

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS?

Food for thought to the Church that Christ is building, and is the HEAD of  
(Acts 2:47; Eph.5:23-27; Col.1:12-20; 2:5-12; 1Pet.2:5-11)

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**Isa 8:20** To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.(KJV)

**Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren,** by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. **2** And **be not conformed to this world:** but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.(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. (KJV)

**(1) Easter's** date was established in **A. D. 325**, when Constantine of Rome convened the council of Nicea. You will find the word Easter mention once in the bible (**Acts 12:4**), which actually is defined as Passover. The Passover was for the Jews under the old law, before the death of Christ. We find no evidence of Christians (**Acts 11:26**) observing Easter/Passover after Christ's resurrection.

**(2) Christmas** (so-called) 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**. You will not find the word Christmas or the practice of it by Christ or His Apostles.

**Mass** also 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.

**(3) Thanksgiving**, this one we don't want to forget. This holiday according to history cannot be laid to Catholicism for its origin. 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? 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**. The origin of this tradition must then be laid to the **Baptist organization**. Why would the Church **observe a tradition of an organization that believes such doctrine? How can the Church trust any organization that believes in doctrine's of MEN, to set a day of worship to God?** The day of worship has already been set by Christ through His apostles; "**Acts 20:6** And we sailed away from Philippi **after the days of unleavened bread**, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days. **7** And **upon the first day of the week**, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."(KJV)

The Baptist organization believes that one is saved by **grace alone**; there is no New Testament scripture for that. To the contrary, the scripture teach we are saved not only by grace, but by grace through faith (**Eph.2:5-8**), and according to scripture “....faith cometh by hearing and hearing **by** the word of God” (**Rom.10:17**). The scriptures also teaches “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves (**James 1:22**). There are other things one is saved by, according to scripture; baptism (**1Pet.3:20-21**), by the life of Christ (**Rom.5:9-10**), by hope (**Rom.8:24**), and by “..... lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the **engrafted word, which is able to save your souls**” (**James1:21**). The scriptures are sufficient enough to instruct the church in all things, including traditions. The Church of and by Christ, (Acts20:28; Rom.16:16-20; Eph.3:21; 4:1-6; Heb.12:23-29; MUST know that thanksgiving is neither SEASONAL nor FESTIVE, but is a 24/7 way of life, always abounding in thanksgiving, according to Christ through His apostles; not some day set by MAN, (2Cor.4:15; 9:11-12; Philp.4:5-7; Col.2:6-8; 4:2-5.etc).

**Definition: Thanksgiving** 2169 eucharistia (yoo-khar-is-tee'-ah);  
from 2170; gratitude; actively, grateful language (**to God, as an act of worship**): KJV-- thankfulness,  
(giving of) thanks (-giving)

**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 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 thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.(KJV)

(4) **Halloween** (Allhallows Even) is the evening of **October 31**. In its strictly religious aspect this occasion is known as the vigil of Hallowmas or All Saint’s Day, November 1, **observed by the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches. In the fourth decade of the 8th century, Pope Gregory III** assigned this date for celebrating the feast when he consecrated a chapel in St. Peter’s basilica to all the saints. There is no such practice/tradition found in New Testament scripture, by either Christ or the Apostles.

(5) **Valentine’s Day**; Valentine or Valentinus, is the name of at least **two celebrated saints**. The most celebrated are the two martyrs whose festivals fall on **February 14**, the one, a **Roman Priest, the other, bishop of Terni**. It would appear from the legends that both lived during the reign of the emperor Claudius (Gothicus); that both died on the same day; and that both were buried on the Via Flaminia, but at different distances from Rome. Many authorities believe that the lover’s festival associated with St. Valentine’s Day comes from the belief that this is the day in spring when birds begin their mating. There is another view held, however.

In the **days of early Rome** a great festival was held every February called “Lupercalia”, held in honor of a god named Lupercus. **During the founding days of Rome** the city was surrounded by an immense wilderness in which were great hordes of wolves. The Romans thought they must **have a god** to watch over and protect the shepherds with their flocks, **so they called this god Lupercus**, from the Latin word, lupus, a wolf. One of the amusements **on this festival day** was **the placing of young women’s names in a box to be drawn out by the young men**. Each young man excepted the girl whose name he drew, **as his lady love**. This custom has changed through out the years, during Christian times the priests put the names **of saints and martyrs into the boxes to be drawn out**. The name that was drawn out was called one’s “valentine” **and the holy life of that person was to be imitated through out the year**. It was at one time the custom in England for people to called out “Good morning, ‘tis St. Valentine’s Day”, and the one who succeeded in saying this first expected a present from the one to whom it was said, making things pretty

lively on St. Valentine's Day.

