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"Why I Don't Celebrate Christmas" Part 5

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6. Finally, when those whom I have asked admitted that there is no biblical foundation for Christmas, they usually asked in return: "But what is wrong with celebrating the birth of the Lord, because we worship the true Jesus, and it is Him we adore in our carols? Even though the customs are pagan in origin, we changed them so that now Christ is in the center of the holiday." I asked myself the same thing. When I ran out of arguments, this was the last question thrown in the battle, the last line of defense for Christmas. My heart was desperately trying to hold fast to the feast, while upon my mind were working the convincing arguments of Scripture, logic and common sense. And this is the conclusion I reached:

Observing this holiday is wrong and harmful because:

It means to go beyond the Scriptures, to deny their authority, to doubt that God revealed in it everything that is good for me. It means rejecting the Sola Scriptura! It identifies me with the lost world and not vice versa. The nature of Christianity is such that when it is combined with paganism, the latter will never become Christian, but Christianity will always end up being pagan.

The true worship is "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). The false worship is in the flesh and in error. Is the Christmas worship "in truth," when we sing and say and preach that Christ was born on December 25th, when we know He was not? We lie in everything we do or say that associates the birth of Jesus Christ, directly or indirectly, with Christmas. The Christ of the Bible was not born on December 25th! Will God accept our worship if it is not in the truth, but is founded on a pagan lie?

I eventually surrendered to these arguments: they overwhelmed me. More than 10 years have passed since I quit celebrating Christmas. Some call me fanatic and narrow minded. Others doubt that I am a good Christian or a Christian at all because I don't observe Christmas. However, I felt like I was set free. I did not miss any spiritual blessing since I don't believe in Christmas any more. Quite the contrary. Serving God far from paganism, in freedom and within the boundaries of the Scripture is a far better experience than trying to serve Him as men see fit.

Christmas is a pagan holiday. Everything done at Christmas time is rooted in paganism. Paganism is drastically condemned by the Bible and pagan worship is an abomination before the Lord. But men want to keep it, thinking that they can get something good for us and pleasing to God from this pagan holiday. They judge me for not observing Christmas and for testifying against it. But judge for yourself whether it is right before God to obey men rather than God!

3 John 1:3 - 4

"For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

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****Our Prayer List****

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Kathy Johnson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Shane and Brook Sims.

****Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works****

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms.

****A Message from Pastor Johnson****

*"Feed the flock of God which is among you,
taking the oversight thereof..."*

1st Peter 5:2

"Why do some Christians hide their light?"

By Pastor Randy Johnson

"Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth." John 12:35

The light is Jesus Christ in you, and if you do not walk in the light then people cannot see Jesus in you. Some might ask, why must people see our light shining? The answer is threefold, (1.) your light is a gift from God, and it is not given to everyone, but God chose to give it to you. (2.) The light is Jesus Christ in you, He was born, lived, died, and rose again on the third day to give you this light. He suffered mightily for you that He could secure your ability to walk with God. (3.) walking in the light is the only possible way to walk in fellowship with God. *"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."* 1 John 1:6 – 7 Christians that are not walking in the light that Jesus gave, they are not in fellowship with God. And God said, *"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie..."* We lie to ourselves, we lie to those around us, but more horrible, we lie to God. Let us look at John 8:12 *"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."* If a Christian is not walking in the light of God's word, then they are not walking in Jesus Christ and if they are not walking in Jesus Christ then they are walking in darkness, and if they are walking in darkness then they are not walking with God. A Christian that walks in darkness or according to the course of this world brings no glory to God. Jesus said of our light, *"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."* Matthew 5:14 There is nothing more beautiful than driving down the highway and seeing a hill with a beautiful light shining. Not just a light but a God given light, like a star or maybe the moon shining bright and lighting up everything around it. Back when God created the world God saw that all was void and dark, and then all at once God gave it light,

A Message from Pastor Johnson, Continued

"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness." Genesis 1:2 - 4 This light was the Shekinah Glory of God that lite-up the entire earth because the sun, moon, and stars had not been yet created. The Shekinah Glory of God is a visible manifestation of God on earth, He caused to dwell, **referring to the divine presence of God**. This is the glory every believer has inside of them, the eternal light of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."* Matthew 5:16 Why do Christians hide their light and *"put it under a bushel"* where it is hidden and useless to the glory of God? Jesus Christ saved us from the darkness of this world, why would any believer desire to go back into the darkness of Satan is beyond any imaginable thought. *"No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light. The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness."* Luke 11:33 - 35

"Church Announcements and Upcoming Events"

- Happy Anniversary to Brother Ronnie and Sister Sarah Henderson November 19.
- Happy Birthday to Sister Mhalyn Lavina Thursday 23rd

Have No Fear

Luke 12:4 - 7

"And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows."