

Heart to Heart...

Live the Adventure

I've seen several people posting on their facebook status about the stress of Christmas shopping. As much as I love the tradition of giving and receiving gifts I always find it odd when people are "stressed out" about the shopping. Where there is worry and stress there is not the Spirit of Christ. When Christians are worried and stressed about Christmas shopping, rather than focusing on how we show the peace and love of Christ, something is wrong.

We can argue theology about whether or not Christmas is really the celebration of Christ's birth, whether He was really born in December or not, and whether the American traditions we enjoy are really pagan rituals. In the end I am taken by Romans 14:5-6. Some will celebrate the day to honor the Lord. If we take this approach, that we want to honor Jesus, then does it really matter that we have a tree, or presents even? We are not to judge this one way or the other, we are simply to know why we are celebrating.

So don't stress about Christmas shopping, and keep the main thing the main thing.

Have fun and enjoy the fact that Christ was born for you!

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Romans 14:5-6 (The Message)

⁵Or, say, one person thinks that some days should be set aside as holy and another thinks that each day is pretty much like any other. There are good reasons either way. So, each person is free to follow the convictions of conscience.

⁶⁻⁹What's important in all this is that if you keep a holy day, keep it for God's sake; if you eat meat, eat it to the glory of God and thank God for prime rib; if you're a vegetarian, eat vegetables to the glory of God and thank God for broccoli. None of us are permitted to insist on our own way in these matters. It's God we are answerable to—all the way from life to death and everything in between—not each other. That's why Jesus lived and died and then lived again: so that he could be our Master across the entire range of life and death, and free us from the petty tyrannies of each other.