As we have read this custom/tradition is not of God, through Christ and HIS Apostles; but is a tradition of man. The Church of and by Christ must continue steadfast in the Apostles doctrine to be right "righteous" with God.

### FATHER'S AND MOTHER'S DAY BY MAN

#### ENCYCLOPEDIA

**(6) Father's Day;** Day set apart in many countries for honouring fathers, observed on the third Sunday in June in the USA, UK, and Canada. **The idea for a father's day originated with Sonora Louise Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, USA, in 1909** (after hearing a sermon on Mother's Day), and through her efforts the first Father,s Day was celebrated there in 1910.

**(7) Mother's Day; Jarvis, Anna M.** (1864-1948), founder of Mother's Day, born Grafton, W. Va.U.S. Holiday celebrated on second Sunday in May; **(Note they are both celebrated on The Lord's Day).**

**The instructions to** The Church of and by Christ on how to love father and mother is given by **Christ and through His apostles**. According to Christ it is not on any given day, but is a LIFE STYLE. Parent's NEEDS are to be taken care of by their children, when ever they cannot provide for themselves. This is the "honour" that Christ and his apostles are talking about, not some day put in place by MAN. (Matt.15:3-9; Mark 7:10-13; Eph.6:1-4; 1Tim.5:3-8)

**1 Tim 5:3** Honour widows that are widows indeed. **4** But if any widow have children or **(1)nephews**, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. **5** Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. **6** But (2)she that (3)liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. **7** And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless. **8** **But if any provide not for his own**, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.(KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1)nephews** 1549 ekgonon- 1) sprung from one, born, begotten 2) a son, daughter, offspring, children, descendants 3) grandchildren. **(2)she that**-3588 ho (ho); including the feminine he (hay); and the neuter to (to); in all their inflections; the def. article; the (sometimes to be supplied, at others omitted, in English idiom): KJV-- the, this, that, one, he, she, it, etc.. \*\*\*. ho. See 3739. **(3)liveth in pleasure**-4684 spatlaao-to live luxuriously, to lead a voluptuous life, to give oneself to pleasure

**1Thes 5:21** Prove all things; **hold fast that which is good.**(KJV)

**Num 24:13** If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, **I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak?**(KJV)

**John 8:31** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word**, then are ye my disciples indeed; **32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.(KJV)

**John 15:4** **Abide in me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, **except ye abide in me.**(KJV)

**Acts 14:21** And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again

to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, **22** Confirming the souls of the disciples, and **exhorting them to continue in the faith**, and that **we must through much tribulation** enter into the kingdom of God.(KJV)

**Rom 12:9** Let love be without dissimulation. **Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.**(KJV)

**1 Cor 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, **always abounding in the work of the Lord**, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.(KJV)

**2 Cor 13:5** Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be **(1)reprobates**? **6** But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.(KJV)

**Definition: (1)reprobates**-96 adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1384; unapproved, i.e. rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally): KJV-- castaway, rejected, reprobate.

**Phil 3:16** Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. **17** Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so **as ye have us for an ensample.**

**Phil 4:9** **Those things**, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, **do**: and the God of peace shall be with you.(KJV)

**Col 1:23** If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;(KJV)

**Col 2:6** As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk ye in him: 7** Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, **abounding therein with thanksgiving.** (KJV)

**II Th 2:13** But we are bound to **give thanks alway to God** for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit **and belief of the truth: 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)

#### **ANTICHRIST!**

Those of us that professes to be of the one faith, the one Church, has been WARNED by the apostles Paul that even though we think we stand; take Heed lest WE FALL. We believe according to scripture, \*not adding to our faith in Christ Jesus and growing therein, is what causes one to fall. We believe when one chooses not to SUFFER\* and FOLLOW the traditions, doctrine instructions, and examples given by Christ through His apostles; but choose those of MAN: are choosing to DENY Christ and not ourselves. This makes us NOT followers of Christ, for we have been commanded to deny ourselves and follow Christ. When one that is of the Church, chooses to Mind Earthly things, to be Friends of the world, to Love the world and the Things that are in it, thereby Loving his Life in this world, we believe one then becomes and adversary to the cause of Christ. An adversary because he Loves the WORLD and NOT CHRIST, which makes one an **ANTICHRIST**-500 antichristos (an-tee'-khris-tos);from 473 and 5547; an opponent of the

Messiah, the adversary of the Messiah: KJV-- antichrist. For we have been commanded to keep ourselves UNSPOTTED and to come OUT from among the WORLD.

