INTRODUCTION

- The world is taking God out of government and schools and replacing Him with humanism and naturalism
- The world is replacing Sunday – once a day of rest, with just another work day
- The world is taking Christ out of B.C. (Before Christ) and replacing it with B.C.E (Before Common Era)
- The world is taking CHRIST out of CHRISTMAS and replacing it with Happy Holidays
- What can we Christians do about these once sacrosanct issues?
  A. We can do nothing
  B. We can whine and complain
  C. We can be confrontational
  D. Or we can do what the early church did – don’t worry about the secondary issues – but stay focused on the essentials
    - Honor God by obeying His word in every aspect of life
    - Love thy neighbor as thyself and defend the weak
    - Seek Righteousness and Justice (Psalms 97:2b)
    - Contend with evil (Pr 28:4) with gentleness (2Tim 2:24-25)
    - Contend for the faith (Jude 1:3)
    - Be devoted to prayer (Col 4:2)
    - …and let God be God (‘Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done’)