



Is Christmas a Christian Practice?



Christmas being on December 25th

- The 25th of December is referred to as the day of Christ' birth.
- It was **originally the date when the Europeans worshipped the sun.**
- The spread of the apostate church in Europe assimilated this ancient custom. However, **the Europeans still wanted to celebrate the birthday of their god.**
- To accommodate them, **the apostate church declared December 25th the be the birthday of Christ.**



Was Christ really born in Winter?

Luke 2:8

“And there were shepherds in the same region, spending their nights in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night”.

- The custom of the shepherds in Judea is to **bring home their flocks before the start of November,** prior to the onset of the cold winter months.
- Hence, Christ **could not have been born in December.**



Is the Christmas' account consistent with the scriptural record?

- The shepherds' visit of Jesus and the magi's visit occurred at **different times and separate places.**
- Matt 2:1-12 and Luke 2:1-20 records separate accounts of stories related to the birth of Jesus.
- We do not see the shepherds in Matthew 2, nor do we see the 'three kings' in Luke 2



The Origin of Christmas is paganistic

- Prior to conversion to Christianity, Mithraism was the most widespread and most influential pagan religion among the Roman subjects.
- On December 25, pagans celebrated Sol Invictus to worship their sun god.
- Eventually the apostate church took over the religion and replaced December 25th to be the Christmas.



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Christmas Trees

Jeremiah 10:2 - Thus says Jehovah, / **Do not learn the way of the nations,** / And do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens, / Although the nations are terrified by them.

Jeremiah 10:3 - For the customs of the peoples are vanity, / Because **their god is a tree cut from the forest,** / The work of the hands of a craftsman with an ax.

Jeremiah 10:4 - **He adorns it with silver and with gold;** / They fasten it with nails and hammers / So that it cannot totter.

Jeremiah 10:5 - They are like a post in a cucumber field, / And they cannot speak; / They must be carried / Because they cannot walk. / Do not be afraid of them, / For they cannot do evil, / And neither is it in them to do good.



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Gift Giving Origin

- This originated from the **Roman celebration of the feast of Saturnalia and Kalends of January (Roman New Year).**
Today's Christmas practice of exchanging gifts is based on the notion that gifts were presented during the Lord's birth. But **the wise men gave gifts to the Lord and not to one another.**



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Santa Claus Origin

- **Saint Nicholas** in the 4th century was said to have brought gifts to children by throwing them through the windows. The belief that he enters the house through the chimney comes from an **Old Norse legend** that believed the goddess Hertha appeared in the fireplace and brought good luck to the house.



Should Believers celebrate Christmas?

1 Corinthians 10:14

“Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry”.

- Instead of “celebrating Christmas” we should rather know and appreciate the deep meaning and significance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God
- To celebrate Christmas is to associate the Lord’s holy name with the customs and the rituals of paganism and also defile yourself
- We should honour the Lord according to the pure word of God and leave idolatrous practices to the pagans.