

## Pastor's Weekly Devotional (December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

One of the most popular movies is Dr. Seuss' children's tale: "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas." It is the story of a miserable Grinch who tries to steal the joy of the Christmas season from the Whos in Whoville.

The Grinch personifies all those who view Christmas with disdain. He joins a long list of people who, like Scrooge, find Christmas a cause to grumble.

Each Christmas season, the Grinches appear and make themselves heard. They complain about the term "Merry Christmas" and want "Happy Holidays" instead. They want the manger scene to be removed and replaced by the words "Seasons Greetings." They protest, object and accuse. Everything about Christmas infuriates them.

It is not the cultural celebration of Christmas nor the overextravagance that infuriates them; rather their anger is over the story of Christmas – that God sent His Son, the Christ Child in the person of Jesus Christ

But this is not new. King Herod was the original Grinch who wanted to stop Christmas in its tracks. He was the first organized opposition to Jesus. Herod was afraid that the Christ Child would somehow threaten his own position – and he was right. The Christ Child is no longer in a manger, He is Lord.

So, here are a few thoughts:

- Avoid becoming "little Herods" and Christmas Grinches
- Those protesting Christmas need the Christ of Christmas the most
- Christmas Grinches are not God's enemies. He loves them also.

Don't be a Grinch this Christmas! Make somebody's life beautiful.

Have a blessed week!

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