

The "**SPIRIT**" BEHIND **CHRISTMAS**

Introduction:

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To the Elders in the Faith;

Praise the Lord and God bless you on this day. We are called as "Elders" in the faith to stand on and represent the principles concerning the Kingdom of God. I address this cover letter to all men that are "called" by our Heavenly Father to represent the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. We live in a day where the scriptures expressly tell us of perilous times and where doctrines of devils and seducing spirits will lead beloved saints FROM the faith once delivered unto them. We are called as Elders to Shepherd the flock and take oversight (Bishop Ministry) which protects the soul from such deception.

We must remember to not "substitute" views, opinions, emotions or feelings, for Paul warned us in Col.2:8 about how men would spoil the saints with traditions, vain deceits and philosophies which are after the rudiments of the world and NOT after Christ. Jesus Christ himself warned his disciples about the leaven of Pharisees (men's doctrines, views and opinions) which made the Holy Word of God of none effect (Mt.15:1-10 and Mt.16:1-3) It is therefore of the utmost reverence and fear of the living God that we as men of God should by all means speak truth and only truth, of which there is only one truth and that is the Word of God. "Shall we now persuade men or God? Should we please men? If we please men then we should NOT be the servants of Jesus Christ". Sound like strong words? Read Gal.1:10

You have heard much, I am sure, these last few years about different aspects of the Christmas Holiday. I would ask you all in Jesus precious name to please read this in detail and with an open heart. Everything spoken is FACTUAL TRUTH and SPIRITUAL TRUTH. The "Spirit" behind this, which you will read about as it is exposed, is one of blasphemy, lasciviousness and sexual perversion. The question is, what will we do with it? Jesus said in Luke 6:46, "Why do you call me Lord, Lord, yet do not the things I say"? If we truly love Jesus we will keep HIS word and offer no strange fire before HIM.

Now to you men of God out there who stand before the children of God as faithful shepherds and Elders, this I ask. As Born-Again, spirit-filled men of God, would you allow someone in your church to: Pray the Rosary? I pray not—you would bring correction. Would you allow someone to Pray to Mary, pray the dead OUT of Purgatory, pray to saints, pray to IDOLS allow someone to lift up the Pope as the vicar of Christ in the earth? I pray not—you would bring correction. WHY would you then allow someone to observe Christmas? It comes from the SAME church!! The SAME spirit!! The SAME roots as the Rosary, Mary worship, Purgatory, Idols. Why would you not allow all the others but EXPLAIN away Christmas?

Think about it. Obedience is better than sacrifice. Do you fear men or God? Speak truth I pray, unto the saints and set them free.. If we are called to speak and live on the Word of God, then why do we observe this thing called Christmas, when it was never recorded, observed or mentioned in the Bible? Since when are we as men of God to bring things to our beloved brethren that are not founded or built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ who is the Word of God? I desire to be a wise-masterbuilder (I Cor.3) and I will take heed to how I build. There are no views and opinions here. The Pharisees (Religious Elders) stood on the street corners every day beckoning people with the love of God.. These are the very ones who ended up gnashing their teeth and crucifying the Lord Jesus Christ. In John 8:40-44, they were the ones who said their father was God in heaven, yet Jesus said their father was the devil! Who is our Father, I pray we know? It was in John 6:66 (666-the number of man) where many disciples walked with HIM no more due to HIS hard sayings. They followed "THEIR" ways. Prayerfully this is not a hard saying for you.

It is going to take loving, caring and strong men of God in this hour to build the Kingdom of God.. Where is the preaching today that turns the world upside down, causes gnashing of teeth, stoning, and being driven from cities? That is the way the Book of Acts was recorded.

The Kingdom of God DID NOT give us Christmas, but "Christianity" did. The Roman Catholic Church gave us this idolatry.. We know that John the Baptist, Jesus and the Apostles NEVER preached "Christianity"—they preached the Kingdom of God. The name "Christian" was not given to a believer of Jesus, but a DISCIPLE of Jesus Christ—Acts 11. A disciple obeys his master.. Jesus said ONE way, ONE truth, ONE life and ONE door. Christianity alone has over 250 different dogmas and doctrines and denominations in America alone. May we see the truth of many going one way, few and a remnant finding the Kingdom of God.

I would pray you all would honestly search your hearts after reading this. Please do not put it down or throw it away without first reading it through. Let not your soul man sway you because of our "traditions". Remember why the very first Doctrine of Christ was "Repentance from DEAD WORKS". May we forever be blessed, and may you have the strength to stand before the saints of God and speak truth. Remember, Prove all things. God Bless you.

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I would love to hear from you. If you feel I error in truth, then please bring correction to me, for I am willing to repent (change my way of thinking), but remember that all correction and instruction MUST be by the Word of God. (II Tim.3:15-17) Enjoy this teaching and please do not be offended by some of the things you will read about the sexual perversion behind this thing.

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Praise the Lord and God bless each and every one of you about to read this factual and truthful teaching. My prayer for each of you is that you will pray first and then with an open heart and spirit study EVERY scripture quoted and allow your spirit to show you factual truth. Please submit your heart to the Word of God and with all seriousness and reverence, enter into this with the Holy fear of God. Do not let the hardness of your heart provoke you nor your emotions and feelings rule you.

Hearken to the Spirit of God and let TRUTH be TRUTH. Please take the time to read the whole teaching. Do not start and then put it aside because of disbelief. Please read it all.

Jesus said in Luke 4:4 and in Mt.4:4, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD." Jesus said in John 8:31-32, "IF you CONTINUE in my word, are you my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the TRUTH and the TRUTH shall make you free." Jesus said in John 14:15, "If you love me, keep my commandments, and in verse 23, if a man love me, he will keep MY words." Jesus also said in John 16:13-15, "Howbeit when HE, the Spirit of truth is come, HE will guide you into ALL TRUTH: for HE shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever HE shall hear, shall HE speak: and HE will SHEW you things to come. HE shall glorify me; for HE shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. ALL things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that HE shall take of mine and shall shew it unto you."

The Holy Spirit will only glorify the "THE WORD OF GOD." These are very profound words, yet they MUST be the basis that we as Born-Again believers live on. No other foundation can be laid, but that which is laid—which is Jesus Christ—I Cor.3:11. The Apostle Peter told us in I Peter 1:23 that we are Born-Again by the Word of God, and that it was and is incorruptible seed. We must remember that the Word became flesh—John 1:14, and we named the Word—Jesus.

By this we can now see and understand why so much emphasis is put on the Word, and why Jesus said that everything of TRUTH would be shown to us by the Holy Spirit and that we should "obey" all of HIS word. One other very important scripture that we must note is what was stated by Jesus in Matthew 15:3, "**Why do you also transgress the commandment of God by YOUR**

TRADITIONS?" In verse 6 Jesus said that the traditions of men make the Word of God of NONE EFFECT!! Can you imagine our traditions making the Holy Word of God of none effect? What Jesus was saying is that when we as men make a tradition of something and TRY to make it "Spiritual," then it will make the Word of God of none effect and end up being a Strange fire before our Father in Heaven. If we do anything at all for him, it should be recorded in the Word of God so we can have divine instruction from our Father on how to do it right.

Every time a Holy Feast or a Holy Day was ever observed by God's people, HE ALWAYS gave instruction on HOW to do it. Notice how through our natural, carnal ways, we have taken HOLY DAY and made it HOLI-DAY. The Word of God was not given to man to have him do with it as he pleased, but to learn it and live it that we would be obedient to the one who saved us from a life of sin and darkness. It was not "In the beginning—man, but God!!

