

The Pagan Roots of Christmas

Series 1-12

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Introduction to the Series: *The Pagan Roots of Christmas*

“*The Truth About That Tree: How Paganism Dressed Up Like a Christian and Moved Into Your Living Room*”

“If the devil can't beat the church, he'll join it—and sell you a nativity scene made in China while he's at it.”

Welcome to the Battlefield

This series isn't for the faint of heart or the pew-sitters with cocoa in one hand and a candy cane in the other. This is for the remnant—the few who actually *care* what the Bible says, even when it costs them traditions, friends, and fuzzy feelings. We're going to take a chainsaw to the Christmas tree, a hammer to the ornaments, and a Bible to the back of every tradition the devil ever baptized and passed off as “Christian.”

We're going to ask the questions your pastor won't touch and your favorite Christian influencer won't dare whisper. You ready? Because once you see the truth, you can't unsee it. And when you *know* the truth and keep playing with paganism anyway? Brother, you're not just decorating a tree—you're dancing around a golden calf.

What This Series Will Expose

Over twelve blistering, Bible-filled essays, we're going to tear the mask off Christmas and expose it for what it really is: a slick rebranding job of ancient idol worship dressed up in red velvet and blinking lights. We'll go through:

- The **origins** of the traditions—trees, yule logs, mistletoe, and fat old Saint Nick.
- The **historical compromise** by the Roman Catholic Church that married Christianity to paganism to grow a worldly empire.

- The **man-made holy day** that the apostles *never* celebrated, that Jesus *never* commanded, and that the Bible *never* mentions.
- The **commercial beast** that devours wallets and souls every December with plastic smiles and empty rituals.
- And the biggest one of all—*should a Bible-believing Christian even celebrate this thing?*

You want Bible? We've got Bible. You want history? Buckle up—we've got dates, empires, and bloody trails of compromise. You want clarity? You'll get it straight—without the sugar-coating, just like Paul preached it and the prophets thundered it.

Why This Series Matters *Right Now*

You're not reading this by accident. There's a shaking going on. God is drawing a line in the sand. In a world gone mad with compromise and apostasy, He's looking for men and women who will *stand alone*—even if it means tearing down Grandma's Christmas tree and disappointing the family gathering.

The Laodicean church age is all about blending in, going along, and calling it "love." But God never told His people to *fit in*—He told them to *come out*. "*Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them*" (Eph. 5:11). That's what this series is going to do—reprove every ounce of darkness hiding behind tinsel and tradition.

A Word to the Lukewarm Defenders

Some of you will read these essays and squirm. You'll make excuses. You'll say, "But I do it for Jesus." You'll pull out Romans 14 like a trump card and say, "Let every man be fully persuaded." That's cute—until you realize that your persuasion better match God's Word, not your emotional comfort zone.

Others will accuse us of legalism. Fine. We'd rather be labeled "legalistic" for obeying Scripture than be lukewarm cowards using liberty as a license to play footsie with Baal.

If the shoe fits, kick it off and grab a sword.

Our Goal: Altars, Not Trees

This series is not about killing joy—it’s about reviving truth. It’s not about being the Grinch—it’s about being the watchman. We’re not asking you to abandon Christ—we’re asking you to finally *honor* Him, by getting rid of the stuff He never asked for.

We’re calling Christians back to *biblical worship*, not cultural religion. Back to *truth in spirit*, not sentimentality with Scripture duct-taped on top. Back to the *Book*, not the box store.

Because when it’s all said and done, the Lord isn’t looking at how pretty your lights are or how many verses you put on a Christmas card. He’s looking at your **altar**. And in most homes today, there’s a tree where an altar should be.

You Ready?

Twelve essays. Twelve wrecking balls. One Book that never bows to Babylon.

Let the idols fall. Let the Word stand. And let the real worship begin.

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“Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen...” — *Jeremiah 10:2 (KJV)*

Purpose of the Series

This series has one goal and one goal only — to rip the tinsel off the truth. We’re going to take the candy-coated, sentimental idol the world calls “Christmas” and hold it up to the blazing light of Scripture. What we’ll see isn’t going to look very merry or bright. It’s going to look pagan, polluted, and plastered with the fingerprints of Babylon, Rome, and the devil himself.

Now before you clutch your nativity set and say, “But preacher, it’s about Jesus’ birth!” — hold your horses. This isn’t about attacking the Lord’s incarnation. It’s about exposing the system that hijacked it. Satan doesn’t destroy truth outright; he **corrupts** it. He doesn’t kick down the church door; he comes in wearing a Santa suit.

This series will prove, Bible in one hand and history in the other, that what most of Christendom calls “Christmas” is not biblical worship — it’s religious camouflage for idolatry.

We’ll do this through twelve essays, each one peeling another layer off this counterfeit holiday until we get to the core: a pagan festival rebranded by a compromised church.

Scriptural Foundation: Three Blazing Warnings

Let’s set the record straight right from the start. God gave three clear warnings that slice right through the modern Christmas defense:

1. Jeremiah 10:2–4 — “Learn Not the Way of the Heathen”

“Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen... For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest... They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.”

You don’t need a seminary degree to see what God’s saying here — *don’t borrow pagan customs to worship Me*. It’s a simple command. Yet, what do we see every December? People dragging trees into their living rooms, covering them in glitter, and pretending Jeremiah was warning about something else.

This isn’t about whether trees are “bad.” It’s about **who originated the practice** — the heathen. God said, “Learn not their way.” But the modern church not only learned it — she franchised it.

2. 2 Corinthians 6:14–17 — “Be Ye Separate”

“What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? ... And what concord hath Christ with Belial?... Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord.”

Paul didn’t mince words. You can’t have fellowship with darkness and call it light. You can’t worship the Babe in the manger while borrowing customs from Baal’s altar. The Holy Spirit calls the church to separation, not syncretism.

When Israel tried to “blend in” with the Canaanites, they didn’t redeem paganism — paganism **consumed them**. The modern church is no different. We’ve baptized idolatry, hung an angel on top, and dared to call it holy.

3. Colossians 2:8 — “Beware of Traditions”

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

There it is — **tradition**. The word every Bible-believing Christian should handle with tongs. Christmas isn’t built on revelation; it’s built on tradition. Pagan traditions repackaged in religious wrapping paper.

The devil doesn’t mind if you say “Jesus is the reason for the season,” as long as the season itself honors his system. He’ll let you sing carols about the manger all day — if it keeps you distracted from the **cross**.

A Brief History of the Pagan “Holy Day”

Let’s take a quick journey through time and pull back the curtain on how this festival got its “Christian” stamp.

1. The Pagan Blueprint

Long before Bethlehem, long before Luke 2, the ancient world celebrated the winter solstice. The shortest day of the year meant one thing to the heathen — *the rebirth of the sun*.

The Babylonians honored **Tammuz**, the son of the “queen of heaven” (Jeremiah 7:18). The Egyptians honored **Ra** and **Osiris**. The Persians had **Mithras**, the invincible sun god born from a rock on December 25th. The Romans topped it all with **Saturnalia** — a week of feasting, drunkenness, and moral collapse.

When Emperor Aurelian instituted the worship of **Sol Invictus** (the Unconquered Sun) in 274 AD, December 25th became the official pagan celebration of light conquering darkness. Sound familiar?

2. The Catholic Compromise

Fast-forward to the 4th century. Christianity had exploded across the empire, but Rome was still dripping with paganism. The church fathers faced a dilemma: how do you convert pagans who love their festivals?

Simple — you *baptize* the festivals.

They didn't destroy paganism; they **absorbed** it. They took Sol Invictus' birthday and slapped "Christ's Mass" on top of it. They took the Saturnalia gift exchange and renamed it "Christian charity." They took evergreens — symbols of pagan fertility — and turned them into "everlasting life."

It was a masterstroke of compromise and a catastrophic betrayal of Scripture.

By 354 AD, Pope Liberius officially recognized December 25th as Christ's birth. The church married paganism and called it holiness. And like every marriage between truth and error, the offspring was **confusion**.

3. The Protestant Echo

When the Reformation came, men like Luther and Calvin tried to strip Rome's corruption out of Christianity — but they didn't go far enough. They protested the Pope but kept his holidays.

Only a few had the backbone to call it what it was. The Puritans banned Christmas in England and early America. They knew you can't reform idolatry; you have to reject it.

But modern Christianity, desperate for acceptance, resurrected the very festival the reformers buried.

The Real Issue: Compromise

Let's cut through the smoke and ask the only question that matters: *What does God think?*

The Lord never once asked His people to remember His Son's birth. He commanded us to remember His **death** — "*For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come*" (1 Corinthians 11:26).

That's the gospel emphasis — not manger scenes, not mistletoe, not midnight masses.

When you see preachers saying, "Well, I celebrate Christmas to honor Jesus," remember Aaron said the same thing when he built the golden calf:

“Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD” (Exodus 32:5).

He didn’t say “a feast to Baal” — he said “to the LORD.” He used pagan means to worship the true God. And what did the Lord do? He burned it to the ground.

God never blesses worship that mixes truth with error.

A Warning from Church History

Every time the church compromised with paganism, she paid for it.

- When she adopted Babylonian rites, she got the **Mass** and **Mary worship**.
- When she absorbed Roman holidays, she got **Christmas and Easter**.
- When she embraced Greek philosophy, she got **allegorical interpretation** instead of literal truth.

You can trace every major corruption of Christianity back to one fatal sin — **the refusal to separate**.

Satan doesn’t need you to deny Christ outright. All he needs is for you to mix Him with the world.

A Call to Separation

Paul told the Corinthians, “Come out from among them.” God hasn’t changed His standards because we live in the age of grace. Grace doesn’t mean permission to compromise; it means power to overcome.

Christmas is not a neutral tradition. It’s a global religious hybrid born from paganism, raised by Rome, and adopted by Protestants who forgot their heritage of separation.

A Christian who truly wants to honor Christ doesn’t need a date from the pagan calendar. He has every day of his redeemed life to worship the Savior.

The Bible’s Verdict

If you ran Christmas through the judgment seat of Christ, here’s what the Word would say:

- **Jeremiah 10:** “Learn not the way of the heathen.”

- **Deuteronomy 12:** “Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God.”
- **2 Corinthians 6:** “Be ye separate.”
- **Colossians 2:** “Beware of traditions.”
- **1 Thessalonians 5:** “Abstain from all appearance of evil.”

That’s the Bible’s verdict — not “redeem it,” not “reimagine it,” but **reject it**.

Conclusion: The Church’s Golden Calf

What modern Christianity calls “Christmas” is just the golden calf of the 21st century — glittering, smiling, musical, and utterly godless.

It’s a holiday where the world celebrates itself while pretending to honor a Christ they don’t obey. It’s sentimental idolatry dressed up in religious garb.

And yet, the real Jesus Christ — the one who overturned tables and called religious hypocrisy what it was — would walk into most Christmas services today and say:

“This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me” (Mark 7:6).

This series isn’t about being a killjoy. It’s about being faithful. If Jesus Christ isn’t in it, why defend it? If pagan roots run through it, why decorate it?

As we continue this study, we’ll trace the history, the symbols, the compromise, and the deception — and by the end, you’ll have a choice to make:

Keep the world’s Christ... or **stand with the crucified one**.

To the true believer, there’s no room for mixture. The cross has no fellowship with the Christmas tree.

2 of 12: The Pagan Roots of Christmas – The True Date of Christ’s Birth

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“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.”

— **Luke 2:8 (KJV)**

Introduction: A Date Heaven Never Told You to Celebrate

Let’s get this straight right from the start — **Jesus Christ was not born on December 25th.** You can hang all the tinsel, light all the candles, and sing all the carols you want, but no amount of snowmen, Santas, or stained-glass nativity sets can change what the Bible says — and what it *doesn’t* say.

There’s not one verse in all of Scripture that tells you the date of Christ’s birth. Not one. And that silence speaks volumes. When God hides something, it’s usually because man would mess it up if he knew. The church did exactly that — **they invented a date, borrowed it from pagans, and called it holy.**

The world calls it Christmas. Heaven calls it compromise.

This essay will refute the December 25th lie using Scripture, expose its pagan roots in *Saturnalia* and *Sol Invictus*, and show you when Jesus was *really* born according to the biblical record — not the Catholic calendar.

I. The Shepherds in the Fields: The Biblical Evidence

Luke 2:8 gives us the first clue about the season of Christ’s birth:

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.”

Now, if you’ve ever studied anything about the climate of Judea, you’d know shepherds didn’t keep their flocks in the open during December. Winters in that region are cold, rainy, and even snowy at times. Shepherds would have driven their sheep into shelters by late October.

That means Luke 2:8 wipes December clean off the map.

Shepherds “abiding in the field” means *warm weather*. The only two likely windows were **spring or early fall**. Those are the only times the sheep would’ve been outside in open pastures all night.

1. Spring – The Time of New Birth

The first possibility is spring — around March or April. That’s when ewes give birth to lambs. How fitting would it be for the Lamb of God to be born at the same time the lambs were entering the world? John the Baptist cried, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). That’s not just poetry; that’s prophecy in motion.

If Jesus was born in the spring, it ties beautifully with the theme of Passover — redemption, deliverance, and sacrifice.

