“Come On Aussie Come On”

Why is it at Christmas people are more loving? We tolerate the in laws & family, we show compassion for the poor, give additional food, presents and money to people we have never met before. We greet neighbours and almost any random person with a merry Christmas and a smile. We go out of our way to invite people we don’t even know to BBQ’s, parties, play street cricket and have water fights with the kids. We share our merry cheer and charge a glass and bar humbug anyone in joyful jest who does not agree, until we get a smile ☺ . We change our music selection to everything Holy Holy and Joyful Joyful. But come Mid-January Joyful Joyful becomes the same old same old and try kissing someone standing under the mistletoe and you may just get arrested.

Well bugger it I say! Why can’t we have that cheer all year long? Why can’t we give to the poor, have more BBQ’s, play more cricket and on water wise days have more good old fashioned neighbourhood water fights. Think of it! we could have the odd numbered houses against the even numbers. We could do random acts of kindness all year long. Making every day the season to be jolly. Well……. why not?

The birth of Jesus is the gift of such love and joy. The trick is don’t pack Jesus up and put him in the cupboard with the tree. Keep Him out! like every new gift get to know him, hang out with Him and by Easter time that Joy, that Cheer, that Love, you have experienced can be fulfilled into the all-day every day. And even on the tough days, even when the world seems to be against us we can have peace and joy in knowing that nothing! Yes nothing can separate us from the love of God. So what are you waiting for? Yes right now phone someone and share the love, book a BBQ with the neighbours. May your house, your street, your workplace, your school be filled with love, joy and peace all year long.

Bible Reading - John 3

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