



Well, I guess you survived another “black Friday” again this year. Millions of people around the country stood in thousands of lines to get the best deal on that new television a little more gynomous than the one they bought two years ago. Bargain hunters endured snarled parking lots and roadways just so that they could wade through throngs of people for a new phone or other techno-gadget that will be out of date before New Years day. There was even a long line at Kohl’s awaiting their midnight opening. It’s hard to believe people get all that excited about a deal on shoes, shirts and sheets! What makes this even more amazing to me is that on a day off when people could take it easy they either stayed up late or got up early (or both) to take advantage of these bargains.

And add to that the fact that some of these shoppers had just recently ate sixteen pounds of turkey in four days, three states, and two time zones! If these are not in a daze they should be. All of these headed home tired but somehow triumphant. Amazing! All of this mayhem makes me think that some will be “shopping” for Christ this Christmas.

They will go here and there trying to find Him in one church or another. They may seek the manged child in plays and programs. Christmas shoppers might look for Jesus in carols or cards, festivities or feasts. Some will try to “buy” their bargain Jesus by throwing some coins or cash into a bucket or offering plate thinking this will somehow gain them merit in eternity. Many will come home tired but not triumphant.

My friends, let us never forget that Jesus is not a special bargain that must be diligently sought out. I Corinthians 9:17 says, “Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift.” The Lord is a present not a pursuit. He is available not illusive. Seek and you will find Him without the shopping daze.

Looking Up,
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