We have pretty much swallowed up the divine truth of God by observing OUR traditions and what we think pleases HIM, instead of obeying HIS truth and doing what HE says pleases Him. Have you ever wondered why we were never told the birth date of Jesus? Have you ever given thought as to why "Christmas" is NEVER mentioned in the Bible? Have you ever thought why the Early Church believers and spiritual fathers NEVER taught, NEVER observed and NEVER celebrated Jesus' birth, but rather the resurrection?

We are about to journey into an area that for some will seem unbelievable, others may say, well we have always done it this way, so we will continue. Others may say, "My Lord, why have I never been taught this before?" ONLY FACT AND TRUTH SHALL YOU NOW SEE AND HEAR. May your spirit man be blessed!!

A "BUILDING FOUNDATION FOR TRUTH"



As Born-Again believers we are commanded in the Word of God to live accordingly to HIS statutes, commandments and ordinances. We are called by Paul in Ephesians 5:6-11 (please read fully) to not be DECEIVED by the vain words of man, and that having once walked in darkness ourselves, we are now to manifest the light

(The Word) and expose the unfruitful works of darkness.

Now please remember that Jesus said in Matthew 7:15-20 (please read fully) that a good tree can not bear bad fruit, and a bad tree can not bear good fruit. Now do you think that what he said he meant? Of course he did!! He also said in verse 15 that False Prophets would come in sheeps clothing, meaning they have an outward appearance of being good, but inside they are ravening wolves.

If you will read this slowly and meditate upon it, I believe you will see that Christmas is such. Outward it has all the appearance of being good, yet what lies inside is its root and its root is evil and this we shall now begin to see. Now, I ask you again to please remember only the WORD OF GOD in dealing with this issue. NOT your emotions!! NOT your feelings!! NOT what you think!! Remember the Holy Word of God!!

Again Paul said in Eph.5, do not be "DECEIVED" by the vain words of men. My friend, it is better for us to hearken to and obey the Word of God than to sacrifice—I Sam. 15:22. There will be many so called men of God, Pastors and Teachers that will condemn this teaching, yet they will only violate the Holy Word of God by doing so. Please take a stand on the factual truth of the Word of God. Who cares what men say. I would rather follow the Lord Jesus, than the multitudes of people with all their views and opinions.

Christianity says, "We can do it our way" but the Kingdom of God says, "We will do it HIS way."

A tree is known by its fruit Jesus said. A good tree can not bear bad, and a bad can not bear good. A tree is known by its ROOTS. Bad roots, bad tree; good roots, good tree. We are called trees of righteousness in the Bible, for now our roots are in the Word of God, thus our fruit becomes good fruit.

John the Baptist said in Matthew 3:10 (speaking of Jesus), "And now also the axe is laid unto the ROOT of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth NOT forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire". Now this is being directed towards the men of religious teaching—the Pharisees and Sadducees in verse 7, of whom Jesus warned us (his disciples) to take heed to their doctrine or teaching—Matthew 16:1-13. These were also the men who said their Father was God in Heaven, yet Jesus said they were of their father the devil—John 8:40-44.

The point I desire to make as we go into this teaching is this. Please do not be swayed, persuaded or convinced something is true because of what the masses believe or what other men preach and teach and say, but be convinced something is true because its foundation is built OUT OF the Word of God.

Many of us do things today out of pure ignorance. But once we know the truth, we are called to follow after it. The Word of God is the axe!! If we are always being warned in the Bible to not be DECEIVED, then the only way is to lay the axe to the root of everything we hear and see. This way we are protected to come to know only that which is spoken of God. The root is always the place of origin and beginnings, including true or false doctrine.

We are commanded by God himself to go and PROVE ALL THINGS—I Thess.5:21. We are called by God, to TRY THE SPIRITS—I Jn.4:1-5. So let us begin to prove "CHRISTMAS." If Christmas is not found in the Bible—the truth that frames the worlds—then where did it come from? Where did it originate? Is Christmas REALLY celebrating Jesus' birthday? Did the original Apostles—our spiritual fathers and foundation in the faith and those who knew Jesus personally, EVER teach or celebrate HIS birthday? Was Jesus born on December 25th? ***If Christmas is the greatest of Christian Holidays, then why do so many heathens who damn him daily and take our Fathers name in vain, celebrate it?***

Most people suppose a lot about Christmas being so true, yet have any ever searched it out to see where its roots lie? Let us now learn the truth. May you all be blessed with open heart and spirit. Our Heavenly Father, our Lord Jesus Christ and the precious Holy Spirit have absolutely NOTHING to do with Christmas. My question is this. Should We??

"ITS ORIGIN AND FOUNDATIONAL ROOTS"

If Christmas was NEVER found in the Bible, NEVER observed in the Bible and NEVER acknowledged, then where did it come from? Always remember this; if something is NOT found in the Holy Word of God, then it comes NOT from God.

In Rome, over 300 years AFTER the resurrection of our Lord, there was a yearly feast celebrated by the Romans who worshipped the god Saturn. This time of celebration was always situated around the December 17th--24th time frame so it would coincide with the ending of the winter solstice, a time for seasonal pagan worship.

THE PAGAN YEAR: This is always a period of days, months and times that revolve around the seasonal changes of the earth and are usually in the winter, spring, summer and fall. The WINTER SOLSTICE is a day or period of days in the winter when the days are shortest (light) and the nights longest (darkness prevails). This is usually a time in their festivities of drunkenness, revelry and debauchery (perversion), and I must say, that spirit is no different in the world we live today.

The Pagan Romans called this celebration "**The Feast of Saturnalia**," in honor of their god Saturn. They celebrated the festival from the 17th to the 24th of December, usually exchanging "gifts" on the last two days from house to house. Then on the 25th of December, they began the new Celebration of "The birth of the unconquerable Sun," as the days of light would now begin to lengthen and the sun would now begin to regain its dominance.

During this time, the ancient pagans believed that the sun would die during the winter solstice and then RISE AGAIN from death as the solstice ended by the revolving of the earth in nature. Does this begin to sound a little familiar to the "SON" who died and rose again? Thus, every year these people would have their celebrations to serve their gods, of which we as Born-Again believers now know, and we know that Satan is the one behind them all.

When the Roman Catholic Church had now been born in Rome, they saw that during this time, there was no party or celebration for their Christian faith or their God. Since the 25th of December was the day when the gifts were given for the beginning of the Sun-god to rise again, they chose to take this pagan ritual and worship the Son of God. Since the heathen had the 25th of December as the day of the sun-god birthday, the Roman Catholic Church chose to have their Son-God Birthday. When the church saw the festival the pagans had with their god, they now realized there was nothing for their own belief.

Instead of rebuking, correcting and taking a stand on holiness and righteousness, they "**INCORPORATED**" the pagan ideologies into their Christianity. All Satan did was disguise a church in the name of our Lord and open the floodgates of paganism and heathenism to pollute truth. How sad!! Do you think the Apostle Paul would have ever compromised like this? Hardly!! Just read the Book of Acts and see how he stood out and condemned pagan rituals. But then again, we must remember where the Catholic Church came from. Even Jesus said in Revelation 2:13 that there would be a church where Satan's seat would be yet it would keep the name of Jesus and men would be martyred.

