

## Subject: Happy Holidays

**NOTE DEFINITION:** Holiday-1. (n.) A religious festivity: • feast • pageant • feast day

### Please Get Your Bible and Follow This Study

This is not a happy time of the year, for those of us that choose not to follow traditions and doctrines of men, but rather a sad one. When, so many of our fleshly family members, and or those that profess to be followers of Christ (Christians), choose to do so. This causes pain and suffering. (Matt.10:32-39, 2Tim.3:12, 1Pet.4:1-2). Those striving to follow Christ (Christians) are commanded by Christ and his apostles, not to observe or give heed to fables, traditions doctrines, and commandments **of men**; for these things are Idle > **(free from labor, at leisure)** (Matt.12:35-37, 1Tim.1:4, 2Tim.4:3-4, Titus1: 13-14, Col.2:8-10 and verses 20-22). Christians must observe all things that Christ commanded his Apostles (Matt.28:20; John17: 20-21; 2Pet.3:1-3; 1John4:5-6; Jude 1:16-19). 'Tis a season that is full of Vanity, decorations, eating in a gluttonous manner, drunkenness and fables; which are lies. Now let's look at some lies, **three wise men**, I challenge anyone to prove by scripture, that there were three wise men. Santa (so-called), riding in a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer, and going down a chimney of course we know this is a lie. "Santa Claus", Father Christ/mas and or Kris Kringle, derived from Christ/Kindle, meaning, "**Christ Child**". "This began in Germany, among Protestant denominations". Of course we know by scripture this is a LIE and a big one at that. How many lies can a Christian tell, or be a part of and be right with God? Christians **MUST** speak and **DO** the TRUTH, **if** we are of Christ, through his apostles, **John17:14-21**).

Think about it, children are taught that lying is wrong; accept in some cases, especially celebrations dealing with our Lord Jesus. This is shameful and DEADLY, to soul salvation. Why would a Christian teach damnation to anyone, especially to there CHILDREN? This also sends the message to children that, participating in, or being involved with some lies is ok; instead of teaching **all** liars will have their part in HELL (Rev 21:8). Children are being brought up in the nurture and admonition of traditions, doctrines, and commandments of men, instead of The Lord (**see Eph.6:1-4**). It is so sad that so many souls are involved in, or observe these **traditions** of men. It is of SPECIAL CONCERN, when those professing to be the body of Christ (**Matt.16:13-20; Eph.3:21**), observe such traditions and doctrines **in any manner**. Followers of Christ must reprove those things that are not of the apostles, rather than participate in them.

Let's note our Lord Jesus, the manner in which he handled the tradition of Hand Washing. There was no mistake in whether He or His Disciples observed such a tradition, secularly or otherwise, **because** "they washed not their hands when they eat bread (**Matt 15:1-10, see also Mark 7: 3, 5, 8, 9 & 13**). We can't go wrong nor will there be any confusion by following Christ's example. That is not observing these traditions **at all**; for He is neither the **author** of confusion; nor of traditions of men. In my study we are to be followers of the apostles as they were of Christ (Acts2:41-42; 1Cor 11:1-3; Gal 1:6-14; Col 2:4-12; Phil.4:9; 2 Thes.2:8-17; 2Pet.3:1-3; 1John4:5-6; Jude1:16-19). We have been blessed doing this season, in that we have been able so far, to hold fast, not observing any traditions handed down by man, as we are commanded. My hope is my family and I and all others striving to be Christians, will become more spiritual in the future and follow those traditions that we can read about in New Testament Scripture, thereby hindering us from teaching another doctrine, by what we observe (please read Phil.4:9; 1Tim.1:1-4). We then will be on our way to being the peculiar people, the scriptures speak of (Titus 2:12-15).

### Food For Thought

**Jeremiah 10:1** Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: **2** 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. **3 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. **4** They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.” Christ-mass **Mass** (m<sup>2</sup>s) *n.* **1.a.** Public celebration of the Eucharist in the Roman Catholic Church and some Protestant churches. **b.** The sacrament of the Eucharist. **2.** A musical setting of certain parts of the Mass, especially the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei.

Tis the season to be jolly, Fa,la,la,la,la,la,la,la,la **Definitions: jol·ly** (j<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>l“¶) *adj.* **jol·li·er, jol·li·est. 1.** Full of good humor and high spirits. **1.** To amuse oneself with humorous or teasing banter. **1.** *Chiefly British.* A good or festive time. . . . **mer·ry** (m<sup>1</sup>ur“¶) *adj.* **mer·ri·er, mer·ri·est. 1.** Full of high-spirited gaiety; jolly. **2.** Marked by or offering fun and gaiety; festive. **3.** *Archaic.* Delightful; entertaining.

