



### **Winning The World Through Heads of Households**

*"And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household." Acts 16:31*

### **Discipling The World Through Families**

*"And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the Gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord" Joshua 24:15*

### **Christmas Attachments...**

- 1. Christmas Trivia Test**
- 2. Christmas Test Abridged**
- 3. Christmas Test - Top Ten**
- 4. Christmas Time Line**
- 5. The Candy Cane**
- 6. Christmas Carols and the Word of God**
- 7. How To Make The Most Of The Christmas Party Games**
- 8. Twas The Night...**

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[????????? ?????? \(Russian Bible Studies and Quiet Times\)](http://gciweb.org/2011/06/%d1%80%d0%be%d1%81%d1%81%d0%b8%d0%b9%d1%81%d0%ba%d0%b8%d0%b5/)

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[Les Matériaux en Français \(French Bible Studies and Quiet Times\)](http://gciweb.org/2011/06/les-materials-en-francais/) <http://gciweb.org/2011/06/les-materials-en-francais/>

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### **A Short Note From Rev. Mahon...**

In this week's Resource Dispatch you will be receiving items which will help you keep Christ in your Christmas. For us, this is the time when our evangelistic sowing turns to reaping. We take New Testaments and outreach books such as Lee Stroble's "Case For Christ" and Josh McDowell's "Who Moved The Stone?" to merchants with whom we have been developing relationships throughout the year.

By the front door are our usual New Testaments with Four Spiritual Laws inserted but also the above two books, plus others with an evangelistic Christmas theme. Also we keep a box of Candy Canes with the story of the Candy Cane attached. Everyone who comes to our front door receives a bottled water or soft drink, a book and a Candy Cane. We keep these in both Spanish and English. All deliverymen, repairmen, meter readers or workmen receive these. Many who have received them in the past ask for copies for their office break room or family members. I always remind my fellow Christians that it is not the supermarket, the shopping center, city government, nor the local merchant's responsibility to keep Christ in Christmas, but rather it is the responsibility of the Church and every believer has an individual responsibility as well.

Starting with the New Year the Resource Dispatch will present you with a series of materials dealing with superstitions. There will be a whole series of Daily Mediations for your consideration on this subject. Unfortunately the season of the celebration of the birth of Christ is rife with superstition so technically this Christmas Resource Dispatch qualifies in part. I would encourage you to use the tools provided to draw you to the revelation of the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God as the doctrines and facts surround Christ's birth and away from superstitions.

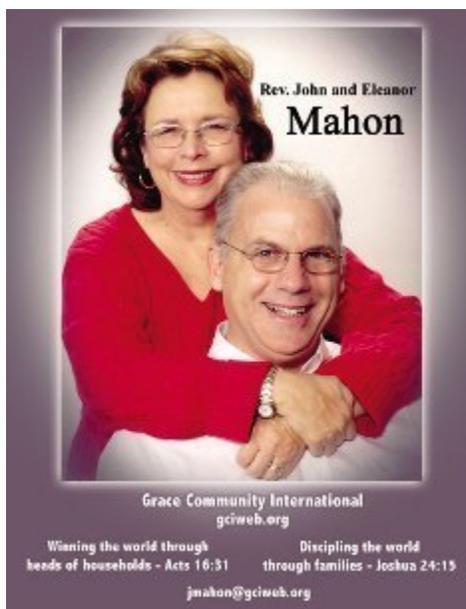
I still look for the day when angels will be depicted not as effeminate Roman demon spirits with long hair and stork-like wings but rather in conformity to the written Word of God. I look for the day when pastors will refrain from delving in their sermons to superstitious beliefs concerning the Magi, (including that the teaching that the Bible says there were three), presenting mythological names as if given in holy Scripture and

the teaching the supposed spiritual significance of their gifts, again as if done so with Scriptural authority. I look for the day when church pageants will refrain from erroneously depicting the shepherds, the magi, the star and the angels as being part of one simultaneous event during the night of Christ's birth. I look for the day when Christian Bookstores will refuse to sell Christmas CDs and DVDs produced by the godless demonic Mormon cult. I look for the day when Christian bookstores will refuse to sell Christmas CDs and DVDs when produced or sung by immoral and/or alcoholic and/or drug addicted pagan rock stars, country western stars and the like. I look for the day when congregations will no longer be satisfied with simplistic, apocryphal and mythological Christmas stories but rather yearn for and study the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God, that they might know the truth.

If these statements startle you then let me encourage you to go through the Christmas Trivia Test - but be warned, some are so committed to their superstitions that to bring the light of Scripture upon them results in anger. I receive at this time of the year more than one email from those who relate angry parishioners complaining to their pastor when the superstitions of the seasons are exposed by the Word of God.

It is my hope that these tools will be a blessing to you, to your ministry and to your family.

By His mercy,  
II Corinthians 4:1  
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Please allow me to close with dispatch with a hymn from my prayer notebook that has been especially meaningful to me...

*(Psalms 104:33-34 "I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. Let my meditation be pleasing to Him; As for me, I shall be glad in the LORD.")*

**Link to music/tune for this hymn: <http://nethymnal.org/htm/o/c/ocomeayf.htm>**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain*

*O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.*

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,  
Lo, He shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

*Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

*Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

*Refrain*