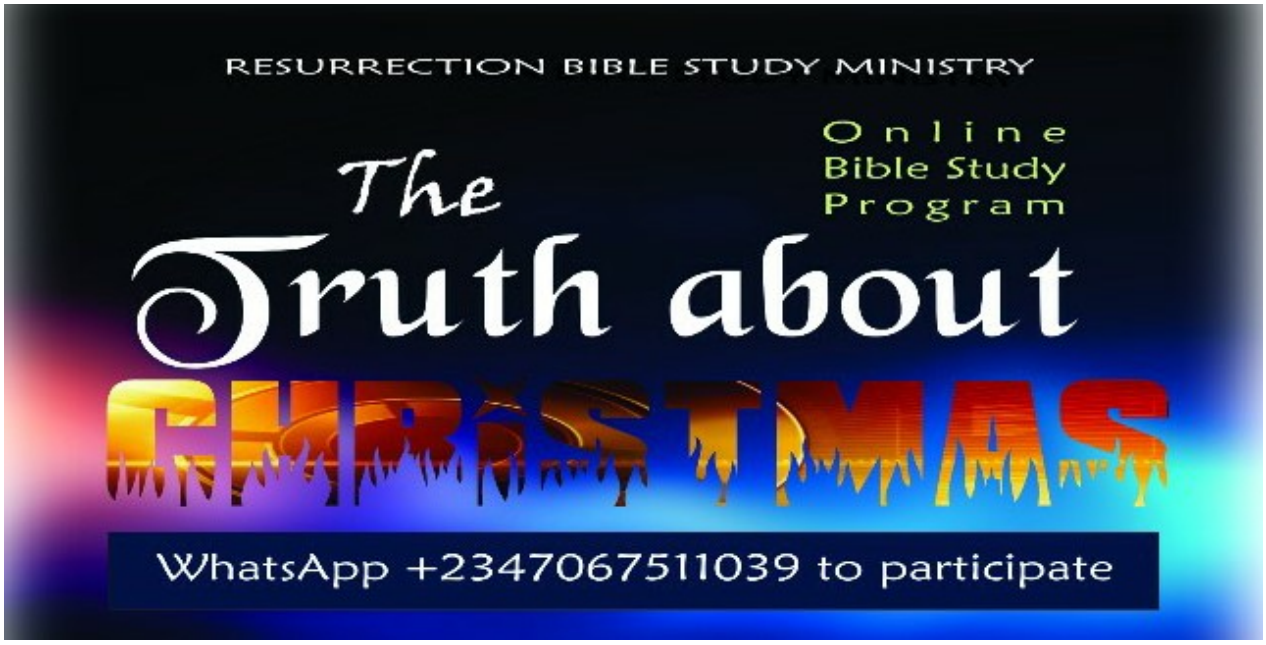


Topic:

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Bible Text: Deuteronomy 12:30

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Prayer

Our blessed Father in Jesus name, we ask You to bless us as we come before You to listen to Your words of wisdom. Speak to us and we shall listen. We open our hearts for You this tonight, in Jesus name.

Introduction

Brethren, you are all welcome in the name of the Lord Almighty who created the heavens and earth, I'm glad to have you here and I pray that the Lord gives us the grace to understand and accept the truth of His words in Jesus name, Amen. The topic before us is not to cause arguments nor uproar in anyway but to bring us to the knowledge of the truth of God's word. Even right from the topic, I know some people are already thinking in their minds not to accept anything anyone can tell them which opposes their believe about Christmas, if that's the kind of resolution you have here tonight, you cannot be blamed for it but when the scriptures are opened unto you and yet you still refuse to believe what the scriptures says is where the problem would come from. The word of God stands and cannot be changed, our Master Jesus Christ said in Matthew 24:35 that Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Study

Firstly, I would like us to know that Christians these days especially are the most vulnerable to the devil's deceit because he keeps on re-strategizing to see that he drags many unsuspecting souls to hell, which is why we must always watch, and not be ignorant of his devises. I have not come here to prove a point to anyone but to bring to your understanding what the devil is doing in the secret against many unwatchful Christians, may we not be a prey to him in Jesus name. Amen.

Let's begin, we would look into the scriptures then go into history tonight, then answer some likely questions, if we are not able to finish tonight, we would continue tomorrow by God's grace. Well, we have seen that the season of Christmas celebration is drawing near, and we know that millions of Christians are getting ready to celebrate this feast. Christmas is one of those Babylonian practices that we have been warned against in the scriptures because it has to do with **WORSHIP,** the devil has always wanted to be worshipped, though he knows that it is God only that is meant to be worshipped. We must have been hearing about Babylon, Babylon has been known to be full of abominations, and we know that any abominable thing is against our Lord and God as Christians. What does the scripture say about Babylon? Revelation 17:4-5 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: [5] And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. Because Babylon is full of filthiness, we then have to begin to call people out of her practices, that is what the three angels message is all about. Revelations 14 we can see that one of them is talking about "Babylon is fallen "the second Angel's message".

