

## **Are You “Snow Globing” Or “Snow Manning” Jesus?**

As we enter 2020, I want to ask you about your relationship with Jesus. How serious are you about serving Him, living the Christian life, and proclaiming His word?

Recently I came across two articles using the words "Snow Globing" and "Snow Manning." They piqued my interest since I have not heard of those words used in connection with relationships. In the article I was reading "Snow Globing" refers to someone who uses the holiday season to start a relationship, insert romance, so as to have someone to spend the holidays with and perhaps get a nice gift from. In short, it means to use someone during the holiday season to make you feel better about yourself. Once the holiday is over the relationship ends. Similarly, "snow manning" means to flirt with someone for a limited time only to end it when it gets old or boring. Again, this happens during the Holiday season as people don't want to be alone for Christmas and New Years Day.

This made me think about how people treat Jesus. During the Holiday season people tend to be nicer and talk more about God, Jesus, and religion. Church attendance goes up and resolutions are made which may include reading your Bible more, going to worship services, and just being a better Christian. But once the tree and decorations are taken down the relationship with Jesus is nicely packed away until a later holiday.

This doesn't have to happen just during the Christmas season either. Easter rolls around and people talk about the resurrection of Jesus. They dress up, go to worship services and then go back to their regular non-religious lives until Thanksgiving. But it doesn't have to be just the Holidays either. We may have that flirtatious relationship with Jesus on

our birthdays as we mark off another year on the calendar. But once the candles are blown out so goes our interest in our Bible.

The death of a loved one can cause people to "Snow Globe" or "Snow Man" Jesus. I remember an elderly Christian man who passed away and I was getting ready to preach his funeral. His grandson rang the doorbell. He was not a Christian but wanted to get with me after the funeral and talk. I was excited at the prospect of studying with this young man only to approach him after the funeral and be told he was really busy and would have to get back to me later.

For those Christians out there I would challenge you to read your Bible daily, be like those people at Berea, "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." (Acts 17:11) Seek the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul as Jesus said, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' (Matthew 22:36-37) Attend every service you possibly can in 2020 in order to worship God, encourage your brethren, and become more spiritually minded. "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25) Live for the coming of the Lord. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness." (2 Peter 3:10-11) - - Dennis Tucker