**Matt 10:32** Whosoever therefore shall **(1)confess me** before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. **33** But whosoever shall **(2)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 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. (KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1)confess me** before men-3670 homologeo-1) to say the same thing as another, that is, to agree with, to assent 2) to concede a) not to refuse, to promise b) not to deny 1) to confess 2) to declare **(2)deny me** before men-720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ah-ee); perhaps from 1 (as a negative particle) and the middle voice of 4483; to contradict, i.e. disavow, reject, abnegate: KJV-- deny, refuse.

**Luke 9:22** Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. **23** And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him (1)deny himself, and take up his **(2)cross** daily, and **(3)follow** me. **24** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. **25** For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? **26** For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels. (KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1)deny himself**-720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ah-ee);perhaps from 1 (as a negative particle) and the middle voice of 4483; to contradict, i.e. disavow, reject, abnegate, to deny oneself a) to disregard one's own interests or to prove false to himself b) to act entirely unlike himself, to refuse something offered: KJV-- deny, refuse. **(2)take up his cross** daily -4716 stauros (stow-ros'); from the base of 2476; a stake or post (as set upright); figuratively, exposure to death, i.e. self-denial; by implication, the atonement of Christ: KJV-- cross. **(3)follow** me-190 akoloutheo (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o); from 1 (as a particle of union) and keleuthos (a road); properly, to be in the same way with, i.e. to accompany (specially, as a disciple), 1) to follow one who precedes, join him as his attendant, accompany him 2) to join one as a disciple, become or be his disciple: to side with his party: KJV-- follow, reach.

**John 12:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. **25** **(1)He that loveth** his life shall lose it; and **(2)he that hateth** his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. **26** If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. (KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1)He that loveth** his life shall lose it-5368 phileo-1) to love a) to approve of b) to like c) to sanction d) to treat affectionately or kindly, to welcome, to befriend 2) to show signs of love; to kiss 3) to be fond of doing; to be accustomed to, used to doing (something). **(2)he that hateth** his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal-3404 miseo (mis-eh'-o); from a primary misos (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, to love less: KJV-- hate (-ful).

**1 Cor 10:5** But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. **6** Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

**7 Neither be ye idolaters**, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. (KJV)

**1 Cor 10:12** Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. **13** There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. **14** Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. **15** I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. **16** The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? **17** For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. **18** Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar? **19** What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? **20** **But I say**, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should **have fellowship with devils.** **21** Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of (1)devils. **22** Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he? **23** All things are lawful for me, but all things are not (2)expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things (3)edify not. (KJV)

**Definitions:** (1)the cup nor table of **devils**- 1140 daimonion (dahee-mon'-ee-on); neuter of a derivative of 1142; a daemonic being; by extension a deity, 2) a spirit, a being inferior to God, superior to men 3) evil spirits or the messengers and ministers of the devil: KJV-- devil, **god.**(see 2Cor.4:4). (2)are not **expedient**-4851 sumphero (soom-fer'-o);from 4862 and 5342 (including its alternate); to bear together (contribute), i.e. (literally) to collect, or (figuratively) to conduce; especially (neuter participle as a noun) advantage, b) to collect or to contribute in order to help c) to help, to be profitable, to be expedient: KJV-- be better for, bring together, be expedient (for), be good, (be) profit (-able for). (3)**edify not**-3618 oikodomeo (oy-kod-om-eh'-o), also oikodomos (Acts 4:11)-; from the same as 3619; to be a house-builder, i.e. construct or (figuratively) confirm, to rebuild, to repair 2) metaphorically: a) to establish b) to promote growth in Christian wisdom, affection, grace, virtue, holiness, or blessedness c) to grow in wisdom and piety: KJV-- (be in) build (-er, -ing, up), edify, embolden.