Just study history of the inquisition and see how many millions were killed at the hands of the Popes and Catholicism as heretics for taking a stand on the Word of God. Now to you men of God out there who stand before the children of God as faithful shepherds and Elders, this I ask. As a Born-Again, spirit-filled man of God, would you allow someone in your church to:

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WHY would you then allow someone to observe Christmas? It comes from the SAME church!! The SAME spirit!! The SAME roots as the Rosary, Mary worship, Purgatory, Idols. Why would you not allow all the others but EXPLAIN away Christmas? Think about it. Obedience is better than sacrifice. Do you fear men or God? Speak truth I pray, unto the saints and set them free. No more need be said on Catholicism at this time. Just know if you know the truth about that religion, you can now begin to see where Christmas came from and why it was NEVER in the Bible. Let us go on.

Now in competition with the pagan's holiday and the heathen superstition, the Catholic church started having a "MASS" for "CHRIST," which is now today's CHRIST—MASS or Christmas. Now, if any of you reading this were raised Catholic, and you are now Born-Again, then you MUST know that there is a very great difference in

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your life now that you are saved by the blood and filled with the Spirit of truth!! After you become Born-Again, do you still worship the mass? Do you still pray to Mary? Do you still pray the rosary? Do you still pray to saints? Do you still believe in purgatory? Of course NOT!! You have been set free.

But now I ask this. Since Christmas is an origin of the Catholic church with all its pagan rituals incorporated, then why would we want to celebrate it? Remember the roots of the trees. Bad roots, bad tree. We have a very bad tree here, and think about it. What does every home have in it at Christmas time? A TREE!! If you will take the time to research the "Encyclopedia Britannica", "Encyclopedia Americana" or the "World Book Encyclopedia", you will see each and every one of them give the historical beginning of Christmas. Let us first read from the World Book Encyclopedia about this god Saturn, Saturnalia and the history of Christmas origins.

"SATURN was the youngest son of Uranus (heaven) and Gaea(earth) in Roman Mythology. The name probably comes from the Latin verb "serere" which means "to sow". The Greeks called him Kronos (where we get time-chronology-from) and to the Romans, Saturn was the god of HARVEST. (Sound Familiar?) The festival called SATURNALIA was held in Rome every year from December 17th to the 23rd in his honor. During Saturnalia, the Golden Age was supposedly returned to the earth. The Greek word "chronos" means time. Kronos or Saturn is usually depicted as a bent old man with the scythe (sickle) in the one hand. In the other hand, he holds a serpent which bites its own tail. The story of Saturn's swallowing his own children is a way of showing that time creates and then it destroys its creations. World Book Encyclopedia

This is quite powerful, is it not? Look at this spiritually through the eyes of truth. This god, represented to them a god of time and a god of harvest. Does not the Bible say that no man will know the TIME of the HARVEST? Does not the Bible say the reapers (Angels) will come and put in the sickle for harvest?—Mark 4:29 Notice how in one hand is the sickle, representing harvest and in the other hand a serpent, thus Satan actually believes he can harvest the world, in his time, and this is what the people were celebrating each year—the god Saturn. Also it says that Saturn would devour his own children. Just like those of the World will end up devoured in hell. Satan is a master of deception and Satan is the SPIRIT behind Christmas.

Do you honestly think we can put the name Jesus on this pagan wickedness and expect our Heavenly Father to be pleased? So much for our saying that Jesus is the reason for the season. What a lie this truly is. Satan is the reason for this season. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord and put this wickedness far away. We are not close to being done, so please keep your soul at peace and continue to read the rest of this teaching as we expose the unfruitful works of darkness.

"SATURNALIA"—was the name of an ancient Roman festival given in honor of Saturn, the Roman harvest god. (My emphasis here, but notice how close the name and sound of SATAN and SATURN). The festival began on Dec. 17th and lasted for seven days. On the first day, public religious ceremonies honoring Saturn took place. On the second day, many families offered sacrifices of young pigs. The SATURNALIA festival was a gay occasion. Schools closed and all public business stopped. Courts of law closed their doors, and no criminals could be punished. Families held their banquets and even slaves were free to attend the festival. The last days of the festival were spent visiting and EXCHANGING presents. Some of the gifts were little clay images called "sigillaria", which means small images (idols) World Book Encyclopedia

After reading this account, you can see, or least I should say you SHOULD see that everything that these pagan people did to worship their god of harvest, is identical to what people do today for Christmas—and of course—why not? This is where it all came from—Satan!! Notice how the exchanging of gifts to each other were the little graven images or idols. I pray you can see the picture coming together of this total blasphemy to the Kingdom of God. Let us go on now and see the history of Christmas and please remember—THE AXE IS TO BE LAID TO THE ROOT OF THE TREE!!!!

"THE HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS"

Scholars do not know the exact date of Christ's birth. For more than 300 years, people observed HIS birthday on various dates. In the year A.D. 354, Bishop Liberius of Rome "ORDERED" the people to celebrate on December 25th. He probably chose this date because the people of Rome already observed it as the Feast of Saturn, celebrating the birth of the sun. Christians honored Christ, instead of Saturn, as the light of the World.

*For many years, people observed Christmas as a religious festival only. They gradually adopted more and more customs "UNRELATED" to the church. In England, during the Middle Ages, Christmas became the "merriest" day of the year. Celebrations eventually became so rowdy that the **Puritans in England DID AWAY** with the observance of Christmas by law in 1643. Colonists in New England copied the English laws known as the Blue Laws. But eventually, immigrants brought with them Christmas customs from many lands.*

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Christmas today affects most industries because of the millions of persons who buy products of all kinds as gifts. Manufacturers often begin planning the next year's sales as soon as the holidays are over.

In most "department stores", children can tell SANTA CLAUS what they want for Christmas. They wait in long lines to climb the sparkling "throne" where Santa sits in his red and white suit. The whole area looks like fairyland, with huge colorful displays of the latest toys. Merchants sell more of almost every kind of product during Christmas season than at any other time of year". World Book Encyclopedia

How grievous and sad that the people of natural knowledge in the World know more about the truth of this holiday than those who profess to be children of God. How sad, in that we are to be the ones taking a stand on the Holy Scriptures. Yet we are just as blinded by the god of this world. Once again, let us look at a few things through the SPIRITUAL EYES. We will deal more in detail with Santa Claus later.

First we now know why the celebrating of Christmas was NEVER mentioned in the Bible. It has no root in the Holiness of the Kingdom of God. It may be an issue with Christianity, but that in itself today is a vast array of different organizations, denominations and doctrines of men. The Kingdom of God is orderly, perfect and has but ONE DOOR, ONE WAY, ONE TRUTH and ONE LIFE. We now at least know where the roots lie of this pagan ritual. And remember again, how can we as Born-Again believers take something from SATAN and dedicate it to our Lord Jesus Christ? It is strange fire!! These are NOT my views and opinions either. I am standing purely on the Word of God. The roots of this origin come right out of the World system of Babylon!!-- Listen to this!

"Alas, alas, that great city BABYLON, that mighty city! For in one hour is thy judgment come. And the MERCHANTS of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more" REVELATION 18:10-11

Will you continue to buy from the merchants of Babylon? Will you continue to say, no big deal, God has mercy? The early fathers of this nation, the Puritans who fled from Roman Catholic Doctrine, came from England and OUTLAWED this observance!! I think you can see why by now.

