**THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTMAS**

**& ROMAN CATHOLICISM**

Beloved, first of all we don’t want to unnecessarily hurt or offend anyone by addressing the topic of Christmas. However, we believe that it is God’s will for us to do so, because of the toxic and worldly influence it has brought into His Church. Being raised in Catholicism I loved the Celebration of Christmas as much as anyone. However, after Deb and I surrendered our lives to Jesus and experienced the transforming power of the New Birth things began to change. The more we grew in our relationship with the Lord and in the knowledge of His Word the more uncomfortable we became with the Christmas tradition and its influence upon the Pentecostal Church we attended. Each year Bible studies and prayer meetings were cancelled and everyone seemed to drift off into a month of partying and overindulgence of their fleshly appetites. Yes, we had Christmas outreaches and dramas, but they never really brought much lasting fruit and it often took about a month or more to regain the spiritual momentum and focus we had before the season began. Therefore I began to question it’s influence and started to research its origins and the traditions associated with it. What we discovered shocked and disturbed us to the point that we realized we could no longer practice or support it. Due to the fact that it was a Roman Catholic pagan based celebration riddled with falsehoods and idolatrous traditions. Many of the reasons why the Lord had me leave the Catholic Church also became reasons for our departure from the practices of its Christmas festival. Also, we discovered how vitally important it was as Christian leaders to equip God’s people to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth in this final hour as Jesus revealed in John 4:23-24.

John 4:23-24 MEV ***23****“Yet the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. For the Father seeks such to worship Him.****24****God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.”*

Jesus clearly reveals in this passage that His disciples must worship the Father led by the Holy Spirit and in accordance with the Truth of His Word. It is not optional; because God’s Kingdom is built upon Truth while Satan’s Kingdom is built upon lies and falsehoods. Consequently, any falsehoods or lies incorporated into our worship of God defiles it and makes it unacceptable to God. Therefore, we need to ask ourselves this: “Is the celebration of the Roman Catholic tradition of the Christ-mass (shortened to Christmas) ordered of the Holy Spirit and in accordance with the Truth of God’s Word?” Let’s begin by examining the name for the celebration, i.e. Christmas or The Mass of Christ. The word Christ of course is scriptural, but the “mass” part is not. The Mass is the Roman Catholic term developed in the 6th century to describe the mystical service in which the Roman priest supposedly transforms the emblems of eucharist wafer and wine into the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ. This belief and teaching referred to as “Transubstantiation” is not Biblical and is a heretical fantasy demonically conjured up in the minds of Catholic theologians. In order to enslave Roman Catholics to a Counterfeit Church and its deceptive priestly sacrifice of the “Mass.” Why? According to the Catholic Hierarchy it is the only way to receive Christ and consume His body and blood which is needed to receive eternal life in their twisted interpretation of Jesus’ teaching in John chapter 6. Thus keeping their church members bound to Mother Rome and the Catholic Mass for their salvation rather than Jesus. This cultic and false indoctrination of its followers, is demonic in nature. And it is one of the main reasons why many former Catholics are now Protestants.

In John chapter 6, Jesus clearly explains to His disciples that He was not talking about eating His literal flesh and blood, but figuratively of consuming Him who is the Word of God who became flesh (John 1:1&14). In the text He states that *“the flesh profits nothing”* and that the Words that He speaks to us *“are spirit and they are life”* (John 6:63). Peter then through revelation of the Holy Spirit confirms what Jesus is saying when he declares; *“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life* (John 6:68).” Essentially Jesus was instructing His followers that it was imperative that they consume Him through His Word the Holy Bible which is His figurative body and blood, because He was the Word that became flesh (John 1:14). We need to understand that we consume His Word by diligently studying and obeying His directives through scripture, which is our spiritual nourishment. Jesus in essence declared this in Matthew 4:4 when He stated; *“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.”* Jesus the Word who is God is *“the Bread of Life”* (John 6:35), that we must consume daily through the study and application of His Word which leads us upon the narrow path to eternal life (Matthew 7:13-14). Eternal life is received by believing and obeying His Word through the power of His Holy Spirit living within, not by going to a Roman Catholic mass and receiving a eucharistic wafer. Jesus taught that we receive Him when we repent of our sin, believe in Him and His sacrificial blood payment for us on the Cross and when we ask Him to come into our lives as our Lord and Saviour. It is this act of faith and surrender that causes us to be born again into His eternal family (Mark 1:14-15; John 1:11; John 3:3-21, 35-36).