**2 Cor 4:1** Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; **2** But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. **3** But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. **5** For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. (see also 2Cor.11:11-15; Eph.6:10-18)

**2 Cor 6:14** Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? **15** And what (1)concord hath Christ with (2)Belial? or what (3)part hath he that believeth with an (4)infidel? **16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **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, **18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. (KJV)

**Definitions:** (1)what concord-4857 sumphonesis (soom-fo'-nay-sis); from 4856; accordance, agreement: KJV-- concord. (2) hath Christ with **Belial**-955 Belial or Beliar-Belial = "worthless or wicked" a name of Satan. (3)what part hath he that believeth-3310 meris (mer-ece');feminine of 3313; a portion, i.e.

province, share or (abstractly) participation, 1) a part as distinct from the whole 2) an assigned part, a portion, a share: KJV-- part (X -akers). **(4) with an infidel** 571 apistos (ap'-is-tos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 4103; (actively) disbelieving, i.e. without Christian faith (specially, a heathen); (passively) untrustworthy (person), or incredible (thing): KJV-- that believeth not, faithless, incredible thing, infidel, unbeliever (-ing).

**Phil 3:18** (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **19** Whose end is destruction, **whose God is their belly**, and whose glory is in their shame, **who (1)mind earthly things.**) **20** For our **(2)conversation** is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:(KJV)

## ENEMIES OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST

**Definitions:** **(1)who MIND earthly things**-5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o); from 5424; to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience), c) to be of the same mind, that is, agreed together, to cherish the same views, to be harmonious 3) to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to strive for: KJV-- set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think. **(2)For our conversation** is in heaven 4175 politeuma (pol-it'-yoo-mah); from 4176; a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively): KJV-- conversation.

**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.**

**James 1:27** Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself **(1)unspotted** from the world. (KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1)unspotted** from the world-784 aspilos (as'-pee-los); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 4695; unblemished (physically or morally), 2) metaphorically, a) free from censure, irrefragable b) free from vice, unsullied: KJV-- without spot, unspotted.

**James 4:1** From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? **2** Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. **3** Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. **4** 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. **5** Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? **6** But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. **7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify **your hearts, ye double minded.** **9** Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. **10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (KJV)

**I Jn 2:15 (1)Love not the (2)world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the (3)love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. 18 Little children, it is the last**

time: and as ye have heard that **antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time. **19 They went out from us, but they were not of us**; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: **but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.** **20** But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. **21** I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. **22** Who is a liar but he that **denieth** that Jesus is the Christ? He is **(4)antichrist**, that **(5)denieth** the Father and the Son. **23** Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. **24** Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall **continue in the Son, and in the Father.** **25** And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. **26** These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. (KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1)Love not-25** agapao (ag-ap-ah'-o);perhaps from agan (much) [or compare 5689]; to love (in a social or moral sense), 1) used of persons: to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly 2) used of things: to be well pleased, to be contented at or with a thing: KJV-- (be-) love (-ed). Compare 5368. **(2)the world-2889** kosmos-1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government 2) ornament, decoration, adornment, that is, the arrangement of the stars, 'the heavenly hosts', as the ornament of the heavens. 3) the world, the universe 4) the circle of the earth, the earth 5) the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human race 6) the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ 7) world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc., which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ. **(3)the love** of the Father is not in him **26** agape (ag-ah'-pay);from 25; love, i.e. affection or benevolence, 1) brotherly love, affection, good will, love, benevolence 2) love feasts: KJV-- (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love. **(4)He is an antichrist-500** antichristos (an-tee'-khris-tos);from 473 and 5547; an opponent of the Messiah, the adversary of the Messiah: KJV-- antichrist. **(5)that denieth** the Father and the Son-720 arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ah-ee);perhaps from 1 (as a negative particle) and the middle voice of 4483; to contradict, i.e. disavow, reject, abnegate: KJV-- deny, refuse.

**I Jn 5:18** We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. **19** And we know that we are of God, and the whole world **(1)lieth in wickedness.** **20** And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. **21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.(KJV)

**Definition:** **(1) the whole world lieth in wickedness-2749** keimai-1) to lie b) used of one buried 2) metaphorically: a) to be (by God's intent) set,, that is, destined, appointed c) lies in the power of the Evil One,, that is, is held in subjection by the Devil

We submit that according to scripture, the pre-mentioned observances “traditions” are NOT of God through Christ and His apostles; but that they are of MAN. It has been proven not only by scripture but by their origins, that they are of the WORLD; and according to scripture, Satan is the god of this world. This is why those of us professing Christ that participates in them in any manner, including fellowshiping those that do, becomes ANTI-CHRIST.