It has only been over the past 100 years now that this holiday has begun to be observed again in America. We have now only partially exposed the foundation of this order. When we get into all the things associated with Christmas, I pray you will be as appalled as I was when the Holy Spirit taught me the truth. If Christ—Mass came from a mass for Christ, then just that fact alone should cause alarm, for the Catholic Mass is one of demonic deprivation and truly blasphemous and transgresses the Blood at Calvary's Cross. Can you honestly say you want to observe something whose foundation and origins and roots stem from blaspheming the Blood of Jesus Christ?

"TODAYS TRADITIONS"

When Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth and the life", He meant just that. There is NO TRUTH outside of the Word of God, and that is why we are admonished over and over again by the Lord himself and our Heavenly Father, to PROVE ALL THINGS—I Thess.5:21. In this way, we can assure ourselves of fact, truth and protection from deception.

Even in Acts 17:11, the brethren in Berea were called more noble (well born, higher in rank) than those at Thessalonica, for they received the Word of God spoken by Paul and Silas with all readiness of mind. But what did they do to be commended by God this way? It says that they went and SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES to see if these things were so and THEN they believed. The word searched in the Greek means to literally SCRUTINIZE!! Should not we do the same today as "Disciples" of Jesus Christ?

God wants us to try things spoken and witnessed, so that we can prove them by the one and only true test—**DOES IT LINE UP WITH THE WORD OF GOD?** Not our emotions!! Not our feelings!! Not what we think!! NOT WHAT MEN, MEN, MEN SAY!! Not what the multitudes believe or do!! But what saith the scriptures?!!! We already know that the Lord is not interested in our traditions when we try to apply them to spiritual matters. Jesus again said in Matthew 15 that our "TRADITIONS" transgress the Word of God. Did you get that in your spirit? How sad, that we as professing Born-Again children of God, go and make the Word of God of none effect. They transgress the Word of God and make it of NONE EFFECT. How can this be? By not observing the Word of God and proving all things.

The sons of Aaron—Nadab and Abihu, were slain in the temple for offering up "STRANGE FIRE" before the Holy Lord God—Nu.3:4 & 26:61. Strange fire is offering something to God that HE has not asked for, does not receive, does not observe and truly becomes DEAD WORKS.

Any wonder why the very first, I repeat, the very FIRST Doctrine of Christ is Repentance from Dead Works? Learn the Oracles of God my brethren and then you will spiritually mature the Bible says and then you will see issues like this totally in the eyes of God. Please note (I Peter 4:10-11 and Hebrew 5:8-6:2 KJV).

Let us now observe some of our traditional thinking here. Man says it is the observance of the Lord's Birthday.

- **Lie #1**, for the scriptures (by which we are Born-Again and saved) clearly indicate no such thing. In December it is the winter season, rainy and cold and the shepherds do NOT keep their flocks out at

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night grazing in the winter—Luke 2:8. It was customary for the shepherds to herd their flocks and take them in after Mid-October and release them in early spring. Thus the Luke 2 account of the birth of Jesus could not have been in December. FACT—no man knows when Jesus was born.

- **Lie #2**—there is NO RECORD in the Bible ever recorded, taught, or preached about people observing or worshipping Jesus **because of his birth**. Now please do not jump to soulish conclusions here. Listen carefully!! You say, but did not the Angels and Shepherd boys come and worship HIM? No, they did not. If you will read your Bible in Luke 2:13-20, you will see that when the Angels announced this to the shepherds—They (the Angels) glorified "GOD IN THE HIGHEST" in other words—the Heavenly Father, and when the Shepherds went to Bethlehem, they returned the Bible says, "GLORIFYING AND PRAISING GOD", for what they had seen.

Never in the earthly ministry of our Lord Jesus, did HE ever glorify himself. In fact, when the rich young ruler came asking him about salvation and saying, "Good master, what must I do to be saved", Jesus first responded by saying, "why callest me good? There is one that is good—God." This is found in Matthew 19:17.

- **Lie #3**—But did not the three wise men come and worship Jesus in the manger? And did not the three wise men give gifts to HIM when he was born? FACT—There is not one record of there being three wise men! The Bible says in Matthew 2:1, there came wise men from the east. Verse 3 says that Herod and ALL Jerusalem were troubled and believe me my brethren, I do not think that three men on camels would turn one eye in Jerusalem, for the city of great size was daily filled with them. Wise men usually traveled in caravans of 40 or more in number and THIS would possibly cause a stir in the city, do you not think so?

The fact is that they brought three gifts—gold, frankincense and myrrh. (Gold for his "diety", Frankincense for the sweet aroma of his brokenness and sacrifice and myrrh for the bitterness of his death). Thus man's interjection again of changing the Bible says, there were three men.

Did they bring these gifts to the manger? You see the depiction in every Bible story, every city park, every church altar. Sad to say, we again do NOT know the truth!! The Bible clearly states and records in scripture in Matthew 2:7-16, that the wise men followed the star for two years and that is why the Bible says they presented the gifts to Jesus in HIS HOUSE as a young child. Jesus was two years old when the men finally arrived.

- **Lie #4**—The wise men came to worship the child. FACT—the scriptures say that as "WISE MEN" they came to worship the KING of the Jews as stated in Matthew 2:2 and isn't it interesting to note that in verse 8, Herod said that he wanted to worship "THE CHILD". The Bible says that WISE MEN will worship the KING, but men will worship the child!!! This is why Satan has so deceived people in this area. Satan wants the eyes of people on a baby and our Father wants our eyes on the resurrected Lord and King of a Kingdom with power and authority!!

Have you ever asked yourself again this question? **From Acts 2, Pentacost, when men were filled with the Spirit of truth and Born-Again, until the end of the Bible, you will never read anywhere recorded in the Epistles or letters to worship HIS birth, birthday or Christmas.** It is NEVER recorded! ONLY to know HIM through the power of the resurrection as the King of a Kingdom!! So why do we do it?

For one, no one studies their Bibles. No one studies the Holy Word of God to see what is truth. They just take things that men teach them and grow up learning lies and false doctrine, then they crucify those like us who speak truth. Is not that what the Pharisees, the religious men who said their father was God in Heaven did? They crucified the Son of God all in the name of God. This is deception my brethren and we must open our eyes. People today just believe lie after lie.

Secondly, Satan wants the emotions of a people on a little innocent child, and not on the resurrected lamb of glory with power and authority—The KING OF KINGS.

- **Lie #5**—(Please meditate on this one) Since there was no room in the Inn, they had to go and find a stable or manger with animals and straw and hay and a cradle to put Jesus in. FACT—there is once again no reference to this at all. First, this was Joseph's home town. Do you not think that relatives lived there?

Secondly, Luke 2:6-20 states that, "And so it was, that, **WHILE they were there in Bethlehem**, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered"—Luke 2:6. Now listen carefully. Do you not think that Joseph and Mary knew she was with child and due soon? They did not just show up in Bethlehem, go to an Inn, find no room and go to a dirty, animal shelter, where there was "unclean straw" (if you know what I mean) and have a baby.

The Bible clearly states that they had been there awhile and when the time was accomplished, or fulfilled, she gave birth to her firstborn son, **THEN** she wrapped him in swaddling clothes and **THEN** she laid him in a manger, for there was no room for them **in** the Inn. Notice, NOT AT an Inn, but **in** the Inn. The no room for them in the Inn, was why she laid him in a manger.

Now in the days of Jesus, when a family was poor, the manger was a PART of their house where the families lived and it was the lower part or portion of the house which would represent his humbleness or humility when born into this earth. This manger was usually adjacent to the living quarters of the

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family and they would keep their domesticated animals there. The manger or trough was usually hewn out of rock (Bakers Encyclopedia of the Bible—Vol.2 page 1392).