2. Fall – The Time of the Feast of Tabernacles

The second and more compelling possibility is fall — during the **Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot)**. That feast celebrated God dwelling among His people in temporary booths. Now what does John 1:14 say?

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...”

That word “*dwelt*” literally means “*tabernacled*.” Coincidence? Not a chance.

It makes perfect sense that Jesus was born when Israel celebrated God’s presence dwelling with them. The timing, the typology, and the prophetic alignment all point to the **Feast of Tabernacles — around September or early October.**

II. The Pagan Hijack: How December 25th Entered the Church

If Jesus wasn’t born in December, where did that date come from? Rome, of course — where else does corruption get its start?

1. The Festival of Saturnalia

Long before anyone in Rome had ever heard of Jesus, the pagans were throwing wild week-long parties in December called **Saturnalia** (December 17–23). It was the festival of the god **Saturn**, celebrating the winter solstice — the “rebirth” of the sun.

The celebrations included:

- Feasting and drunkenness,
- Gift-giving,

- Lighting candles,
- Decorating with greenery,
- Role reversals where masters served slaves,
- And general moral chaos.

If that sounds suspiciously like Christmas cheer, that's because it is. The early church didn't invent the holiday — they **rebranded** it.

2. Sol Invictus – The Unconquered Sun

By 274 AD, the Roman Emperor **Aurelian** made December 25th the official birthday of **Sol Invictus**, the “Unconquered Sun.” It was meant to unify the empire under one solar religion — a perfect counterfeit for the true “Sun of Righteousness” (Malachi 4:2).

When Christianity became legalized under Constantine, paganism didn't disappear — it **moved into the church**. Rather than abolish these pagan festivals, Rome simply **merged** them. The *sun's birthday* became the *Son's birthday*. The celebration stayed the same — only the name changed.

Paganism just got baptized.

3. The Catholic Compromise

Around 354 AD, **Pope Liberius** officially declared December 25th as the day to celebrate Christ's birth. Why? Because the Roman pagans were already partying — and the church wanted to keep them in pews rather than temples.

It was spiritual marketing, not biblical mandate.

The Catholic Church didn't ask, “*What saith the Lord?*” They asked, “*What will keep the people happy?*” And just like Aaron building the golden calf, they justified it by saying, “*Tomorrow is a feast to the Lord.*”

Thus, the church adopted a pagan date, renamed it, and pretended it was holy. The devil must have grinned from ear to ear.

III. Piecing Together the Biblical Timeline

Now let's use the Bible's own calendar to pinpoint when Jesus *actually* entered this world.

1. The Clue of John the Baptist

Everything starts with John the Baptist. Luke 1 tells us his father, **Zacharias**, was a priest serving in the “course of Abia” (Luke 1:5).

The priests served in rotating courses — twenty-four total — as laid out in 1 Chronicles 24:7–19. The “course of Abia” was the **eighth course**, serving around **June** on the Hebrew calendar.

After his temple service, Zacharias went home, and his wife Elizabeth conceived John the Baptist (Luke 1:23–24). That puts John's conception in **June**, and his birth nine months later — around **March**.

2. Six Months Later... Mary Conceives

Luke 1:26 says the angel Gabriel visited Mary in the **sixth month** of Elizabeth's pregnancy — meaning **December**. So Jesus was conceived, not born, in December.

Nine months later puts His birth around **September** — precisely during the Feast of Tabernacles.

That's not coincidence. That's divine choreography.

3. Tabernacles Typology

Let's tie it together:

- God dwelt in a tabernacle among Israel in the wilderness.
- The Feast of Tabernacles celebrated that dwelling.
- John said, “The Word was made flesh and *tabernacled* among us.”

The prophetic symbolism is airtight: **Christ was born when Israel was celebrating God dwelling among men.**

Even the angel's message to the shepherds fits the timeline: they were out in the fields during the fall harvest, keeping watch as people came to Jerusalem for the feast (Luke 2:8–15).

That means the true season of Christ's birth is not winter — it's **autumn**.

IV. Why the Date Matters

Now, some will say, "What difference does it make? As long as we honor Jesus." That's the same logic Israel used when they worshiped the golden calf. It wasn't a *different* god — it was a *different way* to worship the same God.

And God still called it *idolatry*.

You see, the issue isn't the birth of Christ — it's the *counterfeit* built around it. If the date, the symbols, and the customs come from paganism, then what you have isn't "redeemed culture" — it's polluted worship.

1. Tradition Over Truth

Colossians 2:8 warns:

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men..."

December 25th is the **tradition of men** — not the truth of God. The devil doesn't care if you put "Christ" in Christmas as long as you keep the pagan system. He'd rather have you celebrating Jesus on the wrong foundation than not at all.

2. The Enemy's Subtle Switch

Satan didn't destroy the early church — he **joined it**. He swapped idols of Jupiter for statues of Mary, replaced temples with cathedrals, and replaced sun worship with "Son worship."

He just changed the spelling.

By merging Christianity with paganism, he diluted the truth. And to this day, people think they're honoring Christ by following customs that started in Babylon, filtered through Rome, and ended up under a tree.

V. The Scriptural Verdict Against Pagan Dates

Let's lay down the law of God:

- **Deuteronomy 12:30–31:** “Take heed... that thou enquire not after their gods... Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God.”
→ Don't borrow heathen ways to worship God.
- **Galatians 4:10–11:** “Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you...”
→ Paul rebuked the Galatians for turning God's grace into ritual observance.
- **John 4:23–24:** “The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.”
→ Worship must be grounded in truth, not tradition.

If the truth matters — and it does — then **dates matter** when they're linked to deception.

You can't celebrate the Son of God on the birthday of the sun god and pretend heaven doesn't notice.

VI. The Real Message of Christ's Birth

Let's refocus. The birth of Christ is not about a date; it's about a **doctrine** — the Word made flesh, God manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16). That's a miracle beyond comprehension. But the devil loves to distract men from truth by burying it under tinsel and sentimentality.

The early Christians didn't celebrate Christ's birth — they preached His death and resurrection. That's what saves the sinner, not remembering a birthday no one was told to observe.

Jesus didn't say, “This do in remembrance of My birth.” He said, “This do in remembrance of Me” — referring to His *body broken and blood shed*.

The manger doesn't save you. The cross does.

VII. The Fall Feasts and the Second Coming

Here's the kicker: if Christ was born during the Feast of Tabernacles, then that aligns prophetically with the pattern of His first and second comings.

- His **first coming** fulfilled the *spring feasts*: Passover (crucifixion), Unleavened Bread (burial), Firstfruits (resurrection), and Pentecost (Spirit given).

- His **second coming** will fulfill the *fall feasts*: Trumpets (rapture), Atonement (Israel's repentance), and Tabernacles (Millennial reign).

See how that fits? God's calendar is perfect. Man's calendar is corrupt.

While Rome was lighting candles for Saturn, Heaven was preparing for the King to return.

VIII. Why the Church Refuses to Let Go

Why do pastors keep defending December 25th? Easy. Tradition pays better than truth.

They don't want to offend tithers, upset families, or lose holiday offerings. They'll quote Heiser, Rome, or Wikipedia before they'll quote Jeremiah 10. But when you start kicking people's idols, they'll show you where their heart really is.

A wise preacher once said, "*You'll find a man's god when you touch what he worships most.*"

Touch his traditions, and you'll see if he serves **Christ or Christmas**.

Conclusion: Truth Over Tradition

So when was Jesus born?

Probably around **September**, during the Feast of Tabernacles — when God once again "tabernacled among men."

When wasn't He born?

December 25th — the date of **pagan sun worship**, baptized by Rome and handed down as "holy tradition."

The Bible makes it clear:

- The shepherds weren't in frozen fields.
- The timeline of John the Baptist proves a fall birth.
- The Catholic calendar proves a pagan compromise.

If you love truth, you'll love separation. The Bible says, "*Come out from among them, and be ye separate.*" That includes pagan holidays masquerading as Christian celebrations.

Let the world have its Santa, its snow, and its sentimental songs.

We'll have the **Savior**, the **Scripture**, and the **Spirit of Truth**.

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord...” — 2
Corinthians 6:17

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“And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws.” — Daniel 7:25 (KJV)

Introduction: The Devil’s Birthday Party

Every December, churches deck the halls, the world lights its trees, and everyone sings about peace on earth while they trample one another for sales at Walmart. And all of it centers around a date — **December 25th** — a date as pagan as Babylon itself.

While pastors drone about “the reason for the season,” the devil is laughing because he knows **whose season it really is**.

This essay will show that December 25th is not the birthday of Jesus Christ but the *annual birthday celebration of the sun god*. We’ll expose the Roman roots of *Saturnalia* and *Sol Invictus*, show how these pagan feasts were baptized into Christianity by a compromising church, and contrast the worship of the *sun* with the worship of the *Son*.

When you shine Scripture on it, the Christmas date isn’t divine — it’s diabolical.

I. The Festival of Saturnalia: Rome’s Week of Wickedness

Before there was Christmas, there was **Saturnalia** — the Roman carnival of chaos. From December 17th to 23rd, the worshipers of the god **Saturn** threw decency out the window and indulged every vice known to man.

Saturn, the Roman version of the Greek Cronos, was the god of agriculture and time. According to myth, Saturn ruled during a golden age when there were no laws, no slavery,

and no punishment. So, every December, Rome tried to recreate that imagined age of freedom by unleashing anarchy.

The celebration involved:

- **Public feasting and drunkenness**
- **Gift-giving** (especially candles and dolls — symbolic of human sacrifice)
- **Role reversals** (masters served slaves)
- **Naked singing in the streets**
- **Greenery, wreaths, and candles** used to honor Saturn

Sound familiar? The modern world still does it — just with better marketing and battery-powered lights.

1. The Spirit of Saturnalia

If you boil Saturnalia down to its spiritual essence, it was a rebellion against restraint — a festival of the flesh. Every year, the Romans honored their god by turning morality upside down.

That same spirit has been resurrected today in what people call “holiday cheer.” For one week a year, the world pretends gluttony, greed, drunkenness, and idolatry are acceptable — as long as you wrap them in red and green.

Christians who join that mess might as well hang a sign on their tree that says, *“We prefer the world’s worship schedule.”*

2. The Pagan Parallels

The decorations, the parties, the lights — none of them started with Christ.

- **Evergreen trees** symbolized fertility and eternal life to pagans long before Jesus was born.
- **Candles and lights** represented the return of the “unconquered sun.”
- **Gift exchanges** were offerings made to the gods and to one another as charms for prosperity.

And the date — December 25 — was chosen because it was the **winter solstice**, the point when the sun began to “rise again.” Pagans celebrated the return of the sun, not the coming of the Savior.

II. Sol Invictus: The Unconquered Sun

By the third century, the Roman Empire had gotten tired of juggling so many gods. In 274 AD, Emperor **Aurelian** decided to unify pagan worship under one divine banner: **Sol Invictus**, the *Unconquered Sun*.

He declared December 25th the official **birthday of Sol Invictus**, the sun god who supposedly conquered darkness. Temples were built, priests ordained, and sacrifices offered — all to honor the reborn sun at the solstice.

And when you fast-forward a few decades, what do you find? The same date, the same symbols — but now under a Christian name. The “birthday of the sun” became the “birthday of the Son.”

Coincidence? Not a chance.

1. The Sun God in Scripture

You can trace sun worship all the way back to Babylon. In Ezekiel 8:16, God showed the prophet a shocking sight inside His own temple:

“They worshipped the sun toward the east.”

From Babylon to Egypt, from Greece to Rome, the sun was worshiped as a symbol of life, power, and divinity. But God condemned it every single time.

Deuteronomy 4:19 warns:

“Take heed, lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven... and shouldest be driven to worship them.”

Sun worship is one of the oldest forms of idolatry — and when Rome merged it with Christianity, it became one of the deadliest deceptions.

2. The Shadow of the Sun God in Christianity

Look around modern Christendom: halos around saints, sunbursts behind crucifixes, the monstrance of the Catholic Eucharist shaped like a blazing solar disk — all borrowed from sun symbolism.

The Roman church didn't remove Sol Invictus; it **renamed** him.

The “mass of Christ” (Christ-mass) was instituted to coincide with the pagan feast of the sun. The *true light of the world* was overshadowed by the false light of Lucifer — who himself is called “*the light-bearer*.”

2 Corinthians 11:14 warns:

“For Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

Satan's light isn't truth — it's a counterfeit glow. And Christmas, with its glitter and glow, is his masterpiece of mimicry.

III. How the Church Compromised: Paganism in a New Suit

When Christianity became legal under **Constantine** in the early 300s, the church faced a choice — stay pure or become popular. They chose popularity.

Instead of converting pagans, the church let the pagans convert them.

They kept their festivals, just changed the names. They traded “Hail Saturn!” for “Merry Christmas!” and called it evangelism.

1. Constantine's Half-Conversion

Constantine wasn't a Bible-believing Christian — he was a politician. He saw Christianity as a tool to unify his empire. So he merged it with what the people already loved: pagan feasts, idols, and rituals.

He built churches that looked like temples, filled them with images that looked like gods, and assigned Christian names to pagan days.

