge.

Those who are addicted to things, will be focused on what new things they will soon be getting.

Those who are addicted to shopping with have neat excuses for shopping.

Those who are addicted to excitement and merriment will party until dawn's early light.

Those who are addicted to sweets will eat sweets and those who are addicted to food will discover new delectable tastes.... and likely gain weight ...again.

Those who are addicted to pleasing people, will grow frantic in pleasing people while those who find happiness with busy-ness will be very exceedingly busy.

All of these addicts have one thing in common; they all know that they really are NOT ADDICTED to alcohol, or things, or sweets, or excitement. They all know that they are in control and that they just 'LIKE' to..... whatever-it-is.....

And so they will once again over-indulge in.... whatever-it-is.... [and pay the piper later]. Of course, [*heh, heh,*] none of them [more specifically *none of us, gulp*] are really addicted to... *whatever-it-is*.....

Of course, those who are addicted to Jesus, will find that this season is particularly meaningful and sweet as they dwell on His great love manifested by His arrival over two thousand years ago. Somehow HE is particularly close those who are addicted to HIM during this season. He seems to be interested in our other addictions and if the truth were told, He is the only one who can free us from all those other addictions. That

is why He came in the first place; that is why He slips into our lives particularly in this season.

While it is true that we can [*and often do*] exchange one addiction for another, we only find true freedom in Him, for “whom the Son sets free is free indeed.”

So, while you rush through this Christmas season, you can discover what your addictions are, if you really want to know. And in all that you are doing, save a little time to be celebrating His birthday for in His birthday we are also born.... born into His eternal life. For a few short years we remain addicts to all kind of things as well as to HIM but

there is coming a day when that union will be complete

and in that completeness we will no longer seek to complete ourselves

with our various foolish addictions.

Let's be a little honest about our addictions in this Christmas Season and let Christ lift us out into His freedom. **This year Celebrate Christmas by Celebrating Christ.**

Rich blessings to you and yours,

George

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