

A Message for  
Christmas



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- Appeal to our visitors:
  - Be like the Berean's. *Acts 17:11-12*
  - Be open to the truth. *Jn. 3:20-21, Acts 8:26-39*
  - Please don't be angry. *Acts 13:44-46*
  - Do not falsely accuse us. *Acts 6:10-14*
  - Do not procrastinate. *Acts 17:32, 24:25*



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**“December 25 is...observed as the...birth of Christ. In early times this day was not one of the feasts of the Christian church. In fact, the church fathers frowned upon the celebration of birthdays and thought them a heathen custom. It is thought that Christmas was not celebrated until some 300 years after the birth of Christ. No one is certain why December 25 was chosen. There is nothing in the New Testament to indicate that this is the date of the nativity”**

***(The New Book Of Knowledge, vol. 3, p. 289).***



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Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church. Irenaeus and Tertullian omit it from their lists of feasts;... Concerning the date of Christ's birth the Gospels give no help...

*(Catholic Encyclopedia)*



**“Even Catholic authorities acknowledge that the Bible is silent regarding the celebration of Christ's birth on December 25th.”**





# Why don't we observe Christmas as a RELIGIOUS holyday?

- We DO NOT oppose:
  - Jesus' birth, it was prophesied.  
*Micah 5:2; Isa. 7:14*
  - Believing in the birth of Christ, it's part of the gospel facts. *Luke 2:4-17*
  - Preaching about the birth of Christ.  
*2 Tim. 4:1-2*





# We oppose the RELIGIOUS observance of Christmas because:

- It is a human tradition. ***Matt. 15:8-9***
- It was not authorized by Christ. ***Matt. 28:20***
- It was not part of N.T. worship.  
***Col. 3:17; 1 Pet. 4:11; 1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:8-9***
- It is not part of the doctrine of Christ.  
***2 Jn. 9; Rev. 22:18-19; Prov. 30:6***
- It is lawlessness. ***Matt. 7:21-23***



# God's Plan To Save Man

## God's Plan:

Believe – *John 8:24; John 1:12*

Repent – *Acts 17:30-31; Luke 13:3*

Confess – *Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32*

Be baptized – *Mark 16:16; Acts 10:48*

↳ Puts us into Christ - *Gal. 3:27*

Saves us - *1 Peter 3:21*

Puts us into His body (church)

- *1 Cor. 12:13*

Washes our sins away – *Acts 22:16*

Remain Faithful to the Lord

*Col. 1:22-23 - Rev. 2:10 - 1 Cor. 15:58*

## God's Plan In Action:

Who?	Condition	Prescription	Result
Jailer Acts 16:30-33	Non-believer	Believe – Repent – Baptised	Saved
Jews Acts 2:37-38	Believed	– Repent – Baptised	Forgiveness of Sins
Saul Acts 22:16	Penitent Believer	– Baptised	Washed away sins
Simon Acts 8:22	Unfaithful Christian	Repent - Pray	Forgiveness

## What Are My Options?