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" ----Luke 2:7

Every year we have Christmas Plays, Pageants and productions in churches, which are called to be HOLY HOUSES OF GOD. We will fill the air with lies, deception and soulish emotions all fixated on something that has no truth in it. We have this fixed and clear picture in our minds of what "there was no room in the inn" may have meant. If we listen to the Greek text of Luke 2:7, we may see a different scenario for Jesus' birth. After all, is not our whole source of truth to be THE BIBLE and not the leaven, doctrines, dogma and teachings of men? Are we not called to be students of the Word of God like those in Berea in Acts 17? Let us look to the Spirit of truth..

The word "inn" in Luke 2:7 [kataluma], is used again by Luke in 22:11: [7] And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 [11] And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? Luke 22:11 *kataluma*, *Greek 2646*, *Strong's kataluma*, *kat-al'-oo-mah*; from Greek 2647 (*kataluo*); properly a dissolution (breaking up of a journey), i.e. (by implication) *a lodging-place :- guestchamber, inn*. The INN (*kataluma*) is the same exact word as "guestchamber" in Luke 22:11. The very next verse describes this *kataluma* as "*a large room upstairs*." [12] And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. [13] And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. Luke 22:12-13 Now please understand. The guestchamber was the upper room of a house for guests. At the time that the Lord Jesus was to be brought forth, this guestchamber, upstairs, was full, most likely with all of the family relatives. With NO ROOM IN THE INN, Mary had to go down to the "manger" in the lower part of the house and it was here that she put her child who was wrapped in swaddling clothes.

A manger usually hewn out of rock would truly be scripturally based, for our Lord Jesus is the ROCK of our salvation and we are to build our HOUSE on the ROCK for this is where he was laid!! Oh my, Lord bless us with your wisdom.

Knowing that Joseph was returning to his home town of Bethlehem to be counted with his family in the Roman census--Luke 2:1-2, it had to have been Joseph's intention to stay with his family. Since many out-of-town family members would have been arriving at the same time, the guest room [*kataluma*], upstairs on the roof of the house, was already full. Mary and Joseph found space in the area that comprised the first floor of the house—the manger. Here it was usually warm and would have been comfortable for the birthing. And even though used for domesticated animals and shelter, it would have been clean.

My friends, our Father in Heaven is an orderly and decent Father. If Mary had to wait until AFTER her purification to bring Jesus into the temple to present him to the Father—Luke 2:22, then what makes you think that HE would allow her to give birth in an unclean, dirty, filthy, straw dunged stable? Our Father does NOT break order!! Once again, our modern day "Manger Scene" with animals, hay and straw, three wise men, Joseph, Mary, shepherds and a star over a stable all come from St. Francis of Assisi—A Catholic Monk. Let us all again give thanks to the Catholic church for allowing this lie to enter in.

Perhaps "no room in the inn" was not really a rejection of Jesus Christ but a gracious accommodation in the best circumstances the family could provide. How interesting, also, that in Luke's gospel, while there was "no room in the *kataluma*" for Jesus on his first night on earth, that is exactly where he spent his last night on earth with his disciples before going to Gethsemane to shed blood for our sin and then to Calvary to shed blood for our sins. He came into the earth lowly and humbled and finished his work high and exalted!! Hallelujah!!

The birthing of a baby was done in all cleanness when possible, and to take a newborn baby and lay him in straw or hay would be extremely dangerous, for the cut straw or hay could get into the face, eyes or body and it was very sharp. Today's depiction is this: An animal stall, hay or straw, animals, Joseph, Mary, baby Jesus in a straw laden crib, Three wise men bowing down and giving gifts with a star hanging over. The truth? NONE OF IT. Amazing isn't it? Can you believe what we depict and believe as truth because of what men say?

Did not Jesus warn his disciples in Matthew 16 about the leaven or teachings of men and the Pharisees? Now can you see why we are called to PROVE ALL THINGS? Believe me, if my baby was being born, there would be no animals or soiled straw present. Well, now that HE is born, we do not know the date, and we have shown you the manger scene and all surrounding untruths. Is your foundation of Christmas beginning to sound confusing? It is because truth is setting you free (prayerfully) and on a straight course. Sometimes our souls do not like being weaned from the doctrines of men, especially when we have believed something for so long.

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The question now is what will you men of God do about this? Still set up the pageantry of lies? At least the truth is being spoken and we can now rejoice. As we get into the next area, please do not be offended, for the truth will be spoken and there are just some things WE MUST deal with in the speaking of truth. Let us now begin to look at ALL the particulars of our Season called Christmas. First, remember where its roots are. In Paganism and all the things they did. We will now see what the pagans worshipped and why. We will also see how that by allowing their rituals into the church belief, the deplorable and wicked spirits came with them. We will see just how much we have been deceived by not knowing truth, but Praise the Lord we are learning. I pray you will come to know that Jesus IS NOT the reason for this season—Satan is! And that is truth!!

"THE CHRISTMAS TREE"



Have you ever just sat down and wondered why a tree set up in our house would have anything to do with Jesus, His birth, or His life? Why would we decorate a "TREE" with all its fancy balls and lights and ornaments and put it in our house for the sake of Jesus?? Why would we bow before it to lay down gifts? Let us now take a closer look and see just where this "tradition" came from.

Since the earliest of times, trees, especially green evergreens, were worshipped by the pagans. To them it represented life and freshness. Since it was EVER green, it always had life. **The trees were worshipped as symbols of life, fertility, sexual potency and reproduction.**

These pagan rituals of worship were then brought into the homes and set up as idols, with the belief that it would give men a heightened potency of sexual virility to procreate new life for their harvest god in the new year. The evergreen tree represented a "PHALLIC" symbol (the mans sexual organ of reproduction) set in an upright position.. Any wonder why people hang round balls on a tree? Please do not be offended. This pagan ritual was to say the least, very profane in the sight of God! There are many scriptures that the Lord has warned us about in dealing with idols and those things the HEATHEN do, of which we are commanded to NEVER do or imitate. We are told by God to never bring into our homes those things that are practiced by the wickedness of the world. It is truly amazing at how much "Christianity" has embraced from the trenches of the world system. This is why it is time to again preach the Kingdom of God with all holiness and obedience. Please read the following scripture and know that God knew even in the days of Jeremiah the practices and ways of the heathen. For even then, Satan was the god of this world. Listen to what the scriptures say as we have been warned in Jeremiah 10:1-5 about this:

*"Hear ye the word which the Lord speaketh unto you, o house of Israel. Thus saith the Lord, **learn not the ways of the heathen** and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: **for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax. They deck it with silver and with gold: they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are "upright" as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.***

Please meditate upon what you just read. **Learn NOT the ways of the HEATHEN** which go into a forest and cut down a tree and then nail it so it stands upright. Just what do men do today with Christmas Trees? Would you not say this is more than coincidence? Then when the trees are brought to the lots, they are NAILED and HAMMERED to stand UPRIGHT!! **And the blasphemy of it all is that they—The Christmas Trees—are nailed to a wooden cross on the lots where they are sold!! A wooden cross!! My Lord people, open your eyes and see!!** They were then brought into homes and decked out with silver and gold. Sound like tinsel and ornaments? So much for Christmas trees being for Jesus. This was hundreds of years BEFORE Jesus was even born. LEARN NOT the ways of the heathen.

