

CHRISTMAS

THE TRUTH WILL CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE



The Words Of The Lord
Are Pure Words

INTRODUCTION

Most people observe Christmas today without a shred of knowledge about its origin. It is a pagan tradition we have christianized and are accustomed to. For most people, the Christmas season represents a time of celebration, joy, peace and harmony. It is the time of the year where most churches are filled up with people. The church is never as popular as in this season of warmth and togetherness.

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year for most people, even those who are not part of the church, those who still live in sin and reject Christ daily throughout the rest of the year. Unlike any other season, this particular season has for many - somehow - a kind of magical touch to it. But with that said, this does raise a few important questions:

- Should we observe the christmas season?
- Is it a commandment of the Lord?
- Are we really celebrating the birth of the Savior?
- What does the Bible teach?
- Did the early church observe this season?
- Where lies its origin?
- Should we keep on with this tradition or rule it out?

These are important questions we must ask ourselves and do diligent research on. We cannot just adapt to traditions and customs because they feel right. The Word of God is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. To answer these questions we need to go through some - historical - facts and search the Scriptures for clarification.



THE EARLY CHURCH

The Early Church

The Early Church or Apostolic Church never observed the birth of the Savior. There is no record in scripture that shows the apostles or early believers celebrating the birth of the Savior of the world.

No commandment is given in scripture requiring believers to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Christ Himself - in His teachings - never commanded us to celebrate His birth. Even the word Christmas doesn't appear anywhere in scripture. The only passage we find in scripture where Jesus tells His disciples to do something in His remembrance is in Luke 22.

Luke 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. (KJV)

Basically - at this point - we have already concluded that there is no Scriptural support whatsoever for the observation or celebration of Christmas. But we cannot just pack up and leave, we need to dig deeper to reach our final conclusion.

CHRISTMAS

The word Christmas

Christmas derived from the word 'Christ-Mass'. In Roman Catholicism the 'Mass' is equal to the Lord's supper. This word comes from the latin word 'Missa'. This Mass involves certain rituals regarding the communion supper, better known as the 'Eucharistic Supper'.

According to their believe, during the ceremony of the Mass - at the part of consecration - the priest would be able to change the bread and wine into the actual body and blood of Christ. Hereby the person receiving them, becomes a living offering to God themselves (*Catechism of the Catholic Church 2nd Edition - 1105*).

What we clearly see here is that the word 'Christmas' has basically no connection with the birth of Christ whatsoever. It has everything to do with the Roman Catholic believe on transubstantiation - the power to convert one substance into another - which is nothing more then sorcery. Christmas in fact is a creation of the Roman Catholic church.



DECEMBER 25TH

December 25th

Before we dive into the historical facts regarding this date, let's first look at the following passage and rely on our common sense for just a moment:

Luke 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. (KJV)

Can you truly imagine how unbearably cold it must have been for the shepherds sleeping in the fields by night watching over their flock? This passage alone - in Luke chapter 2 - is evidence enough to debunk the notion on Christ's birth on December 25th. Let's continue with the facts.

December 25th is the worship day of 'sun gods and sun goddesses'. Long before the Roman Empire, 'Tammuz' the son of 'Nimrod' - the sworn enemy of God - and the Persian mystery god 'Mithra' were celebrated and worshipped on this exact day. Later on, the Romans picked the same day to celebrate and honor their sun god 'Sol-Invictus' meaning 'the unconquered sun'.

It was not until the 4th century that December 25th was chosen by the Roman Catholics as the anniversary of the nativity. This because the pagan festivals from which so many christian customs spring today were held around that same time. In the fifth century the Catholic church ordered it to be celebrated forever on the day of the old Roman feast of the birth of their deity Sol-Invictus.

Mid-Winter Feast

December 25th was not called 'Christmas' until the ninth century. Until then it had been the Mid-Winter Feast, better known as Winter Solstice. A combination of the Norse 'Yule' festival and the Roman 'Saturnalia' - a festival to honor the pagan god Saturn -, both of which took place in late December.

