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Where is Christ in Christmas - posted by roman, on: 2007/1/10 3:57

This 2006 I had a different heart in observing Christmas; with no influence from other people and whatsoever materials. My heart is just seeing & feeling things differently. I even avoided greeting people "Merry Christmas." I have seen, in general & majority, celebrates Christmas in "wordly" way. Though they include Jesus but I felt its not still Him or shall I say not purely Him.

If there is one word that God taught me last 2006, it's **PURITY**. God is pure in every way. I was struck by this "purity" when I was reading an article about "Clean & Unclean Food of OT." Its been a teaching that the/a reason God instituted it was health reason. When the writer described the unclean sea creature that eats the filth of the sea, it struck me how filthy they are. The thing that came into my mind was its more than health reason but about purity. There is not one bit of filth/impurity in God; so He does not want any filth/impurities in His people.

Purity is holiness. We are too slow to equate holiness to purity that's way I always say the standard of God is purity.

*Hebrews 12:14 (KJV)* Follow peace with all men, and **holiness**, without which no man shall see the Lord:

*Matthew 5:8 (KJV)* Blessed are the **pure** in heart: for they shall see God.

This is another thing the Lord taught me this 2006. While I was teaching against "gospel of grace without responsibility & prosperity" saying that these teach people in a way that God does not seem to have a standard. ***Suddenly it struck me & this statement came into my mind & I said "God has a standard. His standard is purity & righteousness."***

Back to Christmas issue, today I just came across an article written by Nita Johnson of "The World for Jesus Ministry." I believe God is speaking to me in this issue. I just want to share it with you all.

click the link below:

[http://www.worldforjesus.org/home/teaching\\_article.cfm?ID=58](http://www.worldforjesus.org/home/teaching_article.cfm?ID=58)

Lets seek God & may we do as He says

Re: Where is Christ in Christmas - posted by NLONG (), on: 2007/1/10 11:04

Quote:  
-----"Christmas is not about Me and what I gave on the cross. It is about greed and gifts and teaching My children the ways of the world. It is about what each one can get and moaning over what they don't get. It fosters greed and rebellion in the hearts of My precious children, while the poor and the needy go without. This is not My way; it is not My holiday. It is man's! The merchants have totally perverted the joy of My birth and have turned the focus on satisfying the craving of man's lust. My children are not taught to forget themselves and seek the interest of the poor and needy. It is a holiday that is a complete perversion of my ways."  
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Truely, Christmas is more of a cash-in than holiday. Many lusts are served. Why, many pagans and atheists in America celebrate the day also. Albeit, less emphasis on Christ, more on Santa. This much I can agree with.

When you start talking about foods, Sabbaths and feasts. That's where I lost me. I'd like to see some evidence that early Christians celebrated the birth of Christ on Succoth. Also, in regards to Sabbaths and feasts, early Christians in Antebellum icean fathers (pre Constantine) did not keep these. I think texts like Romans 14 make it clear that such concerns are a matter of conscience. Sorry, to get this thread off on that note. Just making an observation.

I appreciate your emphasis on purity. I noticed early in following Christ that few have a grasp or desire for holiness. Holy --set apart. To what are we set apart from? Church (Ekklesia) the called out ones. What are we called out from?

**Re: - posted by roman, on: 2007/1/10 21:13**

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Very good point. Anyone there who could present evidence that early Christians celebrated birth of Christ in Succoth?

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Is there a more explicit evidence (aside from Rom 14 as you stated) that the early Christians did not keep the feasts?

These are honest questions & searching for evidences of the issues above. I am not in anyway refuting anything.

Thanks Bro for those points.

**Re: - posted by NLONG (), on: 2007/1/12 9:24**

Hey Roman, didn't want to use more of this thread for feasts, so continue our conversation in the following thread

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