



SEEING CHRISTmas

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LIFE WITHOUT CHRIST

Romans 1:20-31 (NOG) *20 From the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly observed in what he made. As a result, people have no excuse. They knew God but did not praise and thank him for being God. Instead, their . . . minds were plunged into darkness 28 Because they thought it was worthless to acknowledge God, God allowed their own immoral minds to control them . . . their lives are filled with all kinds of sexual sins, wickedness, and greed. They are mean. They are filled with envy, murder, quarreling, deceit . . . they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God They don't obey their parents, don't have any sense, don't keep promises, and don't show love to their own families or mercy to others.*

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Psalm 23:1-6 (NKJV) *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me. All the days of my life; I dwell in the house of the Lord.*

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From the moment of Jesus's birth, Satan was on a mission to remove Christ from our lives. He doesn't want us to see Christ.

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- In the last 55 years the court has removed prayer and Bible reading from classrooms and public institutions.
- The 10 Commandments have been removed from parks, schools, and courthouses.
- Statements like "In God We Trust" and "One Nation Under God" have come under massive attack.
- Even the word "Christmas" is now offensive. We should say, "Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings, or Merry X-mas!"

Anything, as long as we don't have to see the word "CHRIST."
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There was a time that I was not living for Jesus. I got hurt in the church and I didn't want anything to do with God. My grandmother had this goofy looking sign in her home; and I didn't understand what it said. I didn't want anything to do with God, yet God was still reaching out to me.

- I was in a car accident that I should have died in.
- I was in a bar—guy looks at me—you shouldn't be here.
- I was in a bad drug deal—gun pointed at me.
- Friends were inviting me to church. God sent people.
- I went reluctantly and the minister had a word for me.

I had a past, I made wrong choices, I lost my way, I got bound in addiction, depressed, loney, and experienced darkness.

I had a bunch of questions. Jesus where are you! If you are real, where are you? **All I had to do to see Jesus was simply change my focus.**

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He was there! He will never leave you. He will always be there trying to help you recover your life.