" Babylon is fallen which made the whole nation drink from the wine of her adulteries ". (Revelation 14:8)

Again we can see another Angel saying the same thing in (Revelation 18:3) Babylon has made the whole nations to drink from the wine of her fornication/Adulteries. Then a call is made in Revelation 18:4 Calling people out of Babylon, so that they will not receive in her plagues. The Judgment of God is soon coming upon this wicked world, because of their atrocities, the wrath of God is coming upon the world and judgment begins in the house of the Lord. Babylon will be destroyed together with her daughters, those who are drunken with the wine of her Adulteries. That is why we are calling people out of all these Babylonian practices today. All thanks to God that many people are awaking to the truth, even some Churches are beginning to understand these things and they are pulling out. Some Churches do not celebrate Christmas, rather they use that period to hold a crusade or programs in their churches.

The meaning of Adultery

Adultery symbolically in the bible means Spiritual Harlotry, false worship, idol worship, following other gods. This is not talking about physical fornication, adultery or harlotry;

in the bible, God often used these terms to describe false worship, pagan worship. You know, the bible says that we are the bride of Christ, meaning that we belong to him, He's our Lord, the moment we deviate from Him and start worshipping other gods then we are harlots or adulterers because we now have more than one love and have forgotten about our first love. Our first love is Christ. (Rev 2:4-5)

2 Corinthians 11:2

''For I am jealous over you with Godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.'' A Virgin is the opposite of a Harlot, a fornicator or an Adulterer. Most times, the Lord uses ''virgin'' to describe his faithful church or a faithful individual. So when the Lord says that we are his bride and we are only married to one husband [CHRIST], that means that we are faithful to only Him and we are not involved in false worship [worship of other gods] but when He says that we are committing adultery that means we are no longer faithful to him and we have other gods we worship aside from Him. The opposite of a Harlot is a Virgin.

The bible says ''do not make any graven image or worship it for I am a jealous God'' . Exodus 20:5

We see this in the case of the Israelites in the book of Hosea 1:2 when God was angry with the children of Israelites because they were worshipping other gods, He asked the prophet Hosea to go and marry an harlot to serve as an example of what the children of Israel are doing. " The beginning of the word of the Lord by Hosea, and the Lord said to him, go take unto thee a wife of whoredom: for the land hath committed great whoredom departing from the Lord".

So we can see that the moment we depart from the Lord, we are regarded as Harlots or adulterers [spiritual] please also read Ezekiel 16:26-32 If we go deep into the study of the book of revelations, we would discover that catholic church best fits into the description of harlotry with her many false doctrines, hence, Babylon the Mother of Harlots is the Roman Church, and her wine is her false doctrines and teachings that she have corrupted the world with.

I believe that at this stage we should have known that protestant churches came out of the Roman Catholic. That is why the church always claims to be **the Mother of the Church**, you can browse it. And because of the many abominations committed by Catholic church, the Protestants churches had to be formed, that is how "Protestants" came out which is the derivative of "protest", they protested against these doctrines and came out but, they definitely could not do away with all the wicked practices inherited because the Mother church already had a grip on them. Please search more about this.

Biblical Origin of Christmas, compared with a brief Pagan origin of Christmas.

We have to go back to Noah's time, where Nimrod was the grandson of one of Noah's son, Ham. Now, Ham had a son named Cush who married a woman named Semiramis.

Cush and Semiramis then had a son and named him “Nimrod.” After the death of his father, Nimrod married his own mother and became a powerful King. Nimrod built and organized major cities, including BABEL, Accad, and Erech, and also built Resen, Calah and Nineveh in the land of Asshur (Genesis 10:10-12) Bebel which was majorly known to kick against God's commandments. Semiramis who upon Nimrod’s death, deified him as the Sun god, which became known in various cultures later as Baal (“LORD” means Baal in Hebrew), Janus, Saturn, Baalim, Bel, Osiris, Bacchus and Molech etc And later, when Queen Semiramis gave birth to an illegitimate son, she claimed (Mythology) that he was Nimrod reborn — Nimrod Tammuz. Nimrod was deified as the god of the sun, Queen Semiramis became the Queen of Heaven, the goddess of the moon and fertility, and Nimrod Tammuz became the savior of the world in this Mystery Babylonian Religion. Semiramis soon became pregnant and claimed that it was the rays of the sun-god Baal that caused her to conceive, bringing forth a son named Tammuz. And according to pagan legend, after Nimrod Tammuz died, he descended into the underworld, but because of the weeping of his mother, he mystically revived in the springing forth of the vegetation in Spring (EZEKIEL 8:14), much in the same way Queen Semiramis said the evergreen tree symbolized his father’s eternal life.

So then, ‘Babel’ means ‘confusion, and when the people were scattered, they carried their Sun god religion with them, with some building pyramids reminiscent of the tower of Babel as part of their Mystery religion. And indeed, remnants like them throughout the world, including in Iraq, South and Central America, Burma and even China. And almost every idolatrous practice had its origins at Babel, as the people scattered from Babel with different languages, using different names for Nimrod and Semiramis. Some called her the Mother Goddess “Ishtar” (which is originally pronounced Easter), while in other lands, she was called Eostre, Astarte, Ostera, and Eastre, and also called the Mother goddess, Wife of Baal, Ashtaroth or Ashtoreth, and, of course, the Queen of Heaven (Judges 2:13 and Jeremiah 44:17-19). She was also worshiped as Mother Nature, the goddess of Spring, the god of fertility, and the goddess of the moon. We can see that even the Israelites were affected with this pagan feasts and festivals... They couldn't help it. Can we see why God called the woman, Babylon the great?

