**Balance 2018-12-21**

Bringing balance to the doctrine of Christmas.

The origin of the doctrine of Christmas comes from a pagan celebration known as Saturnalia which was instituted by the Roman government in which they commemorated the dedication of the temple of the god of Saturn, which to them was the god of agriculture and harvest; the celebration concluded on December 25th. In the 4th century the Roman Catholic religious organization adopted the Saturnalia celebration hoping to convert the pagan masses to Christianity by promising them that they could continue to celebrate their Saturnalia as Christmas; then later the so called Christian leaders assigned the date of December 25th to be Jesus birthday.

For a more in-depth explanation as to the origin of Christmas look up “Saturnalia” on the internet.

So as you can see Christmas, or December 25th has nothing to do with Christ or the day of the birth of Jesus. It did not come from God, but came from so called Christian leaders who choose to compromise so that they could try to fit the world into the Church; and now we have a lie being taught throughout the Church even unto this day. As a reminder the body of Christ or body of believers (Christians), are the Church.

Now most people would say what is the big deal? Well for one, if so called Christian leaders compromised on this, what else have they compromised on to fit the world into the Church? Look around you? What do you see happening in the Church concerning other doctrines of man? By these false doctrines many in the Church have become weak, sickly and are fallen asleep spiritually; they hold to the traditions and doctrines of man, and if anyone comes to them with the truth of the gospel and doctrine of Christ they are offended.

**Luke 16:13-15** No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. (KJV)

Doesn’t this sound just like in the time of our Lord Jesus Christ when he walked this earth and came against the traditions and doctrines of man? And what happened to him in the end? Are you as willing to die striving against sin and for the preaching and teaching of the truth of God’s word?

You cannot serve God and mammon, or man’s traditions and doctrines. You are either with God or against him.

**James 4:4-5** Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? (KJV)

If you want to get together with your family on this day, keep it in the proper perspective and balance; knowing that it has nothing to do with truth, but that its origins are deeply rooted in a pagan celebration unto another god; and do not attach the lie that it is Jesus’s birthday or that we have to keep Christ in Christmas in compromise. Which by the way, if Jesus Christ were here, he would have nothing to do with it in the first place but would be speaking out against it. He is our example and we have been encouraged to speak truth to every man.

**Jeremiah 10:2-5** Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people *are* vain: for *one* cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. (KJV)

**Psalms 135:15-18** The idols of the heathen *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there *any* breath in their mouths. They that make them are like unto them: *so is* every one that trusteth in them. (KJV)

We as Christians are supposed to be the rule, and not the exception. We are in this world, but we are not to be of this world. We are to come out from among them and be separate so that we may escape that which will come upon the sons of disobedience and be accepted of God our Father in his Son Christ Jesus.

Are you worshiping God in spirit and in truth; or are you worshiping the idols of men through their traditions and doctrines?

**1 Kings 18:21** And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word. (KJV)

Will you be silent? Will you compromise to fit into the world or try to fit the world in you?

**Joshua 24:14-15** Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. (KJV)

Balance comes from God and his word. Dearly loved seek truth and peace and pursue it, and you will find the just weight and balance of how to live a godly life here on earth without compromising to fit into it or its ways no matter the day. God bless.

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