

# Christmas for Christians?

**Main scriptures:** James 1:27; 1 John 5:27; Jeremiah 10:1-4

**Was Jesus Born on Dec 25th:** Luke 2: 8-12; Luke 1:24; Luke 1: 11- 25; Luke 2:1-5

**Description of the nativity of the Sun God a cult of Babylon - Jeremiah 7: 18, 44:17**

**Daughters turned to prostitution - Hosea 4: 13**

**the Christmas tree:** Jeremiah 10: 1-4

Keep yourselves from idols!

Many people today are dedicated to astrology and the horoscope but the word of the Lord is asking us not to act like other nations.

John says keep yourselves from idolatry and doesn't follow the customs of the other nations. We are called to be "called-out" and separated.

Should Christians participate in Christmas?

What does the bible say about Christmas?

Believers are supposed to keep themselves unspotted from the world.

Christmas is celebrated as the birth of Jesus Christ on Dec. 25th

Was he really born on Dec. 25th?

**-Luke 2: 8-12**

- Shepherds watching their flocks in the middle of winter? Pretty unlikely
- Bible did not give a date or month of his birth that give us an idea of the approximate time

**Luke 1:24 | Luke 1: 11- 25**

- Elizabeth conceived in early July while Zachariah was the high priest
- 9 months plus 7 months = 15 months brings us to September or October
- The feast of tabernacles was celebrated around that time. - this feast symbolizes God
- **Luke 2:1-5 - the tax of Cesear prior to Jesus' birth**

It is debated whether or not a census would be carried out during the winter. Another point is that when they arrived in Bethlehem there were a lot of crowds typical for the times for the three Jewish feasts.

It is significant to note **ECC. 7:8** - the date of death is always more significant than the date of one's birth - thus the reason we can accurately pinpoint the death of Jesus versus the birth

How did we get to Christmas since neither the believing gentiles or the disciple's none of them celebrated his birth?

Up to the 4 century, there was no such record of a Christmas celebration.

Origin of Alexandria denounces the celebration of the Romans - birthdays

Catholic encyclopedia - Christmas was not a part of the church's history. 4th-century Roman church started celebrating the birth of Jesus.

We must beware of the customer of this world.

By the 5th century, it was decreed that the birth of Jesus was to be celebrated on Dec 25th even though this was the original birthday of the Sun God called Sol.

Let's look into the worship of the Sun God

A cult that celebrated the sun and called it the nativity of the sun

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## **Description of the nativity of the Sun God a cult of Babylon - Jeremiah 7: 18, 44:17**

Queen of heaven ordered the celebration of the birth of her son on Dec 25 because of how far the sun is from the earth

Over time the sun god was worshipped on the 25th with orgies, drunkenness, and sacrifice of children to the sun god.

Because this feast was popular the date was simply adopted as the time of the birth of Jesus by Rome.

Origins of the Christmas customs: (from Paganism)

- Giving of gifts
- caroling

History teaches that in the early beginning, carols had nothing to do with Christmas it had the circle dance associated with fertility worship.

Christmas tree - the principle is ancient - pagans worshipped trees in the forest and the Canaanite cults. Christian church adopted this practice

Sexual intercourse under the tree was a thing to do for the goddess  
Daughters turned to prostitution - Hosea 4: 13

Jeremiah 10: 1-4 - the Christmas tree.

Saturnalia? - the most popular holiday derived from older farming rituals which consist of giving gifts - winter festival on Dec 25  
Work and business came to a halt people decorated their homes with reefs and wore colorful clothes and slaves also stopped working  
Romans gambled and feasting and socializing  
Many Romans gave gifts involving human sacrifice  
It was a joyous holiday so riotous were the festivities that an author had to build a soundproof roof

Believers are called to be different from the world. If the world is so in tuned to a celebration called Christmas, it's interesting because the world hates the church and Jesus. Asked to keep ourselves from idolatry.  
The doctrine of Jesus trumps the culture - if culture is out of line with Jesus doctrine then we have to stop participating in this custom.

Light has come - irrespective of the day and to form a celebration - the important thing is that the lamb of God is tabernacled with men.

The word becoming flesh is more important. He came to lose us from the pagan festivities because the man was lost but Jesus has given us a marvelous hope.

It is definitely an opportunity to let others know what the birth of Jesus means not to be celebrated with riotousness and drunkenness and here is an open door for the world to be reconciled with God.

If the Lord is so serious that he warns Israel not to take part in any of the customs of the other nations what about the church today?

We are called out as holy and should not grieve the Holy Spirit and called to be an example of a dying world. Leave the things of the world to the world and the things that belong to the kingdom cling to that.

Set your affection to the things of the kingdom, not in a false festivity that brings no glory to god

Feast of Shavuot  
Passover  
Tabernacles

There is no Easter - this is the time when true worshippers must worship God in truth.

If we get the truth now we must align our customs to scripture because our intention is to please the Lord