**Mark 7:20** And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. **21** For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, **22** Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: **23** All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

**Matt 10:32** Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. **33** But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. **34** Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came **not to send peace, but a (1)sword.** **35** For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. **36** And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. **37** He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **38** And he that taketh **not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.** **39** He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. **Definition: (1) sword**-see Eph.6:12-17; Heb.4:9-14

**2 Tim 3:12** Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.(KJV)

**1 Pet 4:1** Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath **suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;** **2** That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.(KJV)

**Matt 12:36** But I say unto you, That **every idle word** that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

**1 Tim 1:4** Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.(KJV)

**2 Tim 4:3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.(KJV)

**Titus 1:13** This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; **14** Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.(KJV)

**Col 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. **9** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. **10** And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:(KJV)

**Col 2:20** Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in

the world, **(1)are ye subject to ordinances, 21** (Touch not; taste not; handle not; **22** Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? **23** Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.(KJV)

**Definition: (1)are ye subject to ordinances-**1378 dogma (dog'-mah); from the base of 1380; a law (civil, ceremonial or ecclesiastical): KJV-- decree, ordinance.1) doctrine, decree, ordinance

**Matt 28:18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.(KJV)

**Rev 21:8** But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and **idolaters**, and **all liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. (KJV)

**Eph 6:1** Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. **2** Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) **3** That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. **4** And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (KJV)

**Eph 5:6** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. **7** Be not ye therefore partakers with them. **8** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: **9** (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) **10** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. **11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. **12** For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. **13** But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. **14** Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. **15** See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, **16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **17** Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.(KJV)

### **Mark 7:2-3**

**2** And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault. **3** For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. (KJV)

**Mark 7:6** He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. **7** Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. **8** For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. **9** And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.(KJV)

**1 Cor 11:1** Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. **2** Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. **3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.(KJV)

**II Th 2:14** Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **15** Therefore, **brethren**, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.(KJV)

**(1)Christmas:** Date (**Dec. 25**), was established in (**A. D. 336**), by the Western church, based at Rome. The Eastern Orthodox and the Eastern Rite churches within the Roman Catholic church chose (**January 6**). There seems to have been some confusion (see **1Cor.14:33**) on **the date of which this day was to be observed**. This happens with **man's traditions**. This is why Christians must observe all things that Christ commanded the Apostles, according to scriptures (see Matt.28:20). You will **not find the word Christmas:** nor the **traditional/practice of it; neither by Christ nor his Apostles in New Testament scripture**. There is no such custom in the Church of God which he purchased with his own blood; which is the church of and by Christ (see **Acts 20:28; Eph.3:21**). We must believe on Christ through the Apostle's word, according to scripture; (see John 17:20-21; Acts 1:1-4; Acts 2:41-42).

The Thanksgiving holiday has its origin in the Puritan Thanksgivings of colonial New England. Both the **Pilgrims of Plymouth** and the **Boston Puritans** were **strict Calvinist Protestants**. The first question that should be asked is what are Calvinist Protestants? **Definition:** Cal·vin·ism) n. the **religious doctrines of John Calvin**, emphasizing the omnipotence of God and the salvation of the elect by God's **grace alone**. There is no such custom in the Church of God.

**These are the instructions given by Jesus Christ, on how to have a feast; “Luke 14:12** Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence >(repay) be made thee. **13** But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: **14** And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense >(repay) thee: for thou shalt be recompensed >(repaid) at the resurrection of the just.”(KJV)

**1 Tim 4:1** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; **2** Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; **3** Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. **4** For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: **5** For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. **6** If thou put the **brethren** in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

We must strive to obey the word only. We must hear the Apostles' words only, because Christ left them the Word, and ONLY through IT, MUST we believe on Jesus Christ, thereby making **us all one** in thought and in their commandments, traditions, customs and doctrine.

**John 17:19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. **20** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; **21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.(KJV)

**1 Cor 11:16** But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such **(1)custom**, neither the churches of God.(KJV)

**Definition: (1)custom-**4914 sunetheia (soon-ay'-thi-ah);from a compound of 4862 and 2239; mutual habituation, i.e. usage: KJV-- custom.

**Acts 20:28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. (KJV)

**Eph 3:21** Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.