Even his so-called “conversion” was sun-soaked. His soldiers marched under the sign of the sun with crosses painted on their shields. Constantine called Sunday the “venerable day of the sun.” And when the church adopted December 25th, it simply became **Sol Invictus with a Christian label**.

2. Rome's Official Decree

In 354 AD, Pope Liberius declared December 25th the birth of Christ. That's 300 years after Jesus' resurrection — long after the apostles were dead, long after pagan Rome had become papal Rome.

The Catholic Church didn't get this date from the Bible; they got it from the emperor's calendar.

That's why the early believers didn't celebrate Christ's birth at all. Men like Origen and Tertullian actually **condemned** the practice. Origen wrote:

“None of the saints is found to have celebrated a festive day or great feast on his birthday. It is only sinners who make great rejoicings over the day in which they are born.”

Yet centuries later, the church decided to “Christianize” a pagan feast. But as anyone who's read their Bible knows, you can't *Christianize* idolatry — you can only **repent** of it.

IV. The Symbolism of the Sun vs. the Son

Let's draw the line that Rome blurred.

The **sun god** symbolizes *man's attempt to save himself*. The **Son of God** symbolizes *God's act to save man*.

One worships **creation**; the other worships the **Creator**.

1. The Pagan Sun – A False Light

The pagan sun god represented power, fertility, and renewal. Every solstice was a ritual of resurrection — the sun “died” at its lowest point and “rose again” three days later as the days lengthened.

That's why pagans celebrated *December 25th* — the “rebirth” of the sun.

Sound familiar? They even had their own counterfeit resurrection long before Christianity adopted that symbolism. It was Satan's counterfeit gospel — salvation through cycles of nature, not through the blood of the Lamb.

2. The True Son – The Light of the World

Now look at Christ:

“In him was life; and the life was the light of men.” — *John 1:4*

He didn’t rise because the earth tilted — He rose because He conquered death itself.

He wasn’t born under the sign of the zodiac — He was born under the **prophecies of Scripture**.

He didn’t bring back sunlight — He brought salvation.

Every solar symbol in pagan worship mocks the Son of God by presenting nature as the redeemer instead of the Redeemer Himself.

V. When the Church Chose Comfort Over Conviction

The compromise didn’t happen overnight — it came slowly, through convenience and cowardice.

When the church in Rome realized they couldn’t destroy pagan customs, they simply **adopted** them. They thought, “If we can’t beat them, we’ll join them and call it holy.”

That’s not evangelism. That’s **apostasy**.

1. The Early Church Warned Against It

Paul warned believers in 2 Corinthians 6:14–17:

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers... what concord hath Christ with Belial?”

That’s not a suggestion — that’s a separation command.

And yet, the church ignored it. They blended the holy with the heathen, and today, most Christians don’t even see the difference.

2. The Legacy of Compromise

What started as “Christ’s Mass” soon became a system of idolatry:

- The *Mass* itself turned into a ritualized re-sacrifice of Christ.
- The *nativity scenes* turned into miniature shrines.

- The *feast days* became distractions from the gospel.

Today, entire nations claim to be “Christian” because they celebrate Christmas — yet they deny the Word, the blood, and the book.

That’s not Christianity. That’s **paganism with a cross around its neck.**

VI. The Bible’s Response to Pagan Festivals

The Word of God is clear — God doesn’t accept worship on man’s terms, especially when it borrows from idolaters.

Jeremiah 10:2 says,

“Learn not the way of the heathen.”

Deuteronomy 12:31 adds,

“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.”

When Israel mixed with the nations, judgment always followed. God never said, “Just change the meaning.” He said, “Destroy their altars.” (Deut. 12:3)

But today’s church says, “Just redecorate the altars.”

That’s why so many churches are spiritually powerless — they’re busy defending what God detests.

VII. Light vs. Darkness: Who Owns December 25th?

When you strip away the carols and sentiment, December 25th belongs to **the wrong light.**

It’s the festival of the *unconquered sun*, not the birth of the *unblemished Son*.

Satan is the master of counterfeit light. Isaiah 14:12 calls him “Lucifer” — the “light-bearer.” He doesn’t come with horns and pitchforks; he comes with Christmas lights, warm cocoa, and false peace.

He doesn’t whisper, “Worship me.” He whispers, “Worship God your own way.”

That’s why God gave us a Book — to tell us what *His* way is. And that Book doesn’t say a word about December 25th.

VIII. The Call to Purity and Separation

The time has come for Bible believers to stand where the early saints once stood — outside the camp.

Hebrews 13:13 says,

“Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.”

That means leaving behind every tradition, every compromise, every pagan relic that pretends to honor Christ but really honors Babylon.

The true Christian doesn't need mistletoe, trees, or December dates to worship the Savior. Every day is holy when you walk with the Holy One.

Conclusion: From Sol Invictus to Son Victorious

So here's the truth in plain English:

- **December 25th** was **never** the birthday of Jesus Christ.
- It was the **birthday of the sun god, Saturnalia's climax**, and the **Roman church's compromise**.
- The **sun god** represents creation; the **Son of God** represents the Creator.
- The former brings darkness disguised as light; the latter brings light that destroys darkness.

When the church chose to celebrate the Son on the sun god's day, it chose popularity over purity.

But God is calling His people back — back to the Book, back to truth, back to **biblical worship free of pagan taint**.

If you want to honor Christ, you don't need the world's calendar — you need the **cross**.

“Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins.” — *Revelation 18:4*

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“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.” – Jeremiah 10:2–3

You know what’s funny? The average Christian today can tell you all about their 9-foot Fraser fir, how many lights are on it, what color ribbon matches their skirt, and what year they bought their glittery “Baby’s First Christmas” ornament... but ask them what Jeremiah 10 says about cutting a tree out of the forest, and they stare at you like you’ve just asked them to explain quantum physics in Hebrew. Brother, you’d get a better answer from a Jehovah’s Witness on your porch than a modern-day pew-warmer with a peppermint latte in hand.

I. The Evergreen Idol: Paganism in Bloom

You want truth? Here’s the truth. That Christmas tree standing in your living room, decked out in tinsel and LED lights, has more in common with ancient paganism than anything you’ll find in Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. That tree is a **leftover relic from winter solstice sun worship**, and I’m not talking about some fringe cult on the History Channel. I’m talking about **mainstream Roman, Germanic, and Babylonian traditions** that celebrated the evergreen tree as a **symbol of fertility, immortality, and the returning sun**.

Now, I know what some of you are going to say. “But Brother Paul, that’s just tradition. It doesn’t mean that anymore!” Oh really? Then why is it still called a Christmas *tree* and not a Calvary *tree*? Why do you decorate it in gold and silver and bow down to put presents under it, just like a little idol shrine? Go ahead and explain to me how Jesus was glorified by you **dragging a pagan fertility symbol** into your house every year and calling it holy. I’ll wait.

II. The Winter Solstice Roots

Let’s talk Saturnalia. Let’s talk Yule. Let’s talk ancient Rome and the Germanic tribes that thought trees held the spirits of the gods.

During **Saturnalia** (Rome’s week-long debauchery fest in mid-to-late December), people would bring **greenery indoors** to symbolize the god Saturn’s blessing on the coming

harvest. In the **Norse Yule festivals**, the **Yule tree** or **Yggdrasil** (the “world tree”) was worshiped as a divine symbol that connected the heavens, the earth, and the underworld. Sound spiritual yet?

Over in Babylon, you had **Tammuz**, the dead god-child of Semiramis, allegedly “resurrected” each winter. How did they honor him? With decorated evergreen trees that **never died**, even in the cold. You think it’s a coincidence that the evergreen became the central item of Christmas celebration? That’s not Jesus—**that’s Nimrod, baby.**

The tree was **never** about Jesus. It was **always** about **man’s attempt to bring the divine down to earth**, bypassing the cross and replacing the blood of the Lamb with some ribbon and glitter. And what did God say?

“Learn not the way of the heathen” (Jer. 10:2). He didn’t say *rebrand it*. He didn’t say *baptize it with Christian meaning*. He said, **DON’T DO IT.**

III. Jeremiah Saw It Coming

Let’s go back to Jeremiah 10 for a second. I know, I know... your local church probably skips that chapter during the “Advent Candlelight Celebration,” but let’s read it like it’s meant to be read:

“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” (Jer. 10:3–4).

You say, “Well that’s about an idol.” Yes! EXACTLY! That’s the **whole point!** And yet what do Christians do every year? They **cut a tree, drag it home, deck it with silver and gold, and fasten it down** so it doesn’t tip over.

Brother, if that shoe doesn’t just fit—it laces itself up and walks around your living room. This isn’t rocket science. It’s **idolatry 101.**

IV. Fertility, Fire, and Falsehood

Let’s peel back the curtain even more. The evergreen tree—why was it so special to the pagans? Because it was **green in the winter**, a picture of **life, fertility, and divine power** that didn’t die. They worshiped that. They believed the **tree was a symbol of godhood**. It was the **sun reborn**, the seed of life that would bloom again. And today, Christians slap a star or angel on top and call it “Christian.”

You ever wonder why some people top the tree with a **star** and some with an **angel**? It’s not random—it’s religious. The **star** represents the **astrological sign** of solstice worship, and the **angel** is man trying to clean it up with Christian PR. It’s lipstick on a pig, folks.

V. Martin Luther's Mistake

Here come the Protestants. "But Martin Luther started the Christmas tree as a Christian tradition!" Yeah, and Martin Luther also **called the Pope the antichrist and rejected the Apocrypha**—you following him on those too? Luther, for all the good he did, **brought in a Germanic tradition and tried to baptize it**. He saw stars twinkling through pine branches and thought it reminded him of heaven. That's nice, but **what did God say?**

"The customs of the people are *vain*" (Jer. 10:3).

You can't sanctify what God has already labeled as vain. You don't get to rewrite what He said because the lighting looked good that night.

VI. Christianizing Paganism: A Compromise Too Far

The early church—especially after Constantine legalized Christianity—began **compromising left and right** to gain favor with the masses. So they looked around and said, "These pagans sure love their trees, their festivals, and their sun gods... let's just give them Jesus with it." Instead of purging paganism, the church **adopted it and rebranded it**. That's how December 25 became "Christ's birth." That's how Yule logs, mistletoe, and trees walked into the church and never left.

Now you've got **pastors defending the Christmas tree**, people crying "legalism" if you call it out, and entire children's ministries that revolve around crafting ornaments for Baby Jesus.

That ain't Bible—that's Baal with a bow on it.

VII. The Real Tree We Should Preach

There is **only one tree** in the New Testament that matters. You ready?

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree..." (1 Pet. 2:24)

That's the tree we preach. That's the tree we glorify. Not some spruce from Lowe's.

The tree at Calvary wasn't covered in blinking lights—it was covered in BLOOD. It didn't smell like cinnamon—it smelled like DEATH. And you didn't put presents under it—**God put His Son on it**.

When Christians choose to elevate **a tree of tradition** over the **tree of atonement**, they've traded the truth for tinsel.

VIII. But What's the Harm?

You say, "Well, I'm not worshiping the tree." But what did Paul say?

“Abstain from all appearance of evil” (1 Thess. 5:22)

It’s not just about intent. It’s about **appearance**. You’re doing what pagans did and just slapping Jesus’ name on it. That’s like showing up to church in a Halloween costume and saying, “But I’m here for Jesus!” Brother, **God sees through the plastic halo**.

Paul also warned in **Colossians 2:8**:

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

The Christmas tree is **a tradition of men**. It is **vain deceit** that’s **spoiling the church** from the simplicity in Christ.

IX. Separation Means Separation

2 Corinthians 6:14–17 isn’t a suggestion—it’s a command:

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers... what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?... Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord...”

You don’t “reach the world” by **imitating their idolatry**. You don’t draw people to Christ by **dressing up His birth in Baal’s wardrobe**. You call them OUT of it. You offer them **light**, not **glitter**.

X. You Can’t Serve Two Trees

Jesus said you can’t serve two masters. Well, you can’t bow before **two trees**, either. One tree will decorate your house, the other will **change your life**. One is rooted in **myth**, the other in **Messiah**.

The Christmas tree stands for **tradition, paganism, and compromise**. The Cross stands for **truth, atonement, and sacrifice**.

Choose your tree.

Conclusion:

Friend, I know this isn’t popular. I know folks will call it extreme. But truth isn’t determined by the Hallmark Channel. It’s determined by the **Word of God**.

The Christmas tree isn’t just a harmless decoration. It is **a glowing testimony of how far the modern church has drifted from Scripture** and sold out to cultural comfort. If you

want to honor Christ, start by tearing down the high places in your living room and exalting the tree that bore your salvation.

Don't deck the halls—**clear them out**. Don't light the tree—**light up the Word**.

You don't need a tree to honor Jesus.

You need a **Bible**, a **cross**, and a **spirit willing to come out from among them**.

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Well, well, well—if it ain't ol' Saint Nick waddling into your living room with a sack of toys and a bowlful-of-jelly gut, stealing the glory that belongs to Jesus Christ. You better sit down, brother, because this one's going to tear through the ribbons and bows and yank the tinsel off the idol you never thought to question. You were raised on the jolly man in red, but the real history? It's as pagan as a Druid's altar and twice as deceptive.