The Israelites also created groves and brought evergreen trees into the temples to decorate the temples. There is a connection between the grooves and the Christmas trees that people bring into their homes and churches, this practice has been in existence for a long time, there is nothing new under the sun

Let's go into history now, would just bring out some key points to see if they go inline with what we have learnt from the scriptures about Christmas

The date of December 25 to celebrate Christ's birth was chosen to conform to the old, pagan Roman holidays called "Saturnalia" and "Brumalia." The ancient Romans kept these holidays around the time of the shortest day of the year, the winter solstice. Here are some excerpts about this festival from "The Book of the Bible by Riedel, Tracy & Moskwitz:" Because the Roman emperor Aurelian fixed December 25th for the winter

solstice holiday in AD 274, it is thought that the early Christians adopted this day for their Christ-mass so that they would be less conspicuous in the observance of their holiday. Is it not ironic that "Christians" celebrate Christmas? Christians are by name followers of Christ, and He says nothing in His Word about memorializing His birth year after year. The Bible is quite clear that the day of one's death is more important (Ecclesiastes 7:1), and certainly, Christ's death is particularly more important for our salvation and the fulfillment of God's plan than His birth (Romans 5:6-21). So how did Christians come to believe that God approves of them celebrating Christmas? The word "Christmas" means "Mass of Christ," or, as it came to be shortened, "Christ-Mass." It came from non-Christians and Protestants from the Roman Catholic Church. And where did they get it? Not from the New Testament—not from the Bible—not from the original apostles who were personally instructed from Christ—but it gravitated in the fourth century into the Roman Church from paganism. Since the celebration of Christmas has come to the world from the Roman Catholic Church, and has no authority but that of the Roman Catholic Church, let us examine the Catholic Encyclopedia, 1911 edition, published by that church. Under the heading "Christmas," you will find: "Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church . . . the first evidence of the feast is from Egypt." "Pagan customs centering around the January calends gravitated to Christmas."

And in the same encyclopedia, under the heading "Natal Day," we find that the early Catholic father, Origen, acknowledged this truth: "In the Scriptures, no one is recorded to have kept a feast or held a great banquet on his birthday. It is only sinners [like Pharaoh and Herod] who make great rejoicings over the day in which they were born into this world" (emphasis ours). Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1946 edition, has this: "Christmas (i.e., the Mass of Christ). . . . Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the church." It was not instituted by Christ or the apostles, or by Bible authority. It was picked up afterward from paganism. The Encyclopedia Americana, 1944 edition, says: "Christmas . . . was, according to many authorities, not celebrated in the first centuries of the Christian church, as the Christian usage in general was to celebrate the death of remarkable persons rather than their birth." (The "Communion," which is instituted by New Testament Bible authority, is a memorial of the death of Christ.) "A feast was established in memory of this event [Christ's birth] in the fourth century. In the fifth century, the Western Church ordered it to be celebrated forever on the day of the old Roman feast of the birth of Sol, as no certain knowledge of the day of Christ's birth existed."

Now notice! These recognized historical authorities show Christmas was not observed by Christians for the first two or three hundred years—a period longer than the entire history of the United States as a nation! It got into the Western, or Roman, Church, by the fourth century AD. It was not until the fifth century that the Roman Church ordered it to be celebrated as an official Christian festival!

If we got Christmas from the Roman Catholics, and they got it from paganism, where did the pagans get it? Where, when, and what was its real origin?

It is a chief custom of the corrupt system denounced all through Bible prophecies and teachings under the name of Babylon. And it started and originated in the original Babylon of ancient Nimrod! Yes, it stems from roots whose beginning was shortly this side of the Flood! Nimrod, grandson of Ham, son of Noah, was the real founder of the Babylonish system that has gripped the world ever since—the system of organized competition—of man-ruled governments and empires, based upon the competitive and profit-making economic system. Nimrod built the Tower of Babel, the original Babylon, ancient Nineveh, many other cities. He organized the world's first kingdom. The name Nimrod, in Hebrew, is derived from "Marad," meaning "he rebelled."

Thus, during the fourth and fifth centuries, when the pagans of the Roman world were "accepting" the new popular "Christianity" by hundreds of thousands, carrying their old pagan customs and beliefs along with them, merely cloaking them with Christian-sounding names, the Madonna and "Mother and Child" idea also became popularized, especially at Christmas time. Every Christmas season, you will hear songs and chanted dozens of times the hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night," with its familiar "Mother and Child" theme. We, who have been born in such a Babylonish world, reared and steeped in these things all our lives, have been taught to revere these things as holy and sacred. We never questioned to see where they came from—whether they came from the Bible or from pagan idolatry! We are shocked to learn the truth—some, unfortunately, take offense at the plain truth! But God commands His faithful ministers, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression" (Isaiah 58:1). Shocking as these facts are, they are the plain facts of history and the Bible!

The real origin of Christmas goes back to the ancient Babylon. It is bound up in the organized apostasy with which Satan has gripped a deceived world these many centuries! In Egypt, it was always believed that the son of Isis (Egyptian name for "Queen of Heaven") was born December 25th. Paganism celebrated this famous birthday over most of the known world for centuries before the birth of Christ. December 25th is not the birthday of Jesus the true Christ! The apostles and early true Church never celebrated Christ's birthday at any time. There is no command or instruction to celebrate it in the Bible—rather, the celebration of it is pagan in origin, not a Christian custom. Thus the ancient idolatrous "Chaldean Mysteries," founded by this wife of Nimrod, have been handed down through the pagan religions under new Christian-sounding names.

