

"Christmas- A Pagan Holiday?"

BY J. M. Little
All the world, both religious and secular is now hurriedly preparing to celebrate Christmas. Everywhere there will be a mad scramble to make ready for this great worldwide event. It will be carried on under the excuse, "We are celebrating the birthday of Christ." Are you? Let me ask you a question, "Who told you to celebrate the birthday of Christ? Do you have a commandment in the Word of God telling you to put on a celebration? Do you?" I don't, nowhere in my Bible do I find a commandment to celebrate my Lord's birth. I don't know when He was born and neither do you.



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The business world capitalizes and commercializes on this event. And just think, men and women in and out of the church won't mention the Lord's name unless they link it with profanity and vulgarity. Some of you women here in the office will put up great decorations for this holiday and yet you run from me when I try to talk to you about Christ. Isn't that awful? All year long you won't talk about Christ, yet on the 25th of December you say celebrate His birthday. What blasphemy! God hates sin.

Listen to the Word of God: "Hear ye the word which the Lord speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of th hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with ahmmers, that it move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good." Jeremiah 10:1-5. Now there's your tree you put up in December. God hates that thing. It stinks in his nostrils. I know you will make all kinds of excuses. But listen, my friend, your excuses will do you no good

in the day of judgment. You are going to be tried for the deeds done in the flesh. You may say you are doing it just to give the kids a good time. I can think of many things to give the kids a good time without blaspheming the name of my blessed Lord. You may come back at me like one woman said, "It doesn't matter just so they have a good time." Dear souls, when you are baking and roasting in the lake of fire ten thousand years from today it'll make a difference then but you won't get out of your punishment for disobeying God.

I departed from this heathen tradition some years ago. This celebration is demon worship. That's all it is, just demon worship. You won't worship my Lord with this heathen custom. This event dishonors my Lord. Anytime the world runs after something in large numbers, you and I had better be wary of that thing. The world hates God. If you love the Lord how can you link His precious name with all this revelry? The Lord is not pleased with this celebration. We are told to celebrate His death, not His birth.

You may come back and say you want to use this time to give gifts. I have eleven months out of the year to give gifts, I don't have to wait to December to give. And then you are not really giving anyway. Why? You are looking for something in return. True giving is sacrificial. You seek nothing in return.

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Let me ask you a question: What does Christ mean to you? What does the death of Christ mean to you? Are you taken up with Him? Are you? Remember, one of the marks of the true child of God is obedience to His Word. You may come back and say the world almost entirely is going along with it. I know that, my friend, the world is going to hell. This generation is laughing itself to hell, everything is funny. May the Lord open your eyes as He did mine, if not you're going to hell.

My friend, if you love the Lord, you don't want to dishonor Him. The all important question is, do you know Christ? The Saviour came from glory, took upon Himself the likeness of sinful man. He took the body up to the cross and died for hell-deserving sinners like you and me. How dare you link His glorious name with all this idolatry out of Babylon! He was the only One that could die for sinners. So many of you are trying not to have any dealings with the eternal Son of God. This group of women here in the office who make fun and laugh at a born again testimony think they won't ever have to deal with the eternal Son of God. The eternal Son of God is going to meet them at the "Great White Throne Judgment" and judge them for mocking His truths. Now they think this is some foolishness your editor or

someone else dreamed up, but there, that sad day, they'll see they made fun of the Lord of Glory. What a tragedy! Every soul has to deal with the eternal Son of God, here as a God of mercy, or there as a God of wrath. Which is it going to be young woman? You will meet the Lord here or there! You won't make fun of the truth there that day.

There's no way you can escape being judged. Listen to the Word of God: "Because He (God) hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man (Christ) who, he hath ordained; where of he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he raised him from the dead." (Acts 17:31). Now there's God's promise He is going to judge you by the Lord Jesus Christ. So you, my dear little friend, had better turn your footsteps toward the Lord Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Christ from the dead is the evidence God is going to judge you. You may go on laughing your way to hell, which you are doing now, but that day of judgment you will have to deal with the eternal Son of God. It would be so far better to deal with Him here and now at a throne of mercy than there at a throne of judgment. You cannot get out of dealing with Him, there's no use to try. Look at the years you've wasted already. Death could come for you any moment. You won't put any excuse then, you'll have to go. You're not ready to go the way you are, but ready or not, when death comes you will go. That's why it's so important to know the Lord. If you come to know Christ, you'll have safe conduct. You can't go on the way you are going. The way you live you're sucking from the "dry tit" of the world and you've sucked it dry and you have nothing. You go here trying to get some pleasure and ease of soul, you go there trying to get some ease of soul, you're never satisfied. My friend, I've been that road you're traveling, it leads to hell. I never was satisfied until the Holy Spirit brought me to Christ, He was all I needed.

Deaths And Funerals

Ms. Robbie Burch

Funeral service for Ms