Modern Christians get more worked up about defending Santa than defending the gospel. And don't give me that limp-wristed defense that "he's just a fun tradition." The devil's slick, slicker than a greased serpent in a candy cane factory, and he's been pushing this North Pole nonsense to distract from the birth of the Son of God. Let's unwrap this thing the way it ought to be—with a sword, not a candy cane.

The Evolution of Santa: Not What You Were Told

Santa Claus didn't start as some sweet old man living in the Arctic. He began as **Saint Nicholas**, a 4th-century bishop from Myra in Asia Minor. A decent man, perhaps. Gave to the poor, slapped a heretic at the Council of Nicaea (okay, not all bad). But the leap from a humble bishop to a flying reindeer-riding, omniscient gift-giver is bigger than the Grand Canyon.

Where did the reindeer come from? Where's the sleigh in the Bible? That chimney stunt? That's got more in common with **Norse mythology** than Luke 2. Enter **Odin**, the Norse god who flew through the sky during the **Yule** season on an eight-legged horse named Sleipnir,

rewarding children who left out offerings. Odin was white-bearded, wore a cloak, and *watched you all year*. Sound familiar?

Now tell me—how did Odin become Saint Nick become Santa Claus? Easy: compromise. The early Catholic Church, desperate to win over pagan converts, Christianized pagan myths. It's the same old playbook: don't replace the idol, rename it. Wrap it in red and white and pipe in a little "Silent Night," and most Christians won't question it.

The Attributes of a Counterfeit God

Now here's where it gets ugly. You want to know why Santa's dangerous? Because he's a **counterfeit god**. He has attributes that belong to God alone, and children are trained to believe in him before they believe in Christ.

- **Omniscience** – *"He sees you when you're sleeping / He knows when you're awake."* That's not cute—that's **blasphemy**. God alone is all-knowing. Hebrews 4:13 says, *"all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."*
- **Omnipresence** – One night a year, around the entire world, sliding down chimneys? Please. That's fairy-tale omnipresence. Sounds more like a devilish parody of Psalm 139:7–10 than Christian celebration.
- **Judge of Works** – *"He knows if you've been bad or good, so be good for goodness' sake."* That's not grace. That's works-based salvation! Santa is a legalist with a ledger, not a Savior with a cross.
- **Gift-giver** – Every good and perfect gift cometh from ABOVE (James 1:17), not the North Pole.

Santa Claus has replaced the Judge, the Savior, the Giver, and the Omniscient One in the hearts of millions of children. That's no coincidence, friend. That's **idolatry dressed in red velvet**.

The North Pole Mythos: A Pagan Wonderland

Let's go deeper. The **North Pole** is a mystical, magical realm where Santa reigns as a benevolent king over elves (little spirits or fairies), manufacturing joy in secret. Sound Christian to you? That's not Bethlehem, that's **Middle-Earth fantasy mixed with occult symbology**.

The **elves** aren't just toy-makers—they're direct borrowings from **European pagan folklore**, where they were seen as household spirits, tricksters, or demonic entities that could bless or curse a home. Call them cute all you want, but they're not coming from Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John.

And don't forget the sleigh pulled by **eight reindeer**. Eight? Odin's horse had eight legs. Coincidence? Nope. And that "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" came later, but let's be honest—he's got more airtime in your home than *Isaiah 53* during December.

Christians Who Defend Santa: Double-Minded and Deceived

You say, "Well, it's just fun. It's not serious." And that's exactly how the **devil gets you**. Give it a pass because it's harmless and pretty soon the real reason for the season gets buried under wrapping paper and sleigh bells.

James 1:8 says, "*A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*" You can't lift up Christ and a **false god** in the same breath. The Lord doesn't want to **share glory** with a fat man in a red suit. Isaiah 42:8—"*I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another.*"

You say, "Well, I don't tell my kids Santa is real." But they watch the movies. They sing the songs. They write the letters. They sit on his lap. You may not preach it, but they're **disciplined** by it. Don't be surprised when they grow up and say, "If Santa wasn't real, maybe Jesus isn't either." You planted doubt in their mind from the crib!

The Fruit of the Lie: What It Does to Children

Let's talk **real-world damage**. When children find out Santa isn't real, what else do they start to question? The resurrection? The virgin birth? The Bible? After all, if Daddy and Mommy told me one magical story that wasn't real, why should I believe the other?

And worse yet—millions of kids **pray to Santa** in the form of Christmas wish lists. Think about that. You teach your kid to **petition a fictional idol** for material blessings once a year, and then try to teach them that prayer is sacred? That God is holy?

Do you realize what kind of confusion that creates? It's not harmless. It's **spiritual sabotage** in a red hat and fuzzy boots.

Clean House: Kick Santa Out of the Manger

If you've got a nativity set and a Santa decoration in the same living room—you've got a **conflict of interest**. That's like putting Baal next to the Ark of the Covenant. You say you believe the Bible? Then *act like it*.

Jeremiah 10:2–4 warns us plainly not to learn the way of the heathen, not to take on their customs, not to idolize the works of their hands. Santa Claus is the **poster boy of modern idolatry**. Kids are more excited to see him at the mall than hear a word from the pulpit. That's not Christianity. That's cultural apostasy.

2 Corinthians 6:17 still rings true: "*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord.*" If Santa is the world's symbol for Christmas, then **leave it to the world**. You don't need the world's help to celebrate Christ's birth. You need **truth**, not traditions.

The Alternative: Christ Alone

Let's not just tear down idols—let's lift up the real King. Jesus Christ didn't come down a chimney—He came down from Heaven. He didn't ride a sleigh—He rode a lowly donkey. He didn't offer gifts for the good and coal for the bad—He offered **eternal life to the wicked** who would repent and believe.

He's not watching from the North Pole—He's **seated at the right hand of God**. He doesn't say, "Be good for goodness' sake"—He says, "*Repent and believe the gospel.*"

You want a reason to celebrate? Celebrate the **incarnation of God**. Celebrate the **light of the world** piercing the darkness. Celebrate the **sinless Savior** born to die in your place. But for heaven's sake, **don't swap Him for a flying fat man with magic powers**.

Final Charge

Christian, the choice is yours. You can cling to your "harmless traditions" and defend a lie that was sold to you by Coca-Cola ads and department stores... or you can clean house and exalt Jesus Christ without compromise.

Santa Claus is not neutral—he is a distraction, a deception, and in many ways, a **doctrinal counterfeit**. He takes the attributes of God and applies them to a myth. He reroutes children's affections from the Creator to a creature. He trains them in fantasy and dulls their appetite for truth.

So I ask you: **What communion hath Christ with Claus?**

Get him out of your house. Get him off your lawn. Get him out of your children's hearts. And next time someone tells you that Santa is just "innocent fun," remind them that **the devil doesn't mind dressing up in red and smiling... as long as Jesus gets replaced.**

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“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” – John 4:24

Pagan Plants in the House of God?

You walk into most churches in December and it looks more like a Druidic shrine than a place where the Lord Jesus Christ is honored. There's holly wrapped around the railings. Ivy dangling from the pulpit. Mistletoe hanging in the vestibule, daring someone to kiss under it. And nobody bats an eye. Why? Because “that's just what we do at Christmas!” Yeah, and Baal worshippers “just did” what they did too. That didn't make it right.

The average Christian today has more reverence for a *Hallmark holiday* than the Holy Scriptures. They'll get offended if you call out the Christmas decorations for what they are—recycled witchcraft and woodland idolatry—but won't blink when Scripture is twisted and Christ is replaced with consumerism. We've got a generation of believers that can quote all the lines from *Elf* but can't quote 5 verses on separation from pagan practices.

The Druidic Roots: Fertility and Forest Gods

Let's go back—way back—before Bing Crosby, before Charles Dickens, before even Rome dressed up December 25th with Christian window dressing. The Druids of ancient Celtic Europe were tree-huggers before it was fashionable. They worshiped nature, trees, and sacred groves, believing that spirits inhabited certain plants. Sound familiar?

Mistletoe was revered by Druids as a sacred plant of fertility, healing, and immortality. It grew on oak trees—trees they considered divine. The plant didn't have roots in the ground but seemed to "descend from heaven" (how's that for satanic mimicry?). They believed it had *magical powers*, could cure diseases, ward off evil spirits, and ensure fertility. During the winter solstice, it was cut down with golden sickles and treated with more honor than most Christians give their Bibles.

Holly was another sacred plant. The Druids believed it offered protection from evil spirits and bad weather. They decked their homes with it during the darkest months to invite in “good spirits” and to appease their forest deities. Those little red berries? Symbols of male potency. Those pointy leaves? Emblems of a warrior’s weapon. These plants were spiritual tools in their ritual arsenal.

Ivy? Oh, don’t get left out, Ivy. It symbolized *female energy*, intertwining with holly in Druidic rites to bring “balance” and harmony. You’ve got a male/female fertility dualism—perfectly pagan and precisely unbiblical. The holly and ivy together were their Yin and Yang, long before Eastern mysticism got its Western passport.

And Now... Into the Church

So what happened? How did these botanical idols make it past the front door of the Church?

Simple: **compromise**.

When Constantine legalized Christianity in the 4th century and Rome began to merge pagan festivals with Christian ones to “win converts,” they didn’t burn the groves—they brought the groves inside. The pagan customs weren’t abandoned—they were *rebranded*. Instead of calling it Druidic fertility rites, they called it “decoration.” Instead of honoring forest spirits, they slapped Jesus’ name on it and said it was for the “holiday spirit.” You see how subtle Satan is?

The early church rejected these symbols outright. But by the Middle Ages, you couldn’t find a nativity scene without a backdrop of mistletoe and holly. These weren’t added because of Scripture—they were brought in to placate the traditions of the world. That’s the problem. The Church stopped confronting the world and started *courting* it.

Scripture Doesn’t Decorate with Devils

Now before some Christian Karen jumps in and says, “But God made the plants, and they’re beautiful,” let’s be clear.

Yes, God made holly. Yes, God made ivy. Yes, God made mistletoe. But *He also made snakes*. Doesn’t mean you bring one into the nursery and name it “Jingle.” Just because something is part of creation doesn’t mean it belongs in Christian worship—especially when it’s been hijacked and saturated with occult symbolism for centuries.

Look at what God actually says:

“Learn not the way of the heathen...”

Jeremiah 10:2-4 — *“For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest... they deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.”*

That verse has more in common with a modern living room during December than it does with the Old Testament Temple.

And you think mistletoe is harmless? Try telling that to the Apostle Paul.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17 — *“What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?... Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord.”*

God didn’t call you to baptize paganism with a splash of eggnog and a few LED lights. He called you to *come out from among them*.

The Kiss of Death: Mistletoe and Moral Decay

Let’s zero in on mistletoe for a minute. You want to know what this charming little plant was really used for?

Sexual license.

Under the Druidic code, couples would kiss under mistletoe during the solstice to bless their fertility—and more often than not, that wasn’t metaphorical. You want to know where the modern mistletoe tradition comes from? From the **ancient orgiastic fertility rites** that surrounded Yule, Saturnalia, and solstice festivals. That’s not cute. That’s *corrupt*.

The act of kissing under mistletoe in your average office party or teenage Christmas movie is just a sanitized echo of an old pagan ritual. Christians participating in it “for fun” are doing what Israel did when they danced around the golden calf and called it a “feast to the Lord.” (Exodus 32:5). It’s a spiritual mutiny with tinsel on it.

Holly: Not So Jolly

“Holly jolly Christmas,” they sing. But in pagan ritual, holly wasn’t about joy. It was about protection and appeasement. Its prickly leaves were thought to ward off evil spirits and its

berries offered fertility blessings. Roman soldiers would wear holly wreaths to honor Saturn during **Saturnalia**, the drunken debauchery week that predated Christmas by centuries.

In some traditions, holly was even used in **blood sacrifice rituals**. You think red ornaments are innocent? You better check what that red berry stood for in the hands of a pagan priest. A bloodless Christianity is holy. But a Christianity that mixes pagan blood with Christ's blood? That's blasphemy.

Ivy: The Serpent's Vine

Now let's talk ivy. Ivy was sacred to Bacchus—the god of wine, revelry, and intoxication. Party god. The same kind of spirit that fuels the modern Christmas season with spiked punch and credit card debt. Ivy grows by clinging, suffocating its host plant, wrapping itself in a slow, choking stranglehold. What a perfect symbol of *what pagan customs do to the Church*.

You start with “just a little decoration”... and before long, the gospel is drowned in garlands. The preaching is softened. The focus is shifted. And what started as “*Well, it's just for the kids*” becomes full-blown spiritual adultery against the Lord.

The Argument of “It's Lost Its Meaning”

Now here's the big comeback: “*Well, it doesn't mean that anymore.*”

Oh really? Since when did God accept that as an excuse? Try telling Him, “I know it was used in devil worship, but I mean something different now.” You think God is going to compromise His holiness for your *sentimental reinterpretation*?

Proverbs 14:12 — “*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*”

This isn't about what it means to you—it's about what it means to **God**. And when God says to avoid the unclean thing (2 Cor. 6:17), He doesn't add a footnote saying “*unless you give it a Christian nickname.*”

The Fruit of This Tree

Here's the fruit of adopting these customs: confusion, carnality, compromise. You've got pastors dressing like elves. Churches hosting Christmas pageants with Santa Claus front

and center. Believers more excited about decorating a tree than serving the Lord. You think that fruit came from the Holy Spirit?