Don't forget that we talked about Babylon the mother of all harlots when we began this study.

Now as we know, the matter on ground now is not if Christmas started as a pagan festival or not, it surely did. And all agrees to it based on it's origin. But, should Christians celebrate it is now the question.

Firstly, we know that the scriptures says in Proverbs 14:12 says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." and that there is no fellowship

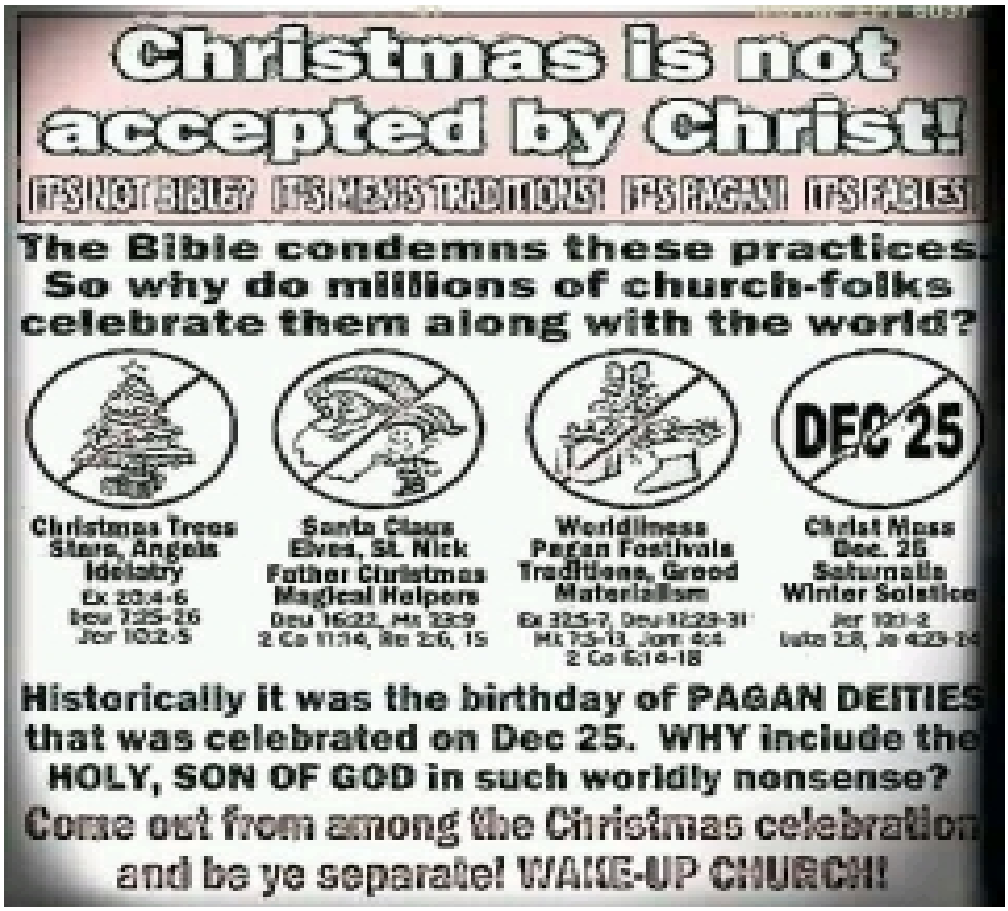
between light and darkness. If there is **no** fellowship between light and darkness, then we cannot join ourselves with anything that has its root in paganism. And if we say that it depends on what we do while celebrating it, then it means that we have formed our own doctrines by ourselves. Why a lot of people cannot stop the celebration of Christmas is because they were born into it and they never for once search the scriptures to know where it came from since Christmas was not in the bible. Some are following their church's doctrine and it's already in their blood. The truth is that no church doctrine is yet complete maybe for a few that God is just calling out of Babylon, but because our churches are still holding on to some of these Babylonian practices shouldn't make us to choose to continue living in them, we have to come out of them immediately we get to know of them. Celebration of Christmas is linked to worship and this kind of worship should be avoided by Christians because such worship was not observed by the early church.

Deuteronomy 12:30-31

Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. [31] Thou shalt not do so unto the Lord thy God: for every abomination to the Lord, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

The Pagan Origin Of Christmas Evergreen Trees.

The evergreen fir tree has traditionally been used to celebrate winter festivals (pagan and Christian) for thousands of years. Pagans used branches of it to decorate their homes during the winter solstice, as it made them think of the spring to come. Pagans in Europe used branches of evergreen firtrees to



decorate their homes and brighten their spirits during the winter solstice. Early Romans used evergreens to decorate their temples at the festival of Saturnalia, while ancient Egyptians used green palm rushes as part of their worship of the god Ra.