Yule festival

The pagan Scandinavian and Germanic people of northern Europe celebrated a twelve day holiday called Yule. This feast was observed at the time of the Winter solstice. At this festival fires were lit, symbolizing the heat and life-giving of the returning sun. The highlight of the festival was the burning of the Yule-log in honor of the Scandinavian god 'Thor'. As a token of good luck and the following year festival, a piece of the log was kept in the home.



In other European countries - like England, Germany and France - the Yule-log was burned to ashes. This practice is still done in other parts of the world - like the Dutch Caribbean and parts of South America -, where they burn the christmas tree* at the beginning of the first month of the year. It happens before or right after the celebration of the 'Epiphany', better known as 'Three Kings'.



In the European countries mentioned before, the farmers collected the ashes and scattered them on the fields as manure. Otherwise the ashes were kept for good luck, because they believed the ashes would protect the house against thunder, lightning and evil spirits.

SATURNALIA

Saturnalia

The Saturnalia mid-winter feast was held to honor Saturn, the father of the gods and agriculture according to the beliefs of ancient Rome. The festival was characterized by the suspension of discipline and reversal of the usual order for seven long days, starting from December 17th.

Slaves were freed and served by their masters over this seven-day-period. One of the traditions was the offering or exchange of gifts, like:

- Imitation fruit (*a fertility symbol*);
- Dolls (*symbolic to the custom of human sacrifice*);
- Candles (*symbolic to the bonfires associated with pagan sun-worship feasts*).



They also chose a mock king out of the group of the slaves or the group of the criminals. This mock king was permitted to behave in an unrestrained manner for the duration of the Saturnalia, but was usually killed at the end. At last the festival perverted into a spree of revelry, crime and - sexual - dissipation.

EVERGREENS

Evergreen Trees

An evergreen is a plant that has leaves throughout the year and always stays green. Long before the arrival of Christianity, evergreens had a special meaning for the pagan populations in the winter season. Ancient cultures - like today - decorated their homes by hanging evergreen boughs over their doors and windows. Many believed that evergreens would protect them from witches, ghosts, evil spirits and sickness.

- The Egyptians filled their homes with green palm rushes - symbolizing the triumph of life over death - to worship their god 'Ra'.
- The Romans, knowing that soon - after the winter season - the farms and orchards would be green and fruitful again, decorated their homes and temples with evergreen boughs.
- The mysterious Druids of Northern Europe, priests of the ancient Celts also decorated their temples with evergreen boughs symbolizing everlasting life.

Now you may ask yourself, what has the evergreen to do with this topic on Christmas. That's a question we are about to answer. Remember the fact we gave you earlier? The christmas tree is in fact the yule-tree. But before we jump to the historical facts, let's look at what the Bible has to say about the evergreen tree.

NOTE! The Yule-Tree is an Evergreen Tree

Deuteronomy 12:2 Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree: (KJV)

1 Kings 14:23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree. (KJV)

2 Kings 16:4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. (KJV)

Jeremiah 2:20 For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot. (KJV)

Isaiah 57:5 Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks? (KJV)

Ezekiel 6:13 Then shall ye know that I am the Lord, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols. (KJV)



Every Green Tree

When the Bible say 'every green tree', It doesn't particularly refer to all green trees. The Bible refers mostly to the type of tree the people chose to bring sacrifices under, and that is the evergreen tree. But why the evergreen tree you may ask? Because only the evergreen tree symbolizes life's triumph over death according to pagan traditions.

The Egyptians believed that the fir tree sprang from the grave of their god Osiris, who was murdered. According to their superstitious believe, Osiris was resurrected through this evergreen tree.

Yule Tree - Decorations - Gifts

Yule trees were part of the Pagan traditions long before the birth of Christ and the emergence of Christianity. These trees were generally decorated with hanging candles in the outdoor life.

The lights and ornaments originally symbolized the sun, moon and stars as they observed this - so called - Tree of Life. The same decorations also represented the souls of those who died earlier and were remembered at the end of each year. Gift giving was arranged by hanging sacred presents on the tree as offerings to different deities (false gods).



Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree does not originate from Christianity and has no Biblical background whatsoever. The Christmas tree is clearly an object of idol worship and has nothing to do with the birth of Christ.

The shiny round ornaments we hang in the Christmas tree today, originally symbolize the sun. The star we put on top of the tree has nothing to do with the star the wise men were following to find the new born King. Most of the stars on top of Christmas trees are five-pointed. A five-pointed star symbolizes the satanic hexagram. Also the exchange of gifts under the tree has its origins in paganism. Gift giving originally had nothing to do with generosity, but was based on superstition and fear.



Nowadays people argue by saying that the Christmas tree has nothing to do with idol worship, but everything to do with creating a festive atmosphere in the home. Really? Imagine this:

We bring an evergreen tree into our homes, we give it a prominent place in the living room, we decorate it with shiny ornaments, glitters, candy and put presents under it. On top of that we crown the tree with a star making it an object of admiration. And yet, we still insist it's not an object of - idol - worship. This is very ironic to say the least.

But what does the Bible have to say about such customs and practices?

Jeremiah 10:2-4 Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way 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 axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. (KJV)

In verse 2 God clearly said: *2 ..Learn not the way of the heathen..*

God doesn't want His people to practice what those heathens practiced and yet we still imitate pagan practices today. Let's look at portions of verse 3 and verse 4:

3 ..for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, ..with the axe.

4 They deck it with silver and with gold..

Many will argue that these passages are not mentioning the christmas tree specifically by name. Of course not, because the title christmas tree has been given centuries later by the European Germans in the 16th century. The reason why many of us argue with the truth is because we feel comfortable with the way it is. Acknowledging means change and that is something we have a problem with.

Let Us Reason

Why in the world are - repented, born again, Spirit-filled and baptized - believers celebrating Christmas knowing that:

- There is no scriptural support for the observance of Christmas;
- There is no commandment given to us to celebrate the birth of Christ;
- It has never been a Christian tradition to begin with;
- Christmas is deeply rooted in paganism;
- It was instituted by the Roman Catholic church;
- December 25th is the worship day of many sun gods and sun goddesses;
- God doesn't want His children to imitate pagan customs and practices.

Is it not strange that the whole world - with the exception of some cultures - celebrates Christmas the same way as the believers in Christ? If it were a pure christian tradition, the world would have hated it. But since it has pagan roots, it is easily accepted and adapted to.

John 15:18-19 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. (KJV)

Many churches try to sooth their conscience by celebrating Christmas on another date in December instead of the 25th. To keep our Christianized traditions we choose rather to disobey God and go against His commandments. Somehow we need those highlights through the year to make sure people don't get bored in church:

- Thanksgiving;
- Christmas;
- Good Friday;
- Easter;
- Halloween.

INFLUENCE OF ROMAN CATHOLICISM

Practicing Catholicism

While we keep on observing and celebrating Christmas, what we don't realize is, that we are basically practicing Catholicism. Remember that almost all christian holidays - we know today - are deeply rooted within Catholicism. We know for a fact that Roman Catholicism is the result of a mixture between religion and paganism, yet we dearly keep up with their traditions and practices.

The influence of the Catholic religion and it's practices are visible in churches and denominations for decades now. Furthermore it's gaining more and more acceptance nowadays. Let us look at one example:

Every year at the christmas pageant - in the nativity play - we traditionally focus on the three wise man following the star to Bethlehem. We even seem to know the names of these three wise man: Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar. But does the Bible say anything about these three wise man and their respective names? Let's see:

Matthew 2:1-2 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. (KJV)

The only passage we find regarding wise men from the east is in the book of Matthew. There is no mention of only three of them, let alone their names. Maybe you didn't know, but this is also a creation of the Roman Catholic church. So this being the case, why are Bible believers still holding on to this tradition? Either it is ignorance or believers are still bound to the false gods and religions God freed them from.

In Conclusion

With all the evidence presented regarding the origin of Christmas, we all have a choice to make. It also requires some extensive research on our behalf.

Christmas is a christianized pagan tradition with no Biblical support at all.