Matthew 7:18 — *“A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.”*

The Christmas tree is corrupt. The mistletoe is corrupt. The holly is corrupt. And you’re not going to produce good fruit by hanging Christian ornaments on a Druidic skeleton.

A Call Back to Purity

God is looking for a remnant. Not a remnant of jingle-bell-singing, cocoa-drinking, world-pleasing carnal Christians—but a remnant who will *worship Him in spirit and in truth*.

Don’t fall for the trap of “cultural Christianity.” That’s not Christianity. That’s Babylon with a Bethlehem bumper sticker.

Revelation 18:4 — *“Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”*

You don’t honor Christ by mixing Him with the occult. You don’t draw closer to the Holy Spirit by decking your halls with symbols the devil used to deceive whole civilizations.

Burn the mistletoe. Rip down the holly. Cut off the ivy.

And decorate your heart with **Scripture**, not sorcery.

7 of 12: The Pagan Roots of Christmas – The Bible’s Warnings About Pagan Customs

Let me tell you something straight, friend—this world is drunk on tradition. Not the good kind either. I’m talking about *man-made, Bible-rejecting, idol-hugging* traditions that smell like Rome, sound like Babylon, and act like the devil. And right smack dab in the middle of it is that warm, fuzzy, fat-bellied holiday the world calls “Christmas.” You think it’s holy? You think it’s Christian? You think Jesus is smiling while you deck the halls with pagan witchcraft and offer your kids up to a red-suited counterfeit? You’d better sit down and buckle up, because the Bible’s got something to say about that mess—and it doesn’t whisper. It shouts.

God Doesn't Mix With Pagan Junk

Let's start with a Bible the devil hates:

Jeremiah 10:2–4

“Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen... for the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest... they deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.”

Now if that doesn't sound like your average Christmas tree operation, then I don't know what does. You can twist it, spiritualize it, allegorize it, and sing "O Tannenbaum" all day long, but the Bible already exposed the root of that thing before Coca-Cola slapped a jolly old elf on a billboard. That decorated evergreen isn't "Jesus' birthday tree." It's a pagan idol, dressed up in Christian drag. God said, *“learn not the way of the heathen.”* He didn't say, *“redeem it for your candlelight service.”*

You say, *“Well, it's just tradition.”* Yeah? *“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”* (Colossians 2:8) That's your Christmas right there—spoiled, rotten, and anti-Christ from root to ribbon.

Deuteronomy Don't Play

Let's get heavier.

Deuteronomy 12:29–31

“Take heed to thyself... that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.”

There it is, in black and white. God told Israel: “When you go into the land, don't you dare try to worship me the way those pagans worshipped *their* gods. Don't borrow, don't blend, don't baptize their garbage into your worship.” And you know what Israel did anyway? They did *exactly* that. They took the groves, the high places, the molten images, the idolatrous rituals—and gave it a Hebrew spin. And guess what? God *judged* them for it.

Fast forward to the 4th century A.D. when Rome officially "Christianized" pagan festivals like Saturnalia and the feast of Sol Invictus. Guess what they did? They asked, *“How did these nations serve their gods?”* and then said, *“Even so will we do likewise.”* Dress it up, slap Jesus' name on it, throw in a nativity scene to make it look holy, and voilà—you've got Christmas. Only problem? It *ain't* holy. It's profane. And you're rubbing it in God's face every time you pretend it's “worship.”

Exodus 20: The Foundation of It All

Now, let's go back to the first commandments God ever etched with His own finger.

Exodus 20:3-5

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image... Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them...”

Now, stop. Think. What is Santa? He's an all-seeing, all-knowing, judgment-executing gift-giver who flies through the sky with magical reindeer, enters homes unseen, and rewards obedience. Sound familiar? That's not Saint Nick, friend—that's an *idol*. A substitute god. And if your kids fear Santa more than they fear God, don't be surprised when they grow up and bow to another idol called the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4).

And don't get me started on the manger scenes with baby Jesus next to flying cherubs, fake sheep, and a choir of angels that look like Swedish pop stars. That isn't reverence. That's *retail religion*. You're breaking the second commandment every time you make a graven image to represent the invisible God. You wouldn't paint a picture of the Holy Ghost, would you? Then why are you carving statues of baby Jesus? God didn't authorize that. Rome did.

“But It Brings Families Together!”

Yeah, so does a Ouija board. The devil's got more than one way to unite people—he just doesn't tell them what they're uniting around. You think the Lord Jesus Christ gets glory when His name is used to market plastic junk made in China, debt-fueled shopping sprees, and peppermint-scented idolatry? You think the Lord is honored when folks sing “Silent Night” while drunk on eggnog and living like devils eleven months of the year?

If it doesn't line up with this Book, it's *out of order*.

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.” (2 Corinthians 6:17)

That verse isn't a suggestion. That's a *command*. You want the Lord to bless your family, your worship, your walk? Then come out of Babylon's holiday package and stop trying to make it a gift for Jesus. He never asked for it.

“But I Do It for Jesus!”

No, you don't. That's like saying, *“I'm bowing to this golden calf—but it's for the LORD.”* That's literally what Aaron said in **Exodus 32:5**. He made the calf and declared, *“Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.”* And what happened? God sent Moses down to grind that idol to powder and make 'em drink it. That's how God feels about mixing His name with pagan filth.

You think God accepts *your version* of Christmas because *your heart* is in the right place? What kind of God do you serve? A sentimental grandpa in the sky who lets you rewrite His commandments as long as you smile while doing it?

No, sir. God is *holy*. God is *jealous*. God is *not mocked*. (Galatians 6:7)

“But It’s Just Cultural!”

That’s what Baal worship was. That’s what Asherah poles were. That’s what grove worship was. Every single abomination in the Old Testament was cultural before it was spiritual. And God didn’t give Israel a pass because the world around them was doing it. He held them *more* accountable, not less.

You don’t get to claim cultural innocence when you’ve got a King James Bible in your lap. You’ve been warned. You’ve been instructed. You’ve been separated. You’re supposed to be a *peculiar people*, not a copycat of every heathen ritual with Jesus stickers slapped on top.

“And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.” (Leviticus 20:26)

If Jesus Didn’t Celebrate It, Why Are You?

There is *not one verse*—read it again—not *one verse* where Jesus Christ or His apostles celebrated His birthday. You can’t even prove they remembered it annually. You think Peter strung lights on a fig tree and handed out cookies to James and John? That’s not Bible, that’s Hallmark. That’s not doctrine, that’s department store theology.

But the same Jesus that people “celebrate” on December 25 is the One they ignore the rest of the year. And the church that sings “Away in a Manger” is often dead asleep in apostasy. You want to honor Christ? Obey His words. You want to love Jesus? Keep His commandments. And one of those is *not* “celebrate my birthday with the same customs I condemned in Jeremiah.”

The Root Is Rotten

Look—if the root is rotten, the fruit is corrupt. You can’t Christianize a tree that grew in the devil’s orchard. Christmas didn’t start in a Bible study; it started in a brothel of idolatry. It was birthed in the fires of Babylon, nurtured by Rome, and marketed by Madison Avenue. And now Christians have adopted it like it’s a stray puppy. Friend, the thing’s a wolf in sheep’s clothing.

“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalm 11:3)

You don't fix it. You *flee it*.

A Call to Repentance

This isn't about being a grinch. This is about *being holy*. This is about fearing God more than you fear your relatives' opinions. This is about loving truth more than tradition. *This is about obeying God rather than men.* (Acts 5:29)

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."
(Ephesians 5:11)

You say you're saved. Great. Then act like it. Come out of Rome. Come out of Babylon. Burn the tinsel. Trash the nativity statues. Dump Santa in the same pit as the Easter Bunny and Halloween. You want a holiday? Try the Passover. Try the Feast of Trumpets. Try the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Those are *God's* days.

Final Word

The Lord Jesus Christ didn't come so you could sip cocoa under a pine tree while pretending the world isn't burning. He came to *save sinners*—to call men to *repentance*—to *deliver you* from the bondage of darkness. And if He's delivered you, don't go back and dance around the idols He died to pull you away from.

Christmas isn't just a "harmless holiday." It's a gateway drug to spiritual compromise. And when the antichrist shows up offering peace on earth and gift-giving miracles, most of the world—including the church—will already be trained to bow.

Don't get caught bowing to a tree when you should be standing for the truth.

8 of 12: The Pagan Roots of Christmas – The Historical Spread of Christmas

Title: *From Rome to Retail: How Christmas Was Hijacked by Religion and Capitalism*

So you want to talk about Christmas like it's the holiest day on the calendar? Like it's some sacred, God-ordained, Spirit-filled celebration that heaven breaks out into a chorus for? Well, bless your soul, but you've been sold a lump of tinsel-covered lies wrapped in Catholicism, paganism, and capitalism. And like a good little consumer, you bought it—hook, candy cane, and sleigh bell.

Let's rip the ribbons off the lies and take a look at how this mess called Christmas went from a Roman compromise to a Protestant relapse to a capitalist cash cow. Don't get mad at me for upsetting your "holiday cheer." The Bible said, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Ephesians 5:11). And brother, we're gonna reprove the fire out of this one.

I. From Roman Idolatry to Roman Catholicism

You want to trace this back? You don't start at the manger—you start at *Mithra*. You start at *Saturnalia*. You start at *Sol Invictus*, the unconquered sun. The pagans didn't need a reason to party in December. The winter solstice was their spiritual rave, and it had nothing to do with Jesus Christ and everything to do with the sun god.

Now here comes Constantine, the Roman emperor who saw a cross in the sky and made Christianity legal in the Roman Empire. Sounds good on the surface, right? Wrong. When Christianity got legal, it got *lethal*. The persecution stopped—but so did the purity. Now the church was in bed with the state, and the bishop of Rome was patching together a religion from pagan scraps.

The pagans wouldn't give up their winter holidays. So the Catholic Church slapped a Jesus sticker on the whole thing and called it "Christ's Mass." That's not sanctification, that's *syncretism*—and God hates it. The Lord said in Deuteronomy 12:30–31 not to *learn the way of the heathen* or say, "How did these nations serve their gods? Even so will I do likewise."

But that's exactly what Rome did. And the road from there is slippery and steep.

II. Puritans and Protestants: The Christmas Backlash

Fast forward to the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther blew the lid off Catholic lies with *sola scriptura* and the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith. But even Luther, for all his boldness, kept Christmas. He put candles on trees, thinking he was redeeming it. But you can't redeem something God said to *abhor* (Romans 12:9). You don't baptize Baal and expect God to call it holy.

But not all Protestants played along. The **Puritans**, God bless 'em, weren't fooled by the tinsel and mistletoe. They banned Christmas in England in the mid-1600s. That's right—*banned*. No services, no gift-giving, no games. Why? Because they knew it was rooted in popery and paganism.

Over in colonial America, especially in New England, Christmas was no holiday. In fact, **Massachusetts outlawed Christmas** from 1659 to 1681. You could get *fined* for celebrating it. Let me say that again for the eggnog-drunk crowd in the back—early Bible-believing Christians *rejected* Christmas because they knew it wasn't in the Book.

No wise men were decking halls. No apostles were roasting chestnuts. No prophets were hanging wreaths. And the early church fathers who had some spiritual sense—Tertullian, Origen, and others—mocked the idea of celebrating Christ's birthday at all, much less aligning it with a pagan festival.

III. Victorian England: Where Christmas Gets Romanticized

But just when you thought the backlash might have buried the beast, in came the Victorian era, and *Charles Dickens* polished up the idol with a halo of sentimentality. "A Christmas Carol" made Ebenezer Scrooge the villain and Tiny Tim the saint, and suddenly if you weren't sipping mulled cider by a fire and hugging orphans, you were the devil incarnate.

But here's the kicker: **not one verse of Scripture** was used to justify this resurgence. It wasn't a revival of spiritual truth. It was a revival of *emotionalism*. "Peace on earth" was plucked out of Luke 2 like a cherry on top of a frosted pagan cupcake, divorced from its meaning—the Prince of Peace coming *to Israel*.

Now the emphasis was on family, feasts, decorations, and nostalgia. Not Christ. Not the cross. Not the blood. But human goodness and cheer. The Bible said man's heart is deceitful and desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9), but here comes the Victorian wave painting it with glitter and sugar.

IV. Coca-Cola, Capitalism, and Santa's Red Suit

Then came the 20th century, and the Devil brought in the big guns—**Madison Avenue and Coca-Cola**. You think Santa's suit has always been red? Think again. It was the Coca-Cola ads in the 1930s that branded him into your mind. You think that jolly, omnipresent gift-giver is harmless? He's a **counterfeit god**.

He sees you when you're sleeping?

He knows when you're awake?

He knows if you've been bad or good?

That's not Saint Nick. That's **omniscience**, and it belongs to **God alone**.

And don't get me started on the economic machine. Retailers count on Christmas like a vampire counts on fresh blood. You think it's about Jesus? Try walking through a mall in December and find Him. He's buried under 10,000 elves, reindeer, discounts, and debt. Most churches couldn't cough up a hundred bucks for missions, but they'll drop thousands on a pageant with fog machines and fake snow.