Asherah

Asherah, another Canaanite fertility goddess, was believed to be the wife of 'El', the chief god of the Canaanites. In common with the cult of Ashtoreth, the veneration of Asherah was often associated with the worship of Baal (see Judges 6:25 & 2 Kings 23:4). 'Asherah poles' were symbols of fertile, fruit-laden trees and of the goddess Asherah herself. They were often erected near pagan altars (see 1 Kings 16:32-33, 1 Kings 17:9-10) and adjacent to other 'sacred trees' (see 1 Kings 14:22-24) The toleration of these 'sacred trees' and their adoption by the Israelites was another major contributor to their fall from God's grace (see Isaiah 1:29). he principal gods of the Babylonians were Marduk (also referred to as Bel, meaning 'Baal' or 'Lord') and Nebo. Images (or idols) of these gods were paraded through the streets during religious festivals (see Isaiah 46:1, Jeremiah 50:2 & 51:44). The story of Daniel, Bel and the Snake in the Apocrypha (and in the Greek version of the Hebrew scriptures, the Septuagint) tells of the deceptions and fraudulant claims perpetrated by the priests of the temple of Bel. The Israelites, however, continued to dabble in Egyptian religious practices, and after the fall of Jerusalem in 587BC, Jeremiah rebuked those in exile in Egypt for worshipping the 'Queen of Heaven' (Isis or possibly Ashtoreth) and Amon (Amun), the 'god of Thebes' (see Jeremiah 44:15-19 & 46:25).

So, we can see that all these gods are the same with different names. **The goddess of fertility is represented by the evergreen trees and plants and shrubs.**

this chapter, God makes it very clear: "Learn not the way of the heathen, for the customs of the peoples are vain" (Jeremiah 10:2-3, KJV), stressing His total rejection of practices adopted from other religions even if they are intended to honor Him. For God is never honored by disobedience. We can read Deuteronomy 12:29-32 and 2 Corinthians 6:14 along with these verses.

Notice God's instruction back in Deuteronomy 16:21-22

"Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the Lord thy God, which thou shalt make thee". 22 Neither shalt thou set thee up any image; which the Lord thy God hateth.

This instruction was neglected by the children of Israel, they went ahead to plant groves and even bring them Into the temple of the Lord.

Exactly what is done today in our churches.(temples of God)

2 Kings 23:4-7

"And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels that were made for Baal, **and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel".** 5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense **unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.** 6 **AND HE BROUGHT OUTTHE GROVE FROM THE HOUSE OF THE LORD,** without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people. 7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the Lord, where the women wove hangings for the grove

Note: these trees and groves represents fertility, sometimes it represents the goddess fertility itself(Asherah)

Comparison between the ancient Babylon and mystery Babylon

After God had purged the world with a flood, Nimrod the first defied king of Babel re-introduced false worship and paganism into the world.

After the death of Christ, a new and true religion was formed [Christianity] but false worship was re-introduced into the Church by the leaders of Roman Catholic Church.

The pagan Rome worshipped many gods and celebrated many pagan festivals which traces their roots back to Babel (Babylon, confusion, false religion)

So when Constantine became the first Christian Emperor, he wanted Christianity to be

the popular religion. In other to get more converts to Christianity the early Christians leaders converted most of their pagan gods and festivals to Christian festivals and saints etc. By so doing it was not difficult for the people to leave their old religion to a new one, it was just **baptized paganism** They don't deny these, rather they claim that they have all been consecrated.

Two arguments are often used to justify Christmas observance.

1) **Many will reason this way:** "But, even though the exact date of Jesus' birth is unknown, should we not select some date to celebrate as His birthday?" The answer is positively no! Notice the statement quoted from the Catholic Encyclopedia: "Sinners alone, not saints, celebrate their birthdays." The celebration of birthdays is not a Christian, but a pagan custom, observed by sinners! And the scriptures made it clear that the death of a man is more important than his birth. Ecclesiastes 7:1 KJV A good name is better than precious ointment; **and the day of death than the day of one's birth.** this the apostles knew and no one of them celebrated Christmas. But because Christians these days love ceremonies, partying and doing what the world does, they decided to create what would not really look pagan but against the word of God. If Christ wanted us to celebrate Christmas, He would have said it just the way He commanded that we should eat Holy Communion in remembrance of Him, if you want to remember Christ, eat holy communion as often as possible that is what the word of God commanded.

And for celebrating Christ, it is not for you to do on a particular day, it's what should be done everyday of our lives as Christians, we are to live for Him, be good to people everyday, be kind, care for the needy, every day of our lives. When pagans worship their gods, they worship them in merry making, doing all forms of gymnastics but the bible says worship God in spirit and in truth. So those who celebrate Christmas no matter how they do it, are worshipping the god that established Christmas which started during the time of Nimrod. The truth is that stopping this celebration is not easy but once one is determined to stop he would stop, I have stopped celebrating this pagan festival for years now, but when I wanted to stop it was not easy but the truth is that, we must not serve God with mammon. Light must stand out away from darkness.

2) **But, many still reason, "Even so—even though Christmas was a pagan custom, honoring the false sun-god, we don't observe it to honor the false god, we observe it to honor Christ."** But how does God answer in His Word? "Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them [the pagans in their customs] . . . that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the Eternal, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods" (Deuteronomy 12:30-31).