Everything, and I mean everything about Christmas has come to us by learning the ways of the Heathen. Sounds to me like millions and millions of so called Christians have done just that!! Some men and preachers today say this has absolutely NOTHING to do with Christmas trees in Jeremiah 10. I would say, they need healing for being so BLIND! That is spiritually blind. Then again, did not Jesus say the blind would lead the blind and they would go into the ditch?

What an abomination to the Lord. Even in the days of Jeremiah the pagans were doing this. Satan knows exactly what he is doing and sad to say, so many Christians have no idea. After these trees were brought into the houses, worshipped and set upright, then gifts are now brought before them and what must YOU do when setting a gift under the tree? You must bow down before it to lay your gift. How sad and how ignorant we have been. Thank God for opening our eyes to truth. This is no laughing matter. Paul said to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. I would pray this brings the fear of God into your lives and in repentance we ask God to forgive us for our ignorance and then Praise HIM for showing us truth.

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Some would say, "But Brother, you do not understand. You are being legalistic. We do not worship the tree, for we know better as Born-Again Christians.

"The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire; thou SHALL Not desire the silver or the gold that is on them, NOR TAKE IT UNTO THEE, lest thou be snared therein, for it is an ABOMINATION to the Lord thy God. Neither shall thou bring an abomination INTO THINE HOUSE, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shall UTTERLY DETEST, and thou shall UTTERLY ABHOR it, for it is a cursed thing"—Deut. 7:25-26

We are told in Deuteronomy 12:30-31, that we better TAKE HEED that we be not snared by following after the heathen and that we should not inquire after their gods and how they serve them. Nor should we do likewise unto our God by giving unto HIM, what they give unto their god!!

"TAKE HEED to thyself that thou inquire NOT after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? Even so will I do likewise. THOU SHALL NOT do so unto the Lord thy God!! For every abomination to the Lord which HE hateth, have they done unto their gods. Verse 32, "What thing soever I COMMAND you, observe to do it!! Thou shalt not add thereto nor diminish from it. Deuteronomy 12:30-31

As we finish, I would ask you again. Can we even think what a Christmas Tree with all its decorations and symbolism has to do with our Holy Lord Jesus coming to save humanity from sin? We now know where this thing has come from, and prayerfully for some of you, where it is going!!

THE YULE LOG: Ever read a card or hear "YULETIDE GREETINGS" at this time of season? Let us check this out also since it also has to do with Christmas. The Yule log tradition dates back to Scandinavian countries where their pagan sex and fertility god was called Jul, or Yule. He was honored in a twelve day celebration in the month of December. Interesting—12 days—when Israel had 12 tribes and Jesus had 12 Apostles.

Friends, do not be deceived or ignorant concerning spirituals—I Cor.12:1. Satan despises everything about our Heavenly Father, HIS son and the Kingdom. Satan will do anything to pervert and blaspheme the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is why all these things happen in the world, for Satan is the god of this world. Jesus said HIS Kingdom was NOT of this world—John 18:36 and for this cause, WE should NOT be of Christmas for it is come out of the world. I Jn.2:15, "Love not the world NOR the things of the world".

When this season began, a Yule Log was lit and put into the "fire place" (hell?) where the same log was used for all 12 days to keep the fire lit or to re-light it. Since Jul was the pagan god of sex and fertility, it does not take much to see what this also represented. You got it! The lit Yule Log represents again a "phallic" symbol, and being a log and lit, it represented a good omen for heightened sexuality for the coming year. It was the shadow and type of a burning lust of a man to fuel the fires of sexual potency to reproduce fertility. When one sends "YULETIDE GREETINGS", they are basically saying, "I greet you with this flaming log to fulfill a year of sexual virility.

How sick, blasphemous and perverted. So much for your Christmas season being holy and of Jesus!! There is NO WAY your Father in Heaven is glorified by your observance of this perversion. Explain it away. Do what you desire. Jesus is Lord and truth.

"There is a way that seemeth right unto man and the end thereof is death"—Prov. 16:25

MISTLETOE: Just catch a girl under the sprig of mistletoe, and she must kiss you. Where in the name of Jesus Christ does this have to do with HIS holiness? And again, mistletoe, yule logs, Christmas trees are all a part of this season. Mistletoe was sacred to the druid priests and was worshipped by them to cast spells. If held over the head of a woman, she was powerless to resist, and any and all could have their way with her sexually. This is where our tradition of hanging it over a doorway to catch the unsuspecting girl comes in.

If the mistletoe had berries on it, then it was to make the sprig more potent and worth more, for the berries would represent the virginity of the woman that could be taken away and broken. Mistletoe, is also a living parasite and it eats into a tree to survive. Lust is also a living parasite which eats into us as trees of righteousness if we do not crucify our flesh daily. Mistletoe oil was used to anoint the foreheads of Druid Priests for service.

So far, we have shown you how every aspect of what it observed at Christmas time comes from the bowels of the earth. It is all sexually oriented, perverted, pagan and lascivious and we want to say "Jesus is the reason for the season"? How terribly sad!

HOLLY & IVY: Again, what in Jesus name does this have to do with HIM? The custom of hanging Holly and Ivy was to pay homage to the spirits that would bring life and fertility into the home. The red berries on the holly was for mans sexuality, the ivy for a woman around him. The green leaves represented the mans potency and the berries the life. In combination with the female ivy, it promised new life and fertility to the entire household for the year to come.

Now we are going to get into an area that must be seen as NOT being coincidental. If you can not have your eyes opened yet to see, I would pray that this will show you the incredible depth of the true "SPIRIT" that is behind Christmas.

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SANTA CLAUS: This is probably the most innocent, jolly, little old man of the season. There he is all dressed up in his red clad suit, white collars, white beard and full of HO, HO, HO. I believe the Holy Spirit would be saying, WOE, WOE, WOE.

He is depicted as being truly supernatural, can cover the whole earth in one night, is attended by little elves, comes into your homes to bring gifts to the good and lives in the North Pole. He is depicted as omniscient and omnipresent. He is to know all and watches all. Innocent enough for you?

Let us now expose the most blasphemous creature of them all, for behind this mask lies SATAN himself. The depth of this one character alone is beyond belief, yet we will now see the real SPIRIT behind CHRISTMAS. Two figures were combined to create this being called Santa Claus.

First, we have Saint Nicholas, a fourth century Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church who was a patron saint to sailors, pawnbrokers and children. Secondly, we have a Christmas spirit of a mischievous, medieval figure who encouraged merrymaking, dancing and drunkenness. But let us look even deeper. What you are about to see and hear is NOT COINCIDENCE OR CHANCE. It is too perfect for that. It is well conceived, planned and disguised and unknowing to the natural eye. Let us first look at the name of SANTA CLAUS:

SANTA—with just the changing and moving of one letter, you will have SATAN! That is right—Satan, the devil. Just move the "N" to the end and S A N T A becomes S A T A N...Is that unbelievable or what? Is this by chance or coincidence? Not after seeing everything you have read so far on "Christmas". And what does Santa travel in? A sleigh (slay) and where does he come into the house? DOWN a very dark and sooty place called a chimney, right into the FIRE!!!

CLAUS---in this name, by using the same letters, you have LUCAS concealed. Now Lucas is the root word for LUCIFER!! Now, in just this creature's name, and that is exactly what he is, you have SANTA CLAUS---SATAN—LUCIFER. Do you honestly want to try to explain this away?