V. The Modern Church: Decking the Halls with Apostasy

Now we've got *Baptist churches*—supposed Bible believers—putting up trees on the platform, scheduling cantatas instead of soul-winning, and teaching kids to sing about Santa and baby Jesus like they belong in the same nativity set. That's not ministry; that's *mixture*. And it's a stench in God's nostrils.

Pastors are scared to preach against it. Why? Because Sister Shirley might take her tithe and leave if you touch her nativity display. But the Bible says, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet" (Isaiah 58:1). You don't soft-shoe around sin for the sake of tradition.

Jesus said in *Mark 7:7*, "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." If Jesus walked into half these churches during their Christmas services, He'd start flipping tables again. Because they've turned His birth into an idol-fest.

VI. But What About the Opportunity to Witness?

Here's the weak excuse you'll hear from fence-sitters: "Well, at least people are talking about Jesus during Christmas! Isn't that a good thing?"

Oh really?

Is it a good thing when His name is being used to push drunken parties, materialism, lies about His birth, and rituals He never commanded?

The apostle Paul said, "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils" (1 Corinthians 10:21). You don't preach Christ by joining hands with Baal. You don't evangelize by echoing Babylon. The right message can't ride in on the wrong vehicle. The devil doesn't care if you preach Jesus, *so long as it's the wrong one*.

VII. The Line in the Sand

The truth is, Christmas is the golden calf of modern Christianity. It's the sacred cow nobody wants to touch. But the Word of God cuts like a sword, and the sword of the Spirit doesn't bend for sentiment.

If you're going to stand with Scripture, you've got to stand against the system. And Christmas, from its roots to its rituals to its retail, is a *system*. It's not biblical. It's not holy. And it's not pleasing to God.

The early church didn't need it.
The apostles didn't celebrate it.
The Bible doesn't command it.
And Jesus doesn't want it.

You can't clean up a pig by giving it a halo. You don't redeem darkness with a strand of lights.

Conclusion: Come Out From Among Them

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 6:17: "*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.*"

That verse wasn't written to pagans—it was written to *Christians*.

So what are you going to do with it?

Keep decking your halls with the same customs God condemned in Jeremiah 10? Keep playing footsie with the Whore of Babylon? Keep selling your soul to a commercialized counterfeit?

Or are you going to step out, speak up, and stand firm?

Because the time is short. And if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

It's time to clean house, not hang stockings. It's time to open the Book, not the presents. It's time to follow the **Word made flesh**, not the **traditions of men**.

Final Word:

The truth about Christmas isn't buried under snow—it's buried under compromise. But if you've got the guts to grab a shovel and dig, you'll find the roots are rotten, the fruit is corrupt, and the tree needs to be *hewn down*.

So go ahead. Be the odd one out. Be the “Scrooge.” Be the “grinch.” Better to be despised for the truth than celebrated in the Devil’s holiday parade.

9 of 12: The Pagan Roots of Christmas – The Role of the Roman Catholic Church

Introduction: The Great Religious Blender

If there’s one institution that’s mastered the art of mixing truth with lies, light with darkness, and the Bible with Babylon, it’s the **Roman Catholic Church**. The devil couldn’t destroy Christianity from the outside, so he infiltrated it from the inside—and Rome became his command post. When the Caesars put down their swords, the popes picked up their scepters. Same empire, different uniform.

You want to know who took a pagan winter festival, painted a cross on it, and sold it as “Christian”? Look no further than the Vatican. That “holy mother church” has been the world’s most successful religious con artist—dressing up idolatry in white robes and calling it worship.

From the Blood of Martyrs to the Blasphemy of Masses

The early Christians—real ones—wouldn’t touch paganism with a ten-foot pole. They were hunted, hated, and executed for refusing to burn incense to the emperor. Rome slaughtered them by the thousands. But the blood of the martyrs became the seed of the church, and soon the empire couldn’t kill Christians faster than the gospel was spreading.

So what did the devil do? He changed tactics. If you can’t beat them, *join them*. Or in this case, *corrupt them*.

When Constantine came to power around A.D. 312, he legalized Christianity. But it wasn’t a victory—it was a *setup*. He mixed state and church like oil and arsenic. Suddenly, the persecuted became the privileged, and faith became politics. Pagan priests traded idols for cassocks, temples for cathedrals, and gods for “saints.”

The same devils that had been worshiped in Rome’s pantheon simply got new names. The goddess Diana became “Mary.” Jupiter became “Peter.” The vestal virgins became “nuns.” You see how slick that is? The devil doesn’t delete—he *rebrands*.

Baptizing Paganism: Christmas Comes to Rome

Now, here's where the rot sets in deep. The Romans already had their favorite winter bash—**Saturnalia**, a festival of drunkenness, gift-giving, and debauchery to honor Saturn, the god of sowing. It ran from December 17th to the 24th, ending with the “birth” of the unconquered sun god, **Sol Invictus**, on December 25th.

Constantine and the bishops didn't want to upset the pagans—they wanted to *win them over*. So they thought, “Why not let them keep their holiday, just give it a Christian spin?” And that's how the **Mass of Christ** was born.

There's just one problem—God never asked for a “Mass.” The word itself means *death*. Every time Rome holds a “Christ-mass,” they claim to re-sacrifice Jesus Christ on an altar, turning bread into His literal flesh and wine into His literal blood. That's not worship—that's **witchcraft**. It's cannibalism dressed up in Latin.

The birth of Jesus was replaced with a **blasphemous ritual** that denies the finality of the cross. The Bible says, “*By one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified*” (Hebrews 10:14). But Rome says, “No, let's offer Him again—every single day, in every single church.” You couldn't find that in the Bible if you searched it with a floodlight and a magnifying glass.

How Rome Mixed Paganism and Piety

Rome had a problem: too many idols, too many holidays, and too many gods to erase overnight. So what did she do? She didn't destroy them—she **baptized** them.

- Pagan temples? Convert them into “churches.”
- Pagan idols? Rename them after apostles.
- Pagan holy days? Call them “feast days.”
- Pagan festivals? Dedicate them to Christ or Mary.

That's not sanctification—that's pollution.

When the prophet Elijah stood before Israel on Mount Carmel, he said, “*How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him.*” (1 Kings 18:21). The Catholics said, “Why not both?”

That's why Rome is called the **Whore of Babylon** in Revelation 17. She rides the beast of world power, clothed in scarlet and purple, with a golden cup full of abominations. And in that cup, my friend, floats a Christmas wreath, a nativity idol, and a steaming mug of compromise.

Mary, the Mother of Pagan Revival

Let's talk about Mary for a second. The Bible honors her, yes—but the Catholic Church **deified** her. Rome took the pagan mother-child cult of Semiramis and Tammuz (from Babylon), Isis and Horus (from Egypt), and Venus and Jupiter (from Rome), and gave it a Christian name: *Mary and Jesus*.

That's not the Mary of the Bible who said, "*My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*" That's a counterfeit queen of heaven Jeremiah warned about centuries before:

"The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven." (Jeremiah 7:18)

And now every December, what do Catholics do? They bake, they light candles, they make cakes, and they venerate the same old goddess—just with a new face. You can't scrub that paganism out with holy water.

The Theological Corruption of "Christ's Mass"

Rome's theology made sure that Christmas wouldn't just be a cultural event—it would be a doctrinal weapon. You see, once you accept that Christ must be "re-presented" in the Mass, you've denied the sufficiency of His atonement. That's blasphemy number one.

Blasphemy number two is **idol worship**. Those nativity figures in every Catholic church—Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, the ox, and the donkey—those aren't harmless ornaments. That's image worship. Exodus 20:4-5 is plain as day: "*Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.*"

But the Catholics say, "We don't worship them; we just venerate them." Well, the devil doesn't care what label you slap on it. If you bow before it, pray to it, or adore it, you've crossed the line.

And blasphemy number three is this idea of *sacramental grace*. Rome teaches that by participating in the Christmas Mass and other feast days, you "receive grace." That's not

grace. That's *witchcraft in a robe*. Grace doesn't come from ceremonies—it comes from Christ alone, through faith.

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.”
(Ephesians 2:8)

The Spread to Protestantism: A Trojan Horse

When the Protestant Reformation hit, some men came out of Rome, but Rome never came out of them. Luther, Calvin, Zwingli—they broke with the papacy, but not with its calendar. They kept the holy days. They kept the ceremonies. They kept the Christmas tree glowing in the window of apostasy.

The Puritans had enough sense to reject it, but their children didn't. The infection crept back in. Once again, the devil didn't march in—he tiptoed through the church door wearing a Santa hat.

By the 19th century, you couldn't tell Rome from London. The Anglican Church, which was supposed to be “reformed,” was celebrating Christmas like a Vatican satellite. The “Protestant” nations swallowed the same pagan poison their forefathers spat out.

Modern Christmas: Rome's Baby in a Modern Crib

Fast forward to today. You think the Catholic Church isn't still behind this thing? Every Christmas Eve, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome draws thousands. The Pope stands before the world, blessing the same holiday his predecessors invented. The media fawns. The politicians nod. The world sings “O Come All Ye Faithful”—and most of them don't even realize they're singing a hymn written by a *Catholic priest* (*Adeste Fideles*).

The whole spectacle is one big ecumenical handshake between the Vatican and the world. It's a **religious trap**, not a holy celebration.

Even Protestant megachurches now quote the Pope's Christmas homilies like they're Scripture. You've got evangelicals who wouldn't touch the rosary preaching Christmas sermons about “Mary's example.” That's how far the infection has spread.

The Fruits of Rome's Compromise

Jesus said, *“Ye shall know them by their fruits.”* (Matthew 7:16)

What's the fruit of Rome's Christmas system? Not holiness. Not revival. Not truth. It's greed, drunkenness, covetousness, and apostasy.

The same church that claims to honor Christ's birth through the Mass turns around and sells indulgences, prays to saints, and calls the Pope "Holy Father." That's not Christianity. That's counterfeit religion. And the sad thing is, the world's eating it up with sugar cookies and songbooks.

A Biblical Church Doesn't Need Pagan Props

Let's set the record straight. The true Church of Jesus Christ—the body of born-again believers—doesn't need pagan festivals to worship God. We don't need to *borrow from Babylon* to show our love for the Savior.

The apostles preached Christ crucified, not Christ cribbed. Paul said, "*We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord.*" (2 Corinthians 4:5) He never said, "We celebrate His birthday with evergreen trees and drunken feasts."

If you want to honor the Lord, obey His Word. Don't dress up what He condemned. Don't sanctify what He called abomination. Don't put Christ's name on a holiday Rome built to keep pagans comfortable in their sin.

Rome's Endgame: One World Religion

You think this is just about Christmas? Think again. The same ecumenical spirit that birthed "Christ's Mass" is now paving the way for a **One World Church**. That's what Revelation 17 calls "*Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots.*"

Rome's plan has always been to unite all religions under one banner—her banner. Christmas is just one of her tools. It's the bait. The final hook will be the Antichrist. And when he shows up, the same people who said, "Don't be so rigid about Christmas" will bow before a false Christ in the name of peace and unity.

Conclusion: Rome Still Rules the Season

You can hang a cross on a pagan tree, but it's still a pagan tree. You can call the Mass "holy," but it's still idolatry. You can light a candle in a cathedral, but it's still darkness.

The Roman Catholic Church gave the world a counterfeit Christmas to distract it from the real Christ. And while the world sings “Gloria in excelsis Deo,” Rome smiles—because the glory isn’t going to God. It’s going to *her*.

“Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins.” (Revelation 18:4)

That’s the only Christmas commandment you’ll ever find in the Bible.

10 of 12: The Pagan Roots of Christmas – The Commercialization of Christmas

“Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” — Matthew 6:24 (KJV)

Introduction: From Manger to Mall Madness

Let’s get something straight right off the bat: **Christmas today has nothing—zero, zip, zilch—to do with Jesus Christ.** If you think Christ is “the reason for the season,” you’ve been fed a load of commercial, candy-coated, cinnamon-sprinkled hogwash. What used to be (supposedly) a commemoration of the birth of the Savior has become a worldwide circus of **materialism, gluttony, greed, and sentimental idolatry.**

Once upon a time, preachers used to warn against the *love of money being the root of all evil* (1 Tim. 6:10). But now? Churches install **Christmas trees in the sanctuary**, pump out **tithing envelopes wrapped in red bows**, and host **Santa brunches** in the fellowship hall. America didn't just take Christ out of Christmas—it replaced Him with a **cash register and a Visa card.**

You say, “Brother, that’s harsh.” Good. The truth ought to slap you clean across the face like a frozen peppermint stick. This isn’t a Hallmark movie, friend—it’s a warning.

I. The Hijacking of a “Holy Day”

Let’s be honest here. If you asked the average lost man on the street what Christmas is about, he’d say:

- Getting gifts
- Getting drunk
- Getting fat

- Getting laid under the mistletoe

Don't look shocked. You know I'm right. The holiday's been hijacked—and not by atheists. **By advertisers, corporations, big box stores, and even lukewarm churches that traded in the pulpit for a product display.**

Christmas was never about Christ. It was a **Roman Catholic compromise with pagan Rome**, and now it's a **capitalist compromise with Mammon**.