God says plainly in His Instruction book to us, that He will not accept that kind of worship, even though intended in His honor. To Him, He says, it is offering what is abominable to Him, and therefore it honors, not Him, but false pagan gods. God says we

must not worship Him according to the "dictates of our own conscience"—a term we often hear. But Jesus says plainly, "God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). And what is truth? God's Word—the Holy Bible—said Jesus, is truth (John 17:17); and the Bible says God will not accept worship when people take a pagan custom or manner of worship and try to honor Christ with it. Again, Jesus said: "In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:9). Christmas observance is a tradition of men, and the commandments of God, as quoted, forbid it. Jesus said, further, "full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." That is precisely what the millions are doing today. They ignore the commandments of God. He commands, regarding taking the customs of the pagans and using them to honor or worship God: "Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God." Still, most people today take that command of God lightly, or as having no validity whatsoever, and follow the tradition of men in observing Christmas. Make no mistake! God will allow you to defy and disobey Him. He will allow you to follow the crowd and the traditions of men. He will allow you to sin. But He also says there is a day of reckoning coming. As you sow, so shall you reap! Jesus is the living Word of God in Person, and the Bible is the written Word of God. And we shall be judged, for eternity, by these words! They should not be taken lightly or ignored.

In other to recommend the new religion [Christianity to the heathens the use of all these things were introduced to the church. Just like we have today, in the quest of getting new members and a full church, most pastors no longer preach repentance, or the end time message rather they preach come as you are, and when they come, as they are they remain as they were because the preachers don't want to offend them. And today, through the Roman Catholic Church, these false doctrines have spread all over Christendom. Hear the voice of Jesus calling today; **"COME OUT OF BABYLON, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT PARTAKE IN HER DESTRUCTION"!**

HOW NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

- Avoid all things that will associate you with ***Christmas*** celebration, if a party is tagged Christmas party, do not attend it.

- If a gift is tagged ***Christmas gift*** do not collect it, unless it's being renamed as just a gift without the word ***Christmas*** associated with it

- At some people's work place they share food stuffs and tag it Christmas items, you can tell them that why don't they tag it end of the year gifts instead of ***Christmas.***

- Don't wish anyone ***merry Christmas,*** if you are wished marry Christmas, simply let the person know that you do not celebrate Christmas.

- If church services are termed ***Christmas*** carol/service, do not attend.

- Don't buy things that has to do with ***Christmas*** for your children, e.g clothes, caps, toys, disco light, shoes etc

- Don't bring ***Christmas*** trees into your house or church to decorate it

- Don't let your children partake in ***Father Christmas*** parties

- Avoid listening and singing ***Christmas*** songs.

- If you are the only one in your family that do not celebrate ***Christmas***, if they cook on that day, eat, if you want to eat because on a normal day you'd eat in your house but let them know that you are not celebrating Christmas.

- Always warn people about the dangers of celebrating it.

This is where we would end the teaching on Christmas. If you have questions, comments or contributions, please start sending them in.

Contributions

All we need is the truth, and I believe this is the truth because the scriptures have clearly stated to us about this thing called Christmas, yes, many of us we conformed to it because when we were born, we found it and we didn't't really have time to sit down and dig some truth about it, now that the truth has been reviewed, we pray that the grace of God should be sufficient to do exactly what is supposed to be done, the equation is to worship God in spirit and in truth not in any form trying to modify things... - Brother Nyirenda Gibson

Question

Greetings Man of God. I have a question. You said Christmas is a pagan holiday and that it was established by pagans. My question is, are you aware that we go to church on a Sunday. A day dedicated to a Sun God. Is God going to punish us for worshiping him on a day pagans dedicated to a Sun God?

Some of the technology we are using today is dedicated to Satan. You can ask any I.T Guru, he will tell you that some of the tech gadgets parts e.g computer boards have some names of pagans gods and demons who are worshipped in last centuries. So are we going to hell for using things dedicated to Satan? Even the internet was designed to facilitate the coming of the anti Christ, the TV to brainwash people with sin. So my question is, are we going to hell for using such gadgets which are like Christmas holiday which was stated by pagans.

Lastly Paul said

Colossians 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

My question is are you not judging the Christian community for doing good, feeding the poor and remembering the birth of Jesus? Look at how many kids learn about Jesus through the play of Jesus. Are you saying we can't do even good in a thing which was initiated by pagans? Even Christ died on a Cross which was initiated by pagans. You criticise the Roman Catholic. Is there any church today which have spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ like the **Roman Catholic**? Are you just criticising Christmas for the sake of it as a pagan holiday but are you not being blinded to the way Christmas markets Jesus? We are living in a world, we are using a lot of things started by pagans, even your phone and the internet is from pagans. WhatsApp is from pagans. So you are going to hell for using **Pagans WhatsApp.**

I will be happy if you answer my questions sir. Thank you

Answer

Thank you for these wonderful questions, I have answered some already during the cause of the teaching, so I would answer others now.

Firstly, I would like us to know that not all what the majority are doing that is right in the sight of God. The fact that millions are doing it does not give it God's approval.

As for worshipping on Sunday, I would play slowly about it, because I have been making research and praying about it for close to a year now, but I tell you now, that if we come to realize that Sunday is also a Babylonian practice, we have to leave it. But for now, I would say let everyone go and pray, study the word of God thoroughly and research on it too, to know God's mind about it. But for the case of Christmas, it is a truth that I know as established by the word of God.

Secondly, as for the internet, phones, laptops, TV among others. We have to know that they have nothing to do with **worship**, Christmas has to do with **worship**, so we cannot put things such as this in place with **worship**. No! However, if you use them to corrupt yourself it's a sin, or you place them as a god, it's a sin.

