DOES THE WORLD NEED MORE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT OR SPIRIT OF CHRIST?

1 Peter 1:3-12

1. DECORATIONS vs. DEDICATION

- Adornment vs. godliness
 - 1 Peter 3:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:9-10; Titus 2:10
- Pageantry vs. genuineness
 - Matthew 6:1; 23:25-32

- Appearances vs. substance
 - 2 Corinthians 5:12; 10:7; 11:13-15

2. SEASONAL VS. ETERNAL

- Short-lived vs. nonstop
 - John 4:13-15

- Lopsided vs. balanced
 - 2 Timothy 4:2
- Dimmable vs. iridescent
 - Galatians 6:8-9; Matthew 23:23

3. GOOD PRESENTS vs. GOD'S PRESENCE

- Earthly vs. heavenly
 - Luke 11:11-13; James 1:17

- Knockoffs vs. original
 - Hebrews 9:24; Colossians 2:17

- Fragile vs. unbreakable
 - Matthew 6:19-20

4. HAPPY ENDINGS vs. NEW BEGINNINGS

- Awakening vs. rebirth
 - John 2:23-25; 3:1-6; 7:50-51; 19:39

- Finale vs. sequel
 - Acts 1:9-11; Ephesians 2:10; 3:21

- Classic vs. remake
 - 2 Corinthians 5:16-17; Romans 6:4; 7:6

5. IMAGINATION vs. OBLIGATION

- Silent vs. specific
 - Proverbs 30:5-6; Luke 1:51; 1 Peter 4:11

- Innovation vs. adherence
 - Exodus 32:4-6; Leviticus 10:1-2

- Artificial vs. real
 - Jeremiah 10:3-5, 8, 10, 23

TO BE SAVED

- HEAR the gospel and discover how Jesus saves (Mark 4:20)
- BELIEVE in Jesus, trust He is the Lord and Christ (John 14:11)
- REPENT of sin by changing your mind, then behavior (Acts 3:19)
- CONFESS with your mouth to men that Jesus is Savior (Luke 12:8)
- BE IMMERSED (baptized) in water for remission of sins (Acts 8:38)

TO BE FAITHFUL

- Be STEADFAST in loyalty to Christ (1 Timothy 6:12)
- Abound in good WORKS of God (Ephesians 2:10)
- Hold to SOUND teaching (Colossians 1:28)

TO BE RESTORED

- REPENT of sin by changing your mind, then behavior (Acts 8:22)
- PRAY for God to forgive the sin of which you've repented (Acts 8:22)
- CONFESS sin to God
 (1 John 1:9), & perhaps to your brethren (James 5:16)