

# **The War On Christmas**

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### **Matthew 10:32-33 (Living)**

"If anyone publicly acknowledges me as his friend, I will openly acknowledge him as my friend before my Father in heaven. [33] But if anyone publicly denies me, I will openly deny him before my Father in heaven.

I just finished reading a book entitled, "**The War On Christmas**" which was written by **John Gibson** who works for the Fox News Network.

Let me give you a few examples that John Gibson gives in his book about what has been happening in America over the last few years in the war on Christmas.

**In Chapter One**, he tells about how a school district in Covington, Georgia, in December 2000, announced their intention to use the word "Christmas" on the school calendar. To the school board it was nothing more than correctly identifying the Christmas vacation period, but to the ACLU the mere designation of that particular two-week break from classes in school as a Christmas vacation was an unconstitutional entanglement of church and state.

A few years earlier the school board had changed the name of the Christmas break to winter break. But now a member of the school board wanted to change it back to Christmas break because he said that is really what it is.

Someone informed the ACLU about it and said he or she was offended by this. So the ACLU sent a lawyer who appeared before the school board and told them that the use of the word "Christmas" on the school calendar to describe the December vacation, which usually and normally and typically is taken so Christians may observe the Christmas holiday, was, in the ACLU's term, "Unconstitutional.

The truth was....the school district was certainly letting school children out of school during the two weeks of December that included Christmas Day, and no one was confused as to what the break really was.

Nonetheless, the ACLU saw great danger in admitting on the school calendar why exactly it was that children would not be attending school for those ten days at the end of December. The ACLU was asking people to ignore the obvious, to pretend that they did not know why the school break was taking place.

The truth is, schools observe a Christmas holiday because according to various polls, 84 to 90 percent of Americans are Christians and 96 percent of Americans celebrate Christmas. The Jewish population in America is 1.3 percent and the Muslim population is less than half of that. If they tried to have school on Christmas, no one would come. America is overwhelmingly a Christian nation, founded by Christians.

The man on the Covington School Board who wanted to change the name of the December holidays from “Winter Break” to “Christmas Break” made the “terrible” mistake of saying that at a board meeting and the ACLU lawyer used his remark to accuse him of wanting to change the name to promote Christianity. The school board lawyer advised the school board that they might lose if they took the case to court so they decided to drop it. They didn’t have the money in the school budget to pay the court casts if they lost.

So you won’t find the word Christmas on the Covington school calendar.