Thirdly, Colossians 2:16 Therefore let no one sit in judgment on you in matters of **food and drink**, or with regard to a **feast day** or a **New Moon or a Sabbath.**

Now let's read the verse that follows.

Colossians 2:17 Such [things] are only the **shadow of things that are to come,** and they have only a symbolic value. **But the reality (the substance, the solid fact of what is foreshadowed, the body of it) belongs to Christ.** If we go by the verse 16 only, we would see that. Food and drinks were mentioned. Does that now approve us to eat human flesh and drink alcohol? At least we should not be judged in matters of food and drinks. Therefore this simply points out at acceptable foods and drinks by the word of God. And this also applies to feast too, the feast, new moon, Sabbaths, we are not to be judged for are those which the word of God accepts and mentioned not the one we invented through the traditions men to worship God.

And if we look at verse 16 we would discover that all these things are shadows of things to come they point out at things that will finally come to pass in future, for example the holy communion always makes us to remember the flesh and blood of Christ which would be eaten in future in heaven at the marriage supper of the lamb. But in what way does Christmas foreshadows any future things. None!, in fact the early church knows nothing about the feast called Christmas.

I hope this answered your question sir.

Contributions

We are all saved by grace not by our works, what is required for us is to have Jesus as our Lord and personal savior of our life, he who has Christ has life 1 John 5:12. - Brother Frank Katopola

Added Contribution

You are right sir, James 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, **AND I WILL SHEW THEE MY FAITH BY MY WORKS.**

Contribution

Man of God, thanks for this wonderful teaching. This teaching really came at the right time, when it is needed. I've learnt a lot from it. All this while, I've not even bothered to ask whether Christmas is biblical or not. But now I know the truth. Thanks a lot. - Brother Nwoke Izuchukwu

More of His grace to you. God bless you Sir.

Contribution

Thank you for the efforts you have made to answer the many questions arising from the chosen topic. This subject is really deeper than we can handle in a couple of lectures. The origin of Sunday as a deriving from a pagan Roman worship is also a pointer in a debatable subject like Christmas. These type of arguments also featured in the early Church over whether Christians should take part in eating from food prepared for idols. Apostle Paul answered them in 1Cor.10:31: "whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God".

Does that not set an example for us to steer the middle course in this and related matters? - Brother Ohiomah Godwin

Added Contribution

Hmmm... Thank you sir, why this kind of topic has to be treated is to bring out truths, truth must be truth and a lie must be a lie, we cannot stay in between.

And concerning foods sacrificed to idols, Here is the result of the general meeting the

apostles did concerning it. Acts 15:28 For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to lay upon you any greater burden than these indispensable requirements:

Acts 15:29 THAT YOU ABSTAIN FROM WHAT HAS BEEN SACRIFICED TO IDOLS and from [tasting] blood and from [eating the meat of animals] that have been strangled and from sexual impurity. If you keep yourselves from these things, you will do well. Farewell [be strong]! In all, I employ us to hold on to the truth even if it's not convenient for us. If we do not celebrate Christmas, it does not remove anything good from our lives. In fact, it would save us from unnecessary worry and spending and not to spend to incur God's wrath upon us. Although, it's not everyone that would accept this truth because some love festivity so much that they cannot give it up even for Christ's sake, but in all, I pray that the Lord gives us all understanding to come out of every Babylonian practice in Jesus name.

Relevant scriptures

Romans14:5

One person esteems one day as better than another while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord.The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord since he give thanks to God. - Brother Labbie Daniel Saa

Interpretation

Thank you for this passage, if we read from verse one, we would see that it started by comparing those who eat meat with vegetarians, that all are to the Lord. And then verse three.

Romans 14:3 Let not him who eats look down on or despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains criticize and pass judgment on him who eats; for God has accepted and welcomed him. But then, because God welcomes all does not mean we should eat what is not expected of us claiming we are eating it to the glory of God, can we say that we are not to judge those eating human flesh if they say that they are eating it to the glory of God, we should leave those drinking at beer parlours or pastors who drink alcohol in house alone if they say that they are doing it to the glory of God too. Romans 14:5 One man esteems one day as better than another, while another man esteems all days alike [sacred]. Let everyone be fully convinced (satisfied) in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. He also who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God; while he who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.

Can we then say that we esteem a day to worship God in a pagan way and because we find it convincing in our hearts, it does not offend God? I tell you that, there is a way you can offend God through esteeming a day above another if your worship is from the tradition of men which then becomes idolatry and not of God, we can esteem any day

important than others if they are inline with the word of God. Example (Holy Communion) any feast not in the scripture and of pagan origins cannot be esteemed to please God.

Questions

Good Morning Sir I was following your answers to my question but the scripture you are quoting here

Colossians 2:17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

The scripture is saying let no one judge you in festivals because all these festivals are a shadow of things to come, but the substance or essential part of everything is Jesus Christ. So celebrating Christmas or Easter is a shadow of how we are going to celebrate the life and victory of Jesus Christ in Heaven where we will have a feast with Jesus. But in everything, the essential part is Jesus Christ. Are you aware sir that there are people who only go to church because its christmas day or Easter and many have an encounter with Jesus Christ that day.