For clarity let’s review: Anyone who truly turns away by God’s grace from their sinful ways (repents) and believes in God the Son’s sacrifice for them on the Cross will be able to receive Jesus by the Holy Spirit into their lives as their Lord and Saviour and be *“born again.”* Also, Jesus said that He and the Father will come and live inside such Believers by His Spirit because they love and obey His commands (John 14:21,23 MEV). ***21****He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father. And I will love him and will reveal Myself to him” …* ***23****Jesus answered him, “If a man loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our home with him.*  It is through this supernatural spiritual rebirth that we receive Jesus into our hearts and lives. It is not through receiving a mystically transformed wafer supplied by a Roman Catholic priest; such teaching is gross error and demonically inspired heresy. The “Mass” related deception in itself should be enough for any Protestant Believer to reject this “Mass of Christ” and its pagan charade of Christmas. As mentioned earlier, I was raised in the Roman Catholic religion and served as an altar boy when I was young. Therefore I understand and empathize with Roman Catholics who truly love Jesus. However, the real Jesus is calling true believing Catholics to come out of this “counterfeit Christian” system that He warned us about and to follow Him and worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. Matthew 24:4-5 MEV ***4****Jesus answered them, “Take heed that no one deceives you.****5****For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.* We believe that the Roman Catholic Church is the Ecclesiastical Head of *“Mystery Babylon”* the Mother of spiritual harlots in the book of Revelation (i.e. the New One World Religion, Revelation 17:3-7, 15-17). And that true Believers need to come out of the midst of this religious harlot;

Revelation 17:5 MEV ***5****On her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

“*Then I heard another voice from Heaven saying: Come out of her, my people, lest you partake in her sins, and lest you receive her plagues. For her sins have reached up to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities* (Revelation 18:4-5). See also Revelation 18:1-3. Yes, we believe there are Catholics who have genuinely been born again by God’s grace, within Catholicism. However, we also believe the Lord is calling them to come out of her before it is too late. Therefore, we urge any Believer who is involved in the Roman Church or the other *“Harlot”* Churches that are aligning themselves with her in this New One World religious system to come out of them. Lest you come under the judgment that will eventually come upon her (see Revelation 18:6-24).

Beloved, this is no light matter and it encompasses far more than just the pagan based religious festival of the Christ-Mass. Therefore, please take heed to the warning God is giving to you through this message. Then find a good, full Gospel, Bible believing Church that teaches that repentance and faith in Jesus Christ alone brings salvation and eternal life into your life.

**SADLY PROTESTANTS HAVE ALSO SUCCUMBED TO HER SPELL**

The sad reality is that much of the Evangelical World has been ensnared and defiled by Rome’s idolatrous “Babylonian” practices through the Christmas and Easter festivals. And we need to wake up and abandon these pagan based celebrations that are causing us to practice lies and falsehoods that defile our worship of Almighty God. We must turn away from these lie based “Trojan Horse” pagan festivals of Catholicism and return to celebrating the Biblical Festivals associated with these important events and are based on Truth. God’s Word warns us of the terrible consequences of practicing falsehoods:

Revelation 22;14-15 MEV ***14****Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.****15****Outside are dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters and everyone who loves and practices a lie.*

Revelation 21:27 MEV ***27****No unclean thing shall ever enter it, nor shall anyone who commits abomination or falsehood, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.*

The Bible, history and common sense reveals that December 25th is not Jesus’ birth or incarnation date. In reality it is the time of the celebration of the Winter Solstice and the idolatrous Sun Worship festivals practiced long before Jesus’ birth. The pagan Roman population celebrated Saturnalia, a festival of light leading into the Winter Solstice celebration set around this December 25th date. In the fourth century AD Roman Emperor Constantine a convert to Christianity was moved to establish Christianity as the official State Religion of Rome. In order to transition the predominantly pagan masses into the new State Religion of Christianity the major pagan festivals were Christianized. Consequently, the Saturnalia Winter Solstice Celebration became Jesus’ birth and incarnation celebration. There are some lame Roman Catholic alternative explanations against this interpretation of the history of the origin of the Christ-Mass, but this is the most plausible explanation that fits the historical evidence.

**THE SAD PROTESTANT COLLAPSE INTO ROMAN IDOLATRY**

Beloved, the historical record reveals that the early Protestant Church in New England led primarily by the Puritans, would have nothing to do with the Christ-Mass for over 200 years. Pulitzer Prize finalist Stephen Nissenbaum wrote the book; “The Battle for Christmas.” In it he explains the historical Protestant resistance to this pagan festival covered with a thin veneer of Christianity over it. In fact, he shares how at one point the participation in the Christ-Mass was illegal and a person could be fined 5 shillings for participating in it. Unfortunately, with an influx of Catholic migrants into New England the resistance waned and by the middle of the 19th century it became a legally recognized holiday in America. Sadly, the Protestant Church ultimately fully caved into the natural pleasurable attraction of the holiday and embrace its practice despite the falsehoods involved. Today, its practice is so thoroughly entrenched in the Protestant Church that it has become a huge idol that in the natural seems immovable. However, with God all things are possible and in the midst of the tremendous shakings and purifying fires ahead it will fall.

The next thing we want to address in this demolition of the Christmas idol is the evidence within scripture that refutes the December dating of Jesus’ birth.

**SCRIPTURAL EVIDENCE THAT REFUTES THE DECEMBER TIMING OF JESUS’ BIRTH**

Luke 1:8 MEV ***8****Now while he served as priest before God, when his division was on duty,*

One fact that refutes the December dating of Jesus’ birth