



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

## Christmas Without Christ

*When I was a teenager, I was at a friend's house playing Monopoly. His parents landed on Chance so they took a card. Watching them, they suddenly ripped up the card and threw it away. I thought to myself poor sportsmanship. Then they explained that the card listed "Pay \$25 ....for Xmas fund." They said, "Anything that leaves Christ out of Christmas is not worth having."*

*Today in December, there are very little signs of the Christ of Christmas on the radio, TV, in school concerts, company parties, or at the malls. Santa Claus has replaced the manger. Meaningless songs have replaced the favorite carols. Christ is being X'd out of Christmas.*

*Christmas is the day that the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace humbled Himself and became flesh. He was born as a baby in a manger so that man would have a way to heaven. Let us celebrate this true reason for the season.*

*"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior,  
which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11*

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