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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16).

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Tis The Season

Tis the season to be jolly.... Really, are you sure it is not Tis the season to push, bump, shove, kick, hit, slap, spit, claw, scratch, threaten, use pepper spray, etc – all to show our good will toward our fellow man? Tis the season to be cut off in traffic and to have someone scream at you because you didn't drive well enough to suit his or her taste. Christmas tends to bring out the worst in some folks. It seems ironic when you consider the talk of the season is peace on earth and good will toward men.

Why is it that folks act like they have lost their common sense? Why do they panic and get frantic when it comes to buying gifts? Why do they spend such an exorbitant amount of money? What is it about this holiday that is so different from all of the others?

Christmas is a long standing tradition in many homes. We have memories of grandparents and parents sharing the Christmas cheer. But somewhere along the way the commercial aspects have gone wild. We have stores with sales galore, and people savoring every shopping minute they can to fulfill those wish lists. Roads and stores are crowded because people feel obligated to buy gifts. But yet, something is missing.

There is an aspect that one wishes the church could find; and that is the good will and love among brethren. That spirit of love and good will is hard to find in this world, and unfortunately it is often lacking in too many congregations.

Did not the apostle John warn about those who would seek to be upright before God, but did not love their brethren? (1 John 2:9-11; 4:20). We need that peace on earth and good will toward all men, but especially in the Lord's church. Should that not be highly evident among the children of God?

How we react to events says a lot about our personality and character. Christians should exhibit a peace and good will toward men throughout the entire year. We don't need a specified season to demonstrate the love of Christ.

Jesus once remarked that people would know us by our love (John 13:34-35). It is hard to relate to that when you think of the way some people act in this season. May we not find ourselves getting caught up in the ridiculous actions and antics of others. Remember, we are representatives of Christ. We call ourselves, Christians. We need to act like the name we use.