Ever wonder why **Black Friday** exists right after “Thanksgiving”? To thank God? Ha! No—so you can elbow some poor woman in the face at Walmart for a flat screen TV made in a sweatshop.

II. Santa's Real Workshop: Madison Avenue

Let's talk about the real “Santa Claus” for a moment. He's not sitting at the North Pole—he's sitting in a boardroom.

- **Coca-Cola redesigned Santa** in the 1930s to sell soda.
- Retailers rake in **billions** during December.
- Every toy company, tech brand, and department store marks the season as their **financial Super Bowl**.

They've taken your kids, your wife, your pastor, and even your **church bulletin**, and filled them with **ads, greed, and worldly lusts**.

Why do you think they start **Christmas marketing in October now**? You used to hear “Silent Night” in December—now it's on in the gas station before you've finished digesting Halloween candy.

III. Scripture vs. Sentimentality

Let's take the Bible and hold it up against the traditions of modern Christmas and see what happens.

A. Christ's Life vs. Consumerism

Jesus Christ was born in a **borrowed stable**, placed in a **feeding trough**, and lived His life **without a place to lay His head** (Matt. 8:20). He was **despised and rejected of men**, not celebrated with wrapping paper and LED lights.

And yet you've got Christians spending **hundreds of dollars** on gifts, decorations, and garlands while **missionaries are going underfunded** and **Bibles are collecting dust**.

B. Simplicity vs. Stuff

Paul says, "*Having food and raiment let us be therewith content*" (1 Tim. 6:8). But that ain't enough for Laodicean Christianity. We need **Yankee Candles, seven gift exchanges, a \$500 tree, and a Disney-themed nativity scene**.

This is why the Lord told the rich man, "*Thou fool*" (Luke 12:20). And it's why He overturned the tables in the temple—because they were doing what? **Selling**. Sound familiar?

IV. The Gift-Giving Gimmick

Now, I'm not against giving gifts. God gave us the greatest gift of all—**His Son**. But don't twist that and try to spiritualize your Amazon Prime addiction.

When the **wise men gave gifts** in Matthew 2, they weren't doing it on December 25. They didn't even show up at the manger—they came to a **house** (Matt. 2:11) and gave gifts to **Jesus**, not each other.

But Christians today spend **hours shopping for carnal relatives who hate God**, and maybe toss five bucks in the plate on Christmas Eve like they did God a favor.

Wake up.

V. Psychological Manipulation and Social Pressure

You ever wonder why people feel **depressed around Christmas**? Why suicide rates go up? Why people get more **anxious, stressed, and broke**?

Because the holiday's been turned into **an emotional guilt-trip wrapped in tinsel**.

- You *have* to buy gifts for everyone—even people you don't like.
- You *have* to travel to see family who drive you crazy.
- You *have* to pretend to be full of joy while maxing out credit cards.

It's **emotional slavery**, and you call it "holiday cheer."

Colossians 2:8 warns, “*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men.*” Christmas, in its modern form, is a **spoiling**. It robs you of peace and replaces it with pressure.

VI. Church Compromise and Cultural Cowardice

Let’s not leave the churches out of this mess.

Where are the preachers crying out against this? They’re too busy planning the **live nativity**, arranging for the youth group to sing “Jingle Bell Rock,” and making sure **Mrs. Templeton’s sugar cookie ministry** is fully funded.

Gone are the days when preachers thundered against **worldliness and compromise**. Now they say, “Well, we just want to be culturally relevant and festive for the community.”

No, sir. You want to pack pews and avoid offending the tithers. So you bow to the golden calf wrapped in Christmas lights.

You want to reach your community? Try preaching **Acts 17:30**—that God commands all men everywhere to **repent**—instead of reading Luke 2 while dressing your kids like barn animals.

VII. Global Pagan Revival Under a Christian Banner

You know what’s wild? You’ve got **Buddhists, atheists, Hindus, Muslims, and witches** celebrating Christmas.

Why?

Because **it’s not Christian anymore.**

They’re not celebrating the Son of God—they’re celebrating the **god of this world** (2 Cor. 4:4), the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience (Eph. 2:2).

Christmas today is a **global ritual** of distraction, indulgence, and idolatry—and Satan loves every second of it.

VIII. The Sword of Separation

Here's where the rubber meets the road. You say, "Well, I celebrate Christmas, but I keep Christ at the center." Really? What Bible verse backs that up?

Paul didn't say, "Come out from among them... unless you sprinkle Jesus on top." He said, "*Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing*" (2 Cor. 6:17).

You can't sanctify a pig by dressing it in white lace. You can't redeem a Babylonian festival by stapling a cross to it.

"Take heed to thyself, that thou be not snared by following them... and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise." (Deut. 12:30).

You've been warned.

Conclusion: No Room in the Inn

When Jesus Christ was born, there was **no room for Him in the inn.**

Today, it's the same story. **There's no room for Him in Christmas.** He's been crowded out by elves, eggnog, electronics, and empty religion.

The world will sing "O Holy Night" with tears in their eyes while **refusing to bow the knee to the Holy One of Israel.** They'll light candles and decorate trees while ignoring the Light of the World and the Tree of Calvary.

So, what'll it be?

- Will you keep **playing the game**, wrapping your pagan practices in piety?
- Or will you **draw a sword**, stand up, and say, "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD"?

Because when the smoke clears, when the wrapping paper's shredded, when the credit card bill comes in—**you'll find that the only thing that matters is what you did with Jesus Christ.**

Not what you bought.

Not what you baked.

Not what you decorated.

Just one thing: **Did you obey Him? Or did you worship Him your way?**

Choose this day whom ye will serve.

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Should Christians Celebrate Christmas?

You want the truth? Here it is. The devil doesn't care how religious you are in December if he's got your heart in idolatry the whole time. Light all the candles you want. Put a plastic nativity on your lawn next to a 10-foot inflatable Santa with a red nose and a reindeer, and tell yourself it's all "for Jesus." That's like slapping a cross on a golden calf and calling it church.

Now let's ask the question every backslidden preacher's too chicken to answer in public: **Should Christians celebrate Christmas?** Not *can*, not *do*, but *should*. That word matters. Because when you ask "should," you're inviting the standard of *God's Word* to step in. And when the Word steps in, a whole lot of holiday fluff gets kicked to the curb.

Let's take it straight to the Book and answer it God's way, not the world's way. Buckle up, because we're gonna peel the tinsel off this thing and see what's underneath. And spoiler alert—it ain't Christ.

1. Separation from the World

1 John 2:15-17

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world..."

Now tell me something: what's the world's favorite holiday? What gets all the sales? What fills up the malls with red and green vomit? What has the most parades, movies, and corporate worship? That's right—Christmas. So if the world *loves it*, why do you think it's Christ-honoring?

You say, "Well, I celebrate Jesus' birth." Do you really? The whole month is a circus of consumerism, gluttony, and distraction. Try finding Jesus in the mess of elves, snowmen, and sales racks. And when the world joins you in it, waving their peppermint lattes in one hand and their middle finger to God in the other, it ought to tell you something. The world

doesn't mind *your* Jesus as long as He looks like a cute baby and not a crucified Savior who calls out sin.

The Word says not to love the world. Yet Christmas is the world's golden goose. You better believe it's not God's. If the world throws a party and tells you it's for Jesus, don't be surprised if He doesn't show up.

2. Avoiding the Appearance of Evil

1 Thessalonians 5:22

“Abstain from all appearance of evil.”

Even if you could somehow strip Christmas of every trace of paganism (which you can't), you'd still have to deal with the *appearance*. You think pagans don't laugh when Christians put up trees and mistletoe and sing carols about sleigh bells while claiming they're “honoring Christ”? You're playing their game, on their field, wearing their colors.

Let's just be honest—it **looks pagan because it *is* pagan**. The trees, the yule logs, the red and green, the gift-giving, the date itself—every bit of it is dripping with idol worship and ancient sun-god rituals.

And Christians are out here making gingerbread houses and then showing up on Sunday to sing “Oh Come Let Us Adore Him.” You think God doesn't see the hypocrisy? That verse didn't say “abstain from *actual* evil,” it said “appearance.” That means if it *looks* evil—if it *resembles* evil—you step away from it. You don't baptize it in Bible verses and slap “Jesus is the reason for the season” on your window.

3. Worshiping in Spirit and in Truth

John 4:24

“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

Here's the problem. Christmas is a *flesh* holiday, not a spirit one. It appeals to the senses, the belly, the wallet, and the feelings. Lights, music, food, memories, nostalgia—it hits you in the *flesh*. But God said you must worship Him in spirit **and in truth**. Not tradition. Not emotion. Not grandma's Christmas casserole.

And let's talk truth. The truth is that Jesus wasn't born in December. The truth is that the wise men weren't at the manger. The truth is that Christmas, from start to finish, is a

Frankenstein monster sewn together from Catholic compromises, pagan festivals, and commercial greed.

You call that worship? God calls it confusion. You don't get to lie about the date, merge it with paganism, and wrap it in a bow of tradition and call it "worship." That's not spirit and truth—that's flesh and falsehood.

4. Come Out From Among Them

2 Corinthians 6:17

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord..."

God's never been into blending in. He doesn't ask His people to dip their toes into compromise. He says "Come OUT." Not blend in. Not decorate your idolatry. **Come out. Separate. Burn the bridges.**

The whole reason Israel got judged in the Old Testament was because they couldn't stop borrowing from the heathen. Groves, altars, idols, feasts—sound familiar? God warned them, spanked them, exiled them. And we think somehow the Church gets a free pass? God doesn't bless *blended worship*. Never has. Never will.

If you want His presence, you better get out of the mess. The fact that we have to even *ask* "Should we celebrate Christmas?" shows how deep the compromise has gone.

5. Ye Did Run Well... Who Did Hinder You?

Galatians 5:7

Let's say you're a Christian who wants to please the Lord. You read your Bible, you share the gospel, you try to live clean. Then December rolls around and suddenly you're out shopping instead of praying. You're spending on gifts instead of giving to missions. You're stressing over decorations instead of resting in the Word.

Who hindered you? What took your eyes off the real race? I'll tell you what—a *holiday that isn't holy*. That's the devil's game: distract and dilute. If he can't make you deny Christ, he'll settle for making you dress Him up in worldly garb and bow to a false altar.

Christmas doesn't help your walk. It doesn't sharpen your faith. It doesn't deepen your knowledge of the Word. It *hinders* it. And you know it.

6. Let No Man Judge You... Except the Word

Some Christians get real sensitive about this. “Don’t judge me! I do it unto the Lord!” Okay, fair enough. Romans 14 says don’t judge another man’s servant, and Colossians 2 says don’t let men judge you in holy days.

But here’s the kicker: **the Word is your judge**. So stop hiding behind “don’t judge me” and go see what the Book says. Jeremiah 10. Deuteronomy 12. 2 Corinthians 6. Exodus 20. You don’t need some preacher’s opinion. You’ve got *God’s*. And if what you’re doing clashes with what He said, then *He’s judging you*, not me.

So the real question is: will you let the Bible be your final authority, or are you going to keep doing it your way?

7. “But I Use It As a Witness...”

Yeah, and the Catholic Church says they use statues to “inspire worship,” too. Doesn’t make it right. God doesn’t need your *help* through compromised methods.

You want to witness? Preach the gospel year-round. Live clean. Love truth. Show holiness. That’s a witness. But don’t pretend putting a nativity in your yard next to a blow-up Rudolph is making anyone think about Calvary.

You don’t need a pagan festival to preach Christ. In fact, if you *must* use one, maybe it’s not Christ you’re lifting up—it’s comfort, culture, and convenience. And the lost see right through that.

8. The Heart of the Matter

When it’s all said and done, this boils down to **who has your heart**.

If Jesus *truly* has your heart, then when you find out that something is pagan, corrupt, and contradictory to Scripture, you ought to drop it like a hot coal. You don’t fight to *keep* it. You don’t twist verses to *justify* it. You don’t plug your ears and pretend tradition trumps truth.

You say, “But it means something to me!” Well, so did the golden calf to Israel. So did the groves to Judah. That’s not the point. The point is whether it pleases **God**. And if you really love Him, you’ll love what He loves—and hate what He hates.

9. Conclusion: Who Will You Serve?

Joshua 24:15 still echoes down through the centuries:

“Choose you this day whom ye will serve...”

You can’t serve God and tradition. You can’t worship Christ and Saturnalia. You can’t walk in truth while dancing with a lie.

This ain’t about legalism. It’s about **loyalty**. Who do you love more—your traditions or your Savior? Who do you fear more—offending your family or offending your God?

Should Christians celebrate Christmas?

Only if you think God is okay with syncretism, idolatry, false dates, worldly compromise, and pagan practices.

But if you take the Bible seriously—if you tremble at His Word—then the answer is **NO**. Not now. Not ever.

Final Word

It’s time to stop playing games. God’s people are called to be separate, holy, and true. If that offends someone, so be it. Better to offend man than offend God. Burn the tree. Kill the tinsel. Forget the sleigh bells. And go preach Christ **every day**, not just on the devil’s borrowed holiday.

