

The Story Behind Merry Xmas

Dear Friend:

Ready or not, here it comes, just around the corner: Xmas! How many times during the season do you see Xmas instead of Christmas? For some people, just one time is one time too many. I don't like it either, but I am not too bothered by it. I prefer Christmas over Xmas, but I can live with it. I know... many people say, "Xmas takes Christ out of Christmas." Not really!

X stands for Christ. X is the first letter in the name Christ – in Greek. Christ in Greek is spelled Xristos. Persecution of Christians began in earnest in the first century A.D. Christians did not know who to trust so they worked out a secret identification, "a code". The code was "X", which stood for Christ. If you were set-up to meet someone who was supposed to be a Christian and they didn't know the code for Christ (X), you didn't trust them. Another secret code was a picture of a fish with the letters drawn inside the fish of XITHUS. Each of those letters represent the first letters in Jesus Christ God, Son Savior.

Back to the "X", Christ. Do I believe that all the people – particularly businesses, that write Xmas, know that X represents the Greek word for Christ? No way. Do I wish our society would connect Christ always with Christmas? Yes, I do, but for now I just remember every time I see Xmas, it is Christmas!

Merry Xmas (I mean Christmas),

Pastor Mike

Prayers: Tornado Storm Recovery, Christmas Program Participants, Missions Hostages Freedom_

Events:

- Sunday, December 19th: Christmas Program