

Consider now the origin of Christmas and reflect for a moment on what must be overlooked in order to continue to celebrate this day.

THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS

A. ITS DATE...

Actually, Christmas (or CHRIST-mass) was the direct adoption of a heathen festival observed on December 24 and 25, in honor of the son of the Babylonian queen, Astarte. Observed for centuries BEFORE CHRIST, the Chaldeans called this "child day" or "yule day". (Does the expression, "yule time season" sound familiar)?

B. THE CHRISTMAS TREE...

As part of this pagan form of Satan worship, heathens (Gentiles) would bring (into their houses) fir or pine trees, during this period of the year. They would deck the tree with GOLD AND SILVER ORNAMENTS or gold and silver colored ornaments. The heathens (Gentiles) believed that by bringing this tree into their homes and dressing it up, it would protect their homes from evil spirits. According to one legend, on the eve of Christmas (Dec. 24) the yule log was cast into a tree from which divine gifts appeared -- PRESENTS from the gods to bless men in the New Year. This tree was common in the days of Jeremiah, who expressly warned Israel to forsake this heathen custom. God recognized this custom as a form of idolatry. (Jeremiah 10:1-9) (Psalm 115.4-7)

C. THE TIME OF JESUS' BIRTH

There is no indication whatsoever, that CHRIST was born on Dec. 25. Rather, from everything found in scripture, one must conclude that He was born during the warmer months of the year. For one thing we know he was laid in a manger (outside in an unheated stable). The cold months in Israel (December. to February) are generally too severe for traveling to pay a tax, as Joseph did with his family. One must realize that all travel in those days was by foot, or leastways by very primitive means; scripture tells us that shepherds were in the fields. Even though there are times when shepherds might be in fields at this time of year, it is not likely that they would be out in the open with their flocks during the winter months. (Luke 2:9)

D. THE WISE MEN MYTH...

The manger display you see every Christmas with the wise men isn't true! It's tradition and tradition is unreliable! The bible doesn't say THREE wise men! It doesn't give a number. Remember, it said all Jerusalem was troubled when they entered the city. So they would have to travel in large caravans so that they could pass the crime infested desert regions. When the wise men saw JESUS he was 18 months old (or older) and no longer a baby. The bible says they went to the "young child's HOUSE".

E. YULE WREATHS, EXCHANGING GIFTS; LIGHTING CANDLES AND CHRISTMAS TREES

... Is a direct extension of pagan worship to the sun god. Yet good Christian people participate and enjoy this form of pagan worship under the disguise of Christmas.

F. NO SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS...

We know further that the apostles did not observe the day we do as Christ's birthday. Tertullian, writing in the middle of the THIRD CENTURY, lamented the fact that Christians were BEGINNING to observe the customs of the heathen in this regard. He said, "Gifts are carried to and fro, New Year's Day presents are made with din, (loud noise) sports and banquets are celebrated with uproar."

The Origin of Christmas in the Church

The church structure, full of pagans since Constantine's reign, became so corrupt in its effort to recruit ever more church membership that the heathen festival of Dec. 25 was adopted and its name changed to "CHRIST-mass". With the "S" being dropped later, it became an acceptable holiday to the Protestants because they no longer considered it a mass for CHRIST (which it still is).

Christmas Defined

The mass is a ceremony conducted by the Catholics. In this ceremony the priest are (supposed) to offer CHRIST as a sacrifice for sin. They also (suppose to) have the power to bring CHRIST off the Cross and then make him take the form on a little wafer. This wafer is given to the people participating in this ceremony. The people are told (by the priest) that when they eat this wafer, "they have received JESUS". This entire practice is unscriptural and of pagan origin.

The Catholic Church instituted the celebration of Christmas and sold the idea to both the Protestants and the world. The Protestants were deceived into believing that they are celebrating the birth of CHRIST, but in reality, they are celebrating a pagan holiday that had a name change. The world accepts Christmas as what it really is -- just another pagan holiday with a Christian name. A time to be merry and make merry! Often times, you hear people say that a person doesn't have the "Christmas Spirit" if he looks sad or says something against Christmas. However, if you ever took notice, it's quite apparent that the "Christmas Spirit" is not of CHRIST.

Christmas and the Christian

When the facts about Christmas are revealed, it becomes easy to see that JESUS is not and has never been a part of Christmas. JESUS would never associate His name with lies because He is truth. One must readily see that Christmas is another one of Satan's many subtle tricks to deceive us. Well, the question comes to mind, "Why do well known religious leaders advocate the celebration of Christmas?" The answer is found in one word, "MONEY".

This is the time of the year when it is easiest to get people to give money to just about any cause and this is the time of the year when they can get the most for their programs, networks etc. Keep in mind, that God holds them accountable for their Sin and this shouldn't influence you to join them in this Sin because they choose to.

After you evaluate the facts and weight the evidence, the only conclusion that you can reach is that JESUS is NOT in Christmas, and never was. Also, we don't have the power to put JESUS in Christmas (even if we wanted to). God has not asked, told, or commanded us to celebrate CHRISTmass, but we, like Uzza, (who put his hand on the ark and died) believe that we are doing God a favor and bestowing great honor on His Son. We assume (in this instance) that we know the mind of God and to celebrate (we say) the birth of His Son, just has to be in God's will. But in reality, we don't know the mind of God.

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or, who hath been his counselor? Or, who hath first given to him and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen." (Romans 11:34-36).

Why is celebrating Christmas a Sin? Because there is no truth in it, and God cannot receive glory from any event that has no truth in it. God commands us to worship him in spirit and in truth.

"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the TRUE WORSHIPERS shall worship the Father in spirit and in Truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 5:23-24)

Anything less is Sin. God is asking you to examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves, how that JESUS CHRIST is in you except ye be reprobates? (2 Cor 13:5). When the world asks you and begins to persecute you for not celebrating Christmas, ask yourself this question; "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? For if I yet please men I should not be the servant of CHRIST." (Gal. 1:10) Don't celebrate the fact that JESUS was born into this world as someone in history, but rather be joyous and celebrate (everyday) that this same JESUS saved your sin sick soul."

But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they SACRIFICE TO DEVILS (DEMONS), and not to God; and I would not that ye should have FELLOWSHIP with DEVILS. Ye cannot drink the "Cup of the Lord" and the "Cup of Devils": Ye cannot be partakers of the Lords Table, and of the Table of DEVILS." (1 Cor 10:20-21) Remember, God said; "And Ye SHALL know the Truth and the Truth shall set you Free." (John 8:32).