The spirit of ecumenicalism - which is catholicism - is the same spirit of the anti-christ. It is penetrating the church organization by storm with one goal, and one goal alone: To replace the true Gospel of Christ and to rule out the true believers by making them the problem. Marking them as disturbers of peace and unity within the body.

Many believers will argue: What does it matter if the origin of christmas is pagan? This is not how we celebrate it today. Now first of all, God alone determines what is acceptable worship to Him or not. Somehow we seem to forget that when we try to mingle with the world and it's traditions.

Now let's see what the Bible has to say in regards to keeping His commandments and not to diverge:

Jude 1:3 *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. (KJV)*

Deuteronomy 4:2 *Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. (KJV)*

The Bible is very clear about it; we must stay true to the faith and commandments once delivered to us. We cannot diverge because something seems acceptable to us or because 'Everyone Does It'. Here is the thing, many times we make things acceptable by applying the 'Majority Rule'. If 51% agrees with the bill, then the bill is passed. It does not and has never worked like that in the Kingdom of Heaven, so we need to understand something very clearly:



The Kingdom of heaven is not a 'Democracy', but a Kingdom of a 'Sovereign Lordship': One King and One Rule for all, no exceptions.

We need to ask ourself the following questions: What are we teaching our children? What type of gospel will they handle over to their children? Christ said the following:

Luke 18:8 ...Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? (KJV)

Shall Christ find faith on the earth? Or a bunch of christianized pagan traditions dis-honoring His Name. We have to re-examine our ways and renounce those things that are not pleasing to God Almighty.

It's mind boggling on how - most - believers reason nowadays when it comes to the truth. We invent tons of reasons and excuses to keep the traditions we hold on so dearly, knowing somehow - in the back of our mind - that we are in direct violation. Many people arguing topics like this, will tell you that we are living in modern times and that we should not waste our time finding out the truth. Put it this way:

Should The Almighty judge sin differently because we live in a modern society with a different point of view on crime punishment? I doubt that. Sin - no matter how small to us - is still a felony in God's eyes. Which means that disobedience is the same as rebellion, and rebellion the same as witchcraft. Let's look at a few scriptures concerning this:

Disobedience

1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. (KJV)

Daniel 9:5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: (KJV)

Scripture is very clear, no doubt about that. So, bringing it down to our Christmas topic, we are in clear violation. God has just freed us from these dark practices, so why in the world do we still continue them?

Colossians 1:12-13 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: (KJV)

Keeping the tradition?

Wonder why so many churches, leaders and believers refuse* to do due diligence on this subject?

Reason why, is because it's traditional, cozy, attractive and fills up the gap in the year planning of most churches. Ruling out Christmas will cost them to much trouble finding another program to cling onto, to keep the visiting crowd satisfied. It's a very sad observation.

Note: Ignoring a fact - just because it doesn't suite your believes or ideas -, is plain *refusal.

I leave you with one last - very important - question:

Will you worship God the Son or will you worship Sun-gods? The choice is yours.

IMPORTANT FACTS

These are some important and amazing facts unknown to many

- December 25th is the birthday celebration of many sun gods and sun goddesses.
- The so called Christmas tree is in fact the pagan Yule tree symbolizing life's triumph over death and was used as a magic symbol of luck and fertility.
- The giving of presents - candles and dolls in particular - was called Sigillaria and derived from the pagan customs of human sacrifice at the mid-winter season.
- The mistletoe is a very popular Christmas decoration. Traditionally males and females must kiss when meeting each other under a hanging mistletoe. But the Mistletoe in reality has pagan roots. Ancient druids of Gaul regarded the mistletoe - growing on oak trees - as a gift from heaven. Same goes for other decorations like holly and ivy. As it was customary to decorate with greenery for these festivals, those decorations are also associated with Pagan festivals.
- The mother and child referred to as Mary and baby Jesus are in fact Semiramis the sun-goddess (or Isis to the Egyptians) and the sun-god Tammuz who symbolizes the rebirth of Nimrod the mighty one on earth ([Genesis 10:8](#)).
- The round - colored and shiny - ornaments we hang in the Christmas tree today in reality represent the sun and are symbolic to sun-worship.