Satan is the adversary of the Kingdom of God, and Lucifer's name meant "Lightbringer". Paul warned us to be NOT deceived, for Satan himself is transformed into an ANGEL of LIGHT. In Isaiah 14:12-17, we have the written account of the fall of Lucifer from Heaven. In his rebellion against the authority of God, he rebelled to the WORD OF GOD. Do you not think that this is his aim today? For he knows that rebellion to the Word of God is the act of eternal damnation, and this is why my beloved brethren, Christmas is SO DISGUISED.

You cannot drink the cup of devils and the cup of the Lord—I Cor.10:21. The cup of devils is SATURNALIA---CHRISTMAS, the cup of the Lord is HIS WORD!! In Isaiah 14, Lucifer said he would exalt HIS THRONE above that of God, and upon what does Santa Claus sit on in the malls and department stores? You got it, A THRONE!! Lucifer said, I will ascend and sit upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the NORTH. Where does Santa Claus come from? The NORTH Pole.

In Moses' Tabernacle, the shadow and type of the church in the wilderness—Acts 7:38, it was the TABLE OF SHEWBREAD, our place of holiest communion with the Lord, and this table was set in the far NORTH position of the Tabernacle. This position belongs to Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, the Holy Lamb of God and SATAN wants that position of authority!!

In the Scandinavian countries, Santa Claus is called "KRIS KRINGLE" which by interpretation means—"SON OF GOD". Come on saints!! How blasphemous can this get? How many of you are still going to put up with this onslaught of defamation to the Holy Character of our Lord Jesus Christ by explaining away why you still want to observe this filth.

Every year, SATAN has his place of being glorified as the Son of God in the spirit world, and by the way, the Scandinavian countries are the farthest NORTH in the World!! And you want your children's pictures taken with this spirit? We should detest this with all our heart and condemn the very nature of this holiday.

God help us for our ignorance and even more so now if people should still choose to honor this. To the carnal mind, this all means nothing. To the spiritual mind, this is an abomination. Let us awake unto righteousness. As we finish on this very deceptive "spirit", we can see just how cunning and subtle Satan is. Genesis 3:1 says, "The serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field, and in II Cor.11:3, Paul said, "But this one thing I fear, that as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, he will also corrupt your minds from the simplicity that is in Christ".

Everything that Satan does is against the very authority of God and everything he does is blasphemous to the Holy Word of God. Satan's whole purpose is to trodden under foot the Holy blood of the Lamb. One last thing about Santa Claus, is his colors!! And please, do not say we do not believe in Santa Claus, so it is okay to observe this. You are missing the whole point if that is your mentality.

The colors: Red and White. Isaiah 1:18-19 "Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord: though your sins be SCARLET, they shall be as WHITE as snow; though they be RED like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: verse 20, but if you refuse and rebel ye shall be devoured by the sword"

What is it going to take to get people to understand the incredible deception and blasphemy that lies behind all this? What is it going to take for men of God to take a stand and teach the people truth? Remember what we are talking about here—THE "SPIRIT" behind Christmas! This is the true spirit behind Christmas and there is no way that any of us can take the roots of this demonic, ungodly, perverted, filthy order and change it to something clean, pure and holy.

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There is no way we can explain away this wickedness and what a shame to put the name of Jesus Christ on it. We are called to EXPOSE the unfruitful works of darkness, not partake of them—Eph.5:1-10 and only when true Born-Again believers start to take a stand on obedience will we be able to get the world to take notice. Stop trying to cover this up and explain it away. Stop saying people like me and others are Pharisaic or legalistic. Since when is obedience to Holiness, legalistic? Please explain, I am open to hear.

Those who read this must now make a decision. Are you built spiritually upon that which men say?—Mt.16:1-13 Or are you going to build your spiritual life off of the TRUTH?

How sad that this December, churches will have Christmas trees on what is suppose to be a Holy Altar unto a Holy God. How sad there will be manger scenes and pageantry plays all depicting lies and false teachings. If fifteen men of God with the largest ministries in America said, "It is okay and all right people to keep honoring this holiday. There is no harm in it and do not let men like Kim C.Gossett rob you of your loving traditions, for we know who WE worship". Then I would have to say—

"Then the Lord said unto me, the prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart."—Jeremiah 14:14

Brethren, Christmas is a false vision and it is full of divination. Can you imagine all of this? Santa Claus—SATAN / LUCIFER. His rebellion to the sides of the north—Isaiah.14 and he comes from the North Pole. His colors of red and white blaspheme the Word of God and the redemptive role of Jesus.

Remember I Cor.2:14, "For the natural (carnal) man will not understand the things that be of God, for to him is will be foolishness, nor he can not discern them, for they are SPIRITUALLY discerned". You will NEVER find one truth in ALL of Christmas except one—It has absolutely nothing to do with the Father, the Son or the Holy Spirit. No matter what you say or do, you will NEVER be able to change that. It is strange fire unto God!!

Do NOT let men intimidate you if you change. Many say what they say only in ignorance. That is why the truth is being spoken, and my prayer is that men of God who say they are called to ministry would truly represent Jesus Christ and share with the congregations this truth. I would be more than blessed to come to any church and minister this truth. I pray that men of God would be the ones who are to represent Jesus Christ and stand before the saints and say,

"My beloved, I have heard a truth today and as for me and my house and my family, we will never again partake of this heathen, pagan, deceptive holiday again."

"CONCLUSION"

May we all take time to rest in this and maybe read it again very soon. May we meditate and give thought to that which we have heard. May we give thought to the Holy Word of God.

Brethren, I am not a weird, warped, legalistic man or Pharisee of the Law. I am a man of faith, filled with the Holy Spirit of God who loves the Lord Jesus and my Heavenly Father with every breath of my every day. I will continue to expose all the false teachings of darkness and will try to shed light where some have no light. I am not a preacher of Christianity, but rather the Kingdom of God.

It is impossible after reading, seeing and hearing the scriptures to take lightly something of this magnitude. Yes there will be some who say, "DO NOT LET ANY MAN SPOIL YOUR LOVELY CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS YOU HAD ALL THESE YEARS. DO NOT LET ANY ROB YOU OF YOUR YEARLY FESTIVITIES WITH FAMILY THAT WE HAVE DONE SINCE CHILDHOOD. WE DO NOT WORSHIP THE DEVIL, OR TREES OR ANY SUCH THING".

My brethren, when we were Born-Again, we came into a Kingdom that is not of this world. The Lord does not care if you did this all your life. He is asking you to change. Even as Israel grew up in Egypt, God had to lead them into the wilderness to change them. We are in that wilderness today. All I can say is that I love you enough to have spoken truth.

I have no reputation to uphold, therefore I do not fear losing people from speaking truth. The Lord will build HIS house, not me. I do not bend the truth to keep people and the tithes coming in. I will stand on the firm foundation of the Word of God and I am not here to please men. To do so would not make me a servant of Jesus Christ—Gal.1:10. What I have shared I have learned by the Holy Spirit and done research.

Paul said in Col.2:8 "Beware lest MEN spoil you through their philosophies, vain deceit and traditions after the rudiments of this world, which are not after Christ". A bad tree can not bear good fruit—HIS WORDS, not mine. No where EVER recorded in the Holy Writ of God will you ever find this observation called Christmas, but what you will find in scripture after scripture after scripture is a WARNING for us to NOT partake of everything that is found IN Christmas.

I know it is not easy at first, but the Lord is gracious and HE will comfort and help you. All HE asks for is obedience. Take that first step and every year that you get further and further away from this, your eyes will be opened more and more to see the blindness that you once walked in.