You want to honor Jesus? **Obey Him**. That’s the gift He wants.

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“This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.” — Mark 7:6 (KJV)

Introduction – The Smoke Has Cleared

Well, here we are — the end of the road, the wrapping torn off, the glitter swept away. Twelve lessons later, the tree’s toppled, the lights are cold, and we’re staring straight into the bare truth: **Christmas, from its roots to its ribbons, is pagan to the core.**

What started as the worship of the sun god has been baptized, commercialized, and canonized by Rome, then rubber-stamped by Protestants who should have known better. And now, Bible-believing Christians are caught singing hymns to Christ on the devil’s birthday.

You can quote every carol from memory, but if the foundation is rotten, the whole house falls. So let's summarize what we've learned, then answer the final call — a call back to biblical worship, pure and undefiled.

I. The Roots That Condemn the Tree

Every root of Christmas runs through Babylon and Rome. We traced it:

- **December 25 – the birthday of Sol Invictus**, the unconquered sun.
- **The tree – Jeremiah 10 in full color**: a heathen custom, a decorated idol.
- **Santa Claus – Odin in a red suit**, omniscient and omnipresent without a single drop of divinity.
- **Mistletoe and holly – fertility symbols of the Druids.**
- **The Mass – Rome's greatest blasphemy**, the continual re-crucifixion of Christ.

When you tie those roots together, you get a wreath of death, not life. The Bible warns against touching the unclean thing (2 Cor. 6:17). Yet modern Christians bow before it in the name of "tradition." The problem is, God doesn't care how much you cry while doing wrong — He cares whether you obey His Word.

II. Christ Versus Christmas

You can't spell Christmas without *mass*, and you can't have a mass without a sacrifice. That's Rome 101. And since Christ was offered "once for all" (Heb. 10:10), to repeat that sacrifice is blasphemy of the highest order. So what's Christmas built on? Blasphemy masquerading as celebration.

Christ is not honored by what He told us to avoid. He never commanded His birth to be celebrated. He commanded His death to be remembered —

"This do in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19) Why His death? Because that's where the blood was shed, the sin paid for, the victory won. The world loves the baby in the manger because the baby doesn't judge sin. But the Man on the cross does. And that's why the world can celebrate Christmas but hates Calvary.

III. Tradition That Nullifies Truth

Mark 7:6-9 cuts like a knife:

“Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.”

Jesus wasn't talking to atheists; He was talking to religious people. They loved God with their lips and lived in rebellion with their lives. Same story today. People say, “But we do Christmas for the Lord.” That's exactly what Aaron said about the golden calf in Exodus 32:5 — *“Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.”* You don't honor God by mixing His name with paganism. That's not a feast to the Lord; that's a feast to the flesh.

Tradition is a golden chain around the ankle of truth. Most Christians don't even want freedom; they want permission to keep their chains comfortable.

IV. The Incompatibility of Light and Darkness

Paul asks the question plainly in 2 Corinthians 6:14: *“What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?”* You can't mix Bethlehem with Babylon and expect God to bless it.

We've spent eleven lessons proving that Christmas is a hybrid of sun-worship, Catholic ritual, and commercial greed. Now ask yourself: How can a holiday born in idolatry, fed by greed, and loved by the world be pleasing to a holy God? The answer's simple — it can't.

God doesn't need our pageantry. He wants obedience. The Bible says, *“To obey is better than sacrifice.”* (1 Sam. 15:22) Saul learned that the hard way when he thought partial obedience would earn partial approval. It didn't. Neither will yours.

V. The Heart of Worship

John 4:24 sets the standard: *“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”* That means your emotions don't count if the facts are wrong. Your intentions don't excuse your disobedience. If truth isn't there, the spirit isn't either.

Modern Christianity has traded truth for atmosphere. Fog machines, soft music, candlelight services —

all designed to stir the flesh, not feed the spirit. That's why so many Christians feel “closer to God” at Christmas but backslide by January. Emotion wears off. Truth doesn't.

Worship isn't about what makes you feel good; it's about what makes God pleased. He said, *“Be ye holy; for I am holy.”* You don't get there through pagan customs or pop culture traditions.

VI. The Fear of Standing Alone

“Brother, if I don’t celebrate Christmas, my family will think I’m crazy!”

Good. You should stand out. The Bible says we’re a “peculiar people.” (Peter 2:9) You’re supposed to look different from the world — not fit in like an ornament on their tree.

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow to Nebuchadnezzar’s idol, everyone else was doing it too. It was “national tradition.” They stood anyway. And when the fire was hot, guess who showed up in the flames? The Son of God. You won’t find Him in the crowd of compromise — you’ll find Him in the fire of faithfulness.

VII. A Call to Biblical Worship

Here’s what God’s calling for: a church that worships like the Bible says, not like the culture suggests.

1. Return to the Word

Stop letting Rome, retailers, and radio stations dictate your worship calendar. Get back to Scripture. Study the feasts God actually ordained for Israel. Every one of them points to Christ’s work — not His birthdate, but His blood.

2. Reclaim the Simplicity of Christ

Paul warned in 2 Cor. 11:3 about the devil corrupting “the simplicity that is in Christ.” That’s the heart of it. Worship isn’t complex; it’s complete when it’s pure. No additives, no traditions, no rituals — just Bible, prayer, praise, and obedience.

3. Recenter Your Life Around Obedience

Stop asking “What’s wrong with it?” and start asking “What does God want?” You’ll find out real quick how many “harmless customs” you’ve been protecting that He wants gone.

VIII. Practical Alternatives for the Faithful

No, you don’t have to sit in a dark room while the world carols outside. You can redeem the time without joining the compromise.

- **Use the season to preach.** While people are thinking about Jesus’ birth, tell them why He was born — to die. Give out tracts. Don’t hand out gifts; hand out gospel.

- **Have a family day of thanksgiving** for His death and resurrection instead of a tree and presents.
- **Spend December in service, not shopping.** Feed the poor, support missionaries, pray for revival.
- **Teach your children** why you've separated. Don't raise them on compromise; raise them on conviction.

Remember, holiness isn't isolation — it's dedication. You're not running from the world because you hate it; you're standing apart because you love the truth.

IX. Counting the Cost

Make no mistake: if you turn away from Christmas, you will be mocked. Your friends will roll their eyes. Your family will call you extreme. Your pastor might avoid the subject to keep his membership numbers safe. But since when did God call us to be popular?

Jesus said, *"Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you."* (1 John 3:13) If the world loves your religion, something's wrong with your religion. Real discipleship costs something — friends, fellowship, family, comfort. But the reward is fellowship with the Lord Himself.

X. Why This Matters Now

You say, "Brother, this is just one holiday. What's the big deal?" It's a big deal because it shows us who you obey when the Bible and the world collide. If you'll compromise over Christmas, you'll compromise over anything. Today it's a tree; tomorrow it's the tribulation.

The devil has the church so distracted with decorations that it can't see the apostasy growing like weeds. Christmas is just one branch of that Laodicean lukewarm vine choking the life out of biblical Christianity.

Revelation 3:17 describes the modern church perfectly: *"Rich, increased with goods, and in need of nothing."* It thinks it's alive because it's decorated. But Christ is outside the door, knocking.

XI. Christ at the Door

He's still knocking today. Not to join your party, but to clean house. He doesn't want a seat at your table; He wants the table flipped if it's built on idolatry. When He returns, He won't be singing carols. He'll be judging the nations for their abominations. Do you want to stand before Him with a tree He forbade sitting in your living room?

The time to repent is now. The time to separate is now. The time to worship in truth is now.

XII. Final Appeal – A Pure Gift

You want to give Christ a gift? Give Him what He actually asked for:

- **Obedience** (John 14:15 — “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”)
- **Holiness** (Rom. 12:1 — “Present your bodies a living sacrifice.”)
- **Truth** (John 17:17 — “Sanctify them through thy truth.”)
- **Separation** (James 4:4 — “Friendship with the world is enmity with God.”)
- **Faithfulness** (Luke 18:8 —
“When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”)

Those are the gifts He wants —

and they don't come from Amazon. They come from a crucified life.

“Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen...” – Jeremiah 10:2

“Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.” – Mark 7:9

The Final Verdict: Pagan or Pure?

After marching through the historical wreckage of December 25th and digging through the dung heap of Saturnalia, Sol Invictus, and the rest of Rome's spiritual sewage, it's time to call it like it is. Christmas is not, and never has been, a Christian holiday in origin. It's a baptized Babylonian mess with a touch of tinsel. It's got the name “Christ” tagged on the front like graffiti, but when you peel back the ribbon, it's the same old pagan garbage gift-wrapped in religion.

From the grove-worship of Jeremiah 10 to the sun-god solstice festivals of ancient Rome, from drunken revelry to mistletoe fertility rites, from Druidic tree worship to Santa's demonic omnipresence—it's all there. And Christians, instead of standing apart, have

embraced it like it's holy. They've taken a golden calf, slapped a cross on its forehead, and called it "family time."

Let's quit playing games. You can't redeem a fire-dancing idol by dressing it in red and white. You can't slap baby

Final Conclusion: The Pagan Roots of Christmas – A Biblical Warning Against Idolatry

"The Tree Has Fallen. Now It's Time to Build an Altar."

"And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" — 2 Corinthians 6:15

The Battle Was Never About a Day — It's About a Divide

Now that you've read all twelve essays, you can see it clear as glass. This fight was never about a date on the calendar. It was never about December 25th versus September 29th. It was never about candles, carols, or cocoa. The real battle has always been between *truth and tradition, light and darkness, Christ and compromise.*

When you strip away the wrapping paper, Christmas isn't about the cradle — it's about the cross being crowded out. What began as a Roman pagan festival has been repackaged for centuries as a "Christian celebration," but every ornament still glitters with the fingerprints of Babylon. The devil never destroyed the church — he *decorated* it. He didn't burn the altar — he *rebranded* it.

So here we are, in the last days, with churches filled with trees, tinsel, and tolerance, while the Book still shouts, "*Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord.*" (2 Cor. 6:17)

The Evidence Is Overwhelming

We've traced the trail from Nimrod to Rome, from Saturnalia to Santa Claus, from Sol Invictus to "Silent Night." We've looked at Jeremiah's warning about the decked tree, at Deuteronomy's command to destroy every idol, and at Paul's call to reject man-made traditions. Every witness has testified against the defendant, and the verdict is unanimous:

Christmas is not of Christ.

- It's rooted in idolatry.
- It's baptized in compromise.
- It's marketed in materialism.
- And it's promoted by a religious system that replaced Scripture with superstition.

You can dress it in robes of good intentions, but it's still the same old pagan feast wearing a plastic halo.

The Church's Great Compromise

For centuries, the Roman Catholic Church merged paganism with Christianity to attract the masses. Instead of tearing down the altars of Baal, they renamed them "holy days." Instead of destroying idols, they painted halos over them. And Protestantism — which should have known better — followed the same path with tamer language and shinier packaging.

What started as compromise became tradition. What began as tolerance became doctrine. And today, the body of Christ has inherited the same pagan poison — only now it comes with coupons and gift receipts.

The modern church has traded conviction for convenience. It's easier to sing "O Holy Night" once a year than to live a holy life every day.

The Real Question

You can argue history all day, but the question remains:

Why would a blood-bought Christian defend something God condemns?

If the Holy Spirit inside you recoils at idolatry, how can you bow before a tree, adore a man in red, or mix the holy name of Jesus with the unholy origins of Babylon?

Don't tell me it's "just tradition." The Bible says, "*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men...*" (Col. 2:8).

Don't tell me it's "for the kids." Teach them the truth — that worship is not about sentiment but about obedience.

Don't tell me "God knows my heart." Yes, He does — and that's the problem.

The True Celebration

You want to celebrate Jesus Christ? Then do it *His* way.

Celebrate His **birth** by believing in His **death, burial, and resurrection**.

Celebrate His **coming** by living as though He could call you up at any moment.

Celebrate His **grace** by walking separate from the world that crucified Him.

The early believers didn't wait for December 25th — they lived every day as if Christ could return that night. Their worship wasn't seasonal; it was sacrificial. Their faith wasn't cultural; it was *crucified*.

That's what God wants again — not carols but consecration, not lights but lives, not trees but truth.

Tear Down the Tree, Build the Altar

This series ends where real worship begins — at the altar. The tree must fall before the fire can fall. The question now isn't, "Do you agree?" but "Will you obey?"

- Will you tear down what God never built?
- Will you stop defending what the Bible condemns?
- Will you choose truth over tradition, holiness over habit, Christ over Christmas?

It's your move now. God's already spoken.

So tear down the tree. Build an altar.

And this year, let heaven see that somebody on earth still cares what *He* thinks.

Final Words

If you've read this far, you're not here by accident. The Holy Ghost has been tugging on your heart the whole time. You can walk away and say, "Well, that's just his opinion," or you can open your Bible, drop to your knees, and ask God to show you what's true.

But once you see the truth — don't bury it under wrapping paper. Stand on it. Speak it. Live it.

The world has its holiday.

The Church has its heritage.

But the believer has his hope — **and it's not in a manger; it's in the sky.**

So lift your eyes, soldier. The King's coming, and He's not coming to sing carols — He's coming to clean house.

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols.” — 1 John 5:21