Are you aware that Christmas is being fought right now. They are removing the saying **Merry Christmas** and replacing it with the saying **Happy Holidays or X - Mass.** They are advocating of including other gods in the play of Jesus birth. So my question to you is if Christian is so **Pagan** as you claim why is the devil attacking it. Is the devil now divided to the extend of attacking his own structures. To me it does not make sense. Also on the issue of technology, are you saying Sir that **it's okay to use pagan things without worshiping them** or you are only selecting things that benefit you and you say it's okay and the things you don't need you call them from pagans.

I think its possible to do good and praise God on a Christmas day despite its origins.

Lastly my friend let me advice you, if you research everything and judge things from its origins, you will not eat, dress or use your phone because truly a few things we use originated from Christians. So don't just judge the origin of Christmas only. Also judge the origin of your cellphone, the network operator you are using, the phone you are using, the internet connection you are using. I tell you all these things originated from pagans and if you use the same rule you are using on Christmas that we should not celebrate it because it originated from Pagans, then please kindly exit on WhatsApp because the owner is a Pagan.

The calandar you are using is from pagans, the education system that taught you to read and write is from pagans. So tell me, if you crush everything because they are from pagans **what will you have left.** This earth belongs to Satan, its prince is Satan. **So can you kindly exit the earth that belongs to Satan**. You didn't comment on the issue of Roman Catholic, you claim its a pagan but those are the people who came with the gospel to many parts of the World. **So are you saying that God is now using Pagans to preach the Gospel.**

I will be happy if you answer these questions soberly. - Brother Edward Tino

Answer

I think I have answered your question sir on the issue of using things that has nothing to do with worship. Satan is so much concerned about worship that he told Jesus Christ to worship him, Christmas is about worship and it's a Babylonian practice that started right from the time of Nimrod, so there is nothing more to say about it. Colossians 2:16 Therefore let no one sit in judgment on you in matters of food and drink, or with regard to a FEAST DAY OR A NEW MOON OR A SABBATH. 17 Such [things] are only the shadow of things that are to come, and they have only a SYMBOLIC VALUE. But the reality (the substance, the solid fact of what is FORESHADOWED, the body of it) belongs to Christ. This verse you quoted is not talking about Christmas, Easter or any other feast not found in the scriptures. Because the Bible does not recognize them.

The shadow of things the bible was talking about can also be found in

Nehemiah 10:33

for the showbread, for the continual grain offering, for the continual burnt offering, the SABBATHS, THE NEW MOON, for the appointed times, for the holy things and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and all the work of the house of our God.

Numbers 29:6

besides the burnt offering of the NEW MOON and its grain offering, and the continual burnt offering and its grain offering, and their drink offerings, according to their ordinance, for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the Lord.

Ezekiel 45:17

It shall be the prince’s part to provide the burnt offerings, the grain offerings and the drink offerings, AT THE FEASTS, ON THE NEW MOONS AND ON THE SABBATHS, AT ALL THE APPOINTED FEASTS OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL; he shall provide the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.” Out of all the feasts mentioned above, where is Christmas and Easter mentioned?, these are the shadows of things to come that bible is talking about, not the feast God did not appoint for Israel. Take Christmas out of your agenda and follow what God's word says. And concerning Catholic church, I have talked about that church severally in this forum, Catholic church is not the church of the living God! All those who are there are breaking God's commandment on idol worship and even other biblical truths, it's not even a topic to discuss about because I don't think any knowledgeable and true child of God would accept the doctrines of Catholic church, if you have anyone there, kindly tell them to leave, and repent.

Leviticus 26:1 KJV

Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the

Lord your God.

Leave Catholic church, save a soul from damnation.

And concerning winning souls, even the devil is preaching his own gospel these days, so that's not something to marvel about, there are many churches established by the devil who do evangelism and bring souls to their churches to make them twice the children of hell. If a soul is won into heresy, such soul will still be damned, so coming out from such heresy is important.

Question

Just a quick one, so this means that every person that is worshipping on Sunday is going to hell like the seventh day Adventist believe? I guess we all know who transferred the day of worship to Sunday, it's a question? We are finished, I think I have to find those seventh day people to explain and teach so that I don't go to church on Sunday otherwise I risk going to hell, thank you sir - Teddy Resure

Answer

Thank you sir for this question about Sunday. I think I address it yesterday, and I would like to quote what I said. "As for worshipping on Sunday, I would play slowly about it, because I have been making research and praying about it for close to a year now, but I tell you now, that if we come to realize that Sunday is also a Babylonian practice we have to leave it. But for now, I would say let everyone go and pray, study the word of God thoroughly and research on it too, to know God's mind about it. But for the case of Christmas it is a truth that I know as established by the word of God." Please do ask them sir, it's part of how to seek the truth, this is how I want everyone here to react to matters such as this, go for research, study more, pray more for the truth to be revealed, it really shows seriousness in our walk with God. Thank you so much for resoluting at this, let us all copy this kind of resolutions, let's be like the Berean Christians. God bless you dear brother.

Question

Brother, is it permissible to fly, get into cars, use phones and communicate by whatsapp? Since the word of God did not tell us to do them - Brother Ferdy Moukouri

Answer

Your question has been answered already sir, please go through the study and the questions and answers section. God bless you sir.

THE END

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