This whole observation has come from the Roman Catholic Church and its "MASS" which desecrates the blood of the lamb. It brings innocent children to a deceptive spirit of GREED, COVETOUSNESS AND WANT. The pressure brings men to loneliness, despair, alcohol, massive debt and this season of the year holds the highest record of yearly suicides. The exchanging of gifts comes from no where in the New Testament, except the

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS we are to give to each other in presenting our changed lives to one another. When the pagans went from house to house with their little idols wrapped, this is where it all came from. If this was Jesus' true birthday, then will someone please explain to me WHY WE GIVE GIFTS TO OTHERS? If it were HIS birthday, then should we not take all the money we spend on others and lay it at the altar in the House of God for the work of ministry? Please remember, you can NOT say we give gifts for his birthday like the wise men did, for we have shown you they came when he was two years old. Thus their giving had nothing to do with a birthday.

Jesus said in Mt.15, if something is not planted by my Heavenly Father, it shall be rooted up.

"YOU CAN PAINT AN APPLE ORANGE, BUT WHEN YOU BITE INTO IT YOU WILL STILL HAVE AN APPLE. IT MAY LOOK ORANGE ON THE OUTSIDE BUT INSIDE IT IS ANOTHER THING. YOU CAN TAKE A HEATHEN, PAGAN FESTIVAL, ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN SEXUAL PERVERSION AND IDOLATRY, CHANGE ITS SURFACE WITH ALL THE ORIGINAL OBSERVATIONS, CALL IT A "MASS FOR CHRIST", THUS CHRISTMAS, AND WHEN YOU SPIRITUALLY DIG INTO IT, THE ROOTS ARE STILL ROTTEN AND YOUR FESTIVAL IS STILL A WICKED, SEDUCING, EVIL, DECEIVING SPIRIT. SATURNALIA IS THE APPLE, CHRISTMAS IS THE ORANGE."

Say what you will, the truth has been spoken. There never was and never will be a Christmas in the Kingdom of God. Every feast, holy day or ceremonial observation for the glory of the Lord, was ALWAYS written in the Word of God for proper order and our Heavenly Father, ALWAYS taught HIS people how to do something the right way. For us to have any festivities or observations listed in this teaching, it can and will be forgiven by God for our lack of knowing. But once a man is instructed in truth, to not do so is sin. I earnestly ask all, to pray and seek the Word of God on this issue. Seek your heart and spiritual discernment. And remember, right or wrong is not based on how many do something, or how many preachers say it is all right. It is based upon "WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES".

I would rather walk with the 12 who followed Jesus' words of life, than to follow the multitudes in the ways of men. If Born-Again believers would be of one mind, one speech and one judgment—I Cor.1:10, then a great impact could be made. You will never be able to find one truth about Christmas in the Bible. NOT ONE. And if there be not one truth about it in the only Book that IS truth, then why make up a soulish fantasy to observe it? I guess we could find ONE truth about it. JESUS NEVER HAS AND NEVER WILL BE IN CHRISTMAS!!

If we tell our children it is his birthday, then we lie. If we say three wise men came and brought gifts to baby Jesus in the manger, then we lie. If we say Christmas honors the Son of God, then we lie.

Let us dedicate ourselves as Born-Again believers to studying the Word of God and obeying it, ABOVE our emotions and feelings and compromises. It will take boldness and courage to tell others the truth. Tell them you do not observe this holiday for it has nothing to do with the Son of God or HIS Kingdom. And please do not fall into the lie that Christmas is the best time of year to witness for Jesus!! Sharing Jesus and the Kingdom of God is NOT SEASONAL!! It is a time of year of frantic, pushing, shoving, horn honking, cussing and swearing people who would kill to get a toy.

People who damn our God and take his name in vain daily will observe this holiday. Why? Because it is THEIR ungodly holiday, not HIS. What saith the scriptures? Prove all things! Your traditions make the Word of God on none effect!! I pray you have been set free and blessed by this teaching. May the Lord bless you and keep you. Those of you who are Elders in the faith, have a responsibility to preach truth. Not your emotions and feelings. You are called to stand on truth. NO man of God in the Bible, again I say NO man of God in the Bible EVER observed this festivity. Why do you? Why do you? No man of God ever in the Bible observed, taught or partook of this festivity. Why do you? Please think about that one.

How can we say to the children of God, LIVE ON EVERY WORD OF GOD, BELIEVE THE BIBLE AND OBEY IT. Yet at the same time observe something of this nature? How can this be? If you can say Christmas is okay and nothing is wrong with it, then Catholics NEED not be Born-Again. By your standards they are already saved. This came from their spirit, not the Holy Spirit. A bad tree can not bear good fruit.

I thank the Lord Jesus Christ and the teacher, the Holy Spirit for this freedom. I thank the Lord for the faithful saints at New Covenant Christian Center, Int'l who have dedicated their lives to holiness as disciples of Jesus Christ and HIS Kingdom.

There was a day in our early ministry when we at New Covenant had our Christmas parties and year end dinners. We observed and did all the things many of you do. I as the Lead Elder oversaw these things and even ministered as many of you men do today. As I continually grew in the knowledge of the Word of God and continued to seek truth, the darkness was exposed.

As I began to research the "ROOTS" behind Christmas, seeing that it was no where recorded in the Holy Word of God, truth was being seen. As I began to see this unfold, I asked the Lord to forgive me for ever observing this blasphemy. Jesus DID say that you could blaspheme the Son of God and be forgiven. Therefore, I was forgiven. I began as a man of God to teach the disciples here at New Covenant these truths. In the beginning, some left this House of God because of it. How sad to say Jeremiah 44:16-17 was being fulfilled.

"As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the Lord, we will not hearken unto thee. But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth."

The "Spirit" Behind Christmas

I thank God that no man has ever been forced here to comply or change, but by the continual preaching and teaching of truth, they have been made free. I am very proud of the saints in the Kingdom of God today who so desire to love Jesus with purity and holiness. How could we ever explain away that which we now know? How can we still say after learning this kind of truth, we will still do this abomination? Just how hard are our hearts, I ask? If we are willing to not bend on this issue, how many other issues lie in the recesses of our being that we are willing to compromise?

May your hearts be encouraged and I close with this. For those of you that are willing to walk away from this, your greatest adversary and greatest foe will be those who profess to know Jesus. The very ones who say they love HIM, will condemn you, unless they also be set free. Hold fast and be bold. Stand strong as Jesus did. The Lord bless you.

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you". Matthew 5:10-12

"Yea, and all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" II Tim.3:12

If any desire to correct me, I am open and with pure heart will be willing to repent (change my way of thinking). I just ask that your correction be by the Holy Word of God. Let the scriptures be that which we stand on. If you have a defense for your beliefs on Christmas, just please expound them unto me by the Word of God. I will argue with no man. May the Word of God be exalted!!

Please read: Mt.2 (all) Mt.3:9-12, 7:17-19, 15:1-9,13 Luke 2:9-32 I Cor.10:19-23 Col.2:6-8 Gal.4:10 Eph.5:1-17 Luke 4:4 Mt.4:4 Heb.5:8-9 I Jn.5:21 John 14:15-26 John 16:13-15 Lev.19:26, 26:1 10:1 Deut.7:25-26, 12:29-32 Eze.20:18 II Kings 17:15-19 Jer.1:5-11 10:1-5 44:16 Ex.30:9 Nu.3:4 26:61

PROVE ALL THINGS---I Thess.5:21 I can now prove what I stand on and believe, can you?

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