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When the news reported years ago that singer Andy Williams had died, I got a lump in my throat. Not that I was a huge Andy Williams fan. I don't own any of his albums. It's just that Andy Williams was one of the television stars that always had a Christmas special when I was a kid. Like most Americans, our family loved to watch all the Christmas specials,

selecting them from our vast array of three channels, and Andy Williams was one of the best, year after year. His voice was amazing. He would always sing, 'It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year.'

Until recently, Christmas has always held a special place in the hearts of most Americans. Maybe it still does to some degree, but it's hard to tell with all the political correctness sweeping our land. We are told we might offend non-Christians if we talk about Christmas too much. We have moved into a generic "Holiday" celebration.

Many people have also succumbed to multiculturalism, which basically teaches that all cultures are morally equally, so to elevate Christmas above other religious holidays would offend other cultures. What a bunch of Hogwash. It's a shame what the politically correct crowd has tried to do with Christmas in our country.

My growing up years was in the 1960s and '70s. In addition to the Andy Williams special, our family also made it a point to enjoy A Charlie Brown Christmas, my dad never missed it each year. Through the loveable cartoon characters from the peanuts series, the real reason for Christmas is presented when, at the school play rehearsal, Linus tells Charlie Brown he knows the real reason for Christmas and goes on stage in front of the spot-light and quotes from the Scriptures:

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you this day in the City of David a Savior, this is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in Manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a

multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill towards me"(Luke 28 2: 8-14).

Then Linus looks at Charlie and says, "...and that's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown."

*Hats off to the late Charles Shultz, creator of the Peanuts series, for making this the main point of the 30-minute **A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS**. There's no way a show that quoted that much Bible could ever make it on network television today if it were not already an established and much anticipated special each year. I guess they know viewers would revolt if Charlie and friends didn't make their annual Christmas Visit.*

Let's keep Christmas in America and let's keep Christ in Christmas in Christmas. As Christians, we need to continue to use the Christmas Season to share with the world around us the real reason for the celebration.

**Our Men's group ordered Christmas buttons for AFR and which say "JESUS HE CAME FOR YOU" and you wear them in public and when someone ask or say's they like your button, you take it off and give it to them.*

**Why not check the local area you live in and sponsor a child for Christmas, buy a present for them.*

**Find a Church to attend on Christmas Eve Service.*

**When you are setting around this Christmas with the family, go around the room and ask them to tell you what they are thankful at Christmas this year.*

** Read to your kids and grandkids the real Christmas story of Hope, Peace, and Love.*

** And last but the most important use the power inside of you, Pray, Pray for others, Pray for family, Pray for our Country, Pray for tomorrow, Pray for Christ for all the many blessing in your life.*

Have a Merry Christmas Jeff Metcalf