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Greetings in The Lord,

What kind of Christian are you?. The body of Christ is made up of a lot of "cafeteria Christians". That's right. Folks who want to go down the line and pick and choose what they want from a "believer's buffet". Well, I'm here to tell you, in this month we celebrate God coming to us as man, that He wants us to partake of the entire supper. For instance, there are "New Testament" Churches, and "Christians" who believe that the Old Testament is more or less obsolete. Do they not get that the prophecy in the Old Testament realized in the times of the New Testament is crucial to the Gospel message?

Then there are those who have a problem with the Trinitarian doctrine. Well, if you can't wrap your head around that one, then faith is an abstract that may elude you forever.

How about folks that have put forth silly arguments in conversation with you such as "If God is so great, then why can't he give each of us what we believe in when we die?" Can I go through that buffet line for seconds, please? Colossians 2:8 says "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ". The root word of Christian, and of Christmas, is Christ.

During this most precious time of year, stand up for what you believe in. We, as members of Christ's church, must think in terms of "totals" while others struggle from the viewpoint of "bits and pieces". Some people are weak and easier move away from traditional values, picking and choosing their values to partake of and make their own. It's up to us to always offer the full menu, setting a complete table for the Lord.

This month's sermon on Sunday the 7th will be on the Holy Spirit. AngelFood orders are due on the previous Friday (the 5th), with distribution on the morning of the 20th. Tanya, Sean and I will host open house at our home on Christmas Eve from 4-9 PM with food, music, prayer and fellowship. All are welcome any part of the time that evening. If you would like an "adult" drink, you are welcome to bring your own. Bring a friend, or someone who might otherwise be alone that night. If anyone you know needs Communion, a Christmas message, sick call or Pastoral Counseling during the holidays, please let me know. I will go to them. Next month I will be writing to you about the United States Corps of Chaplains and the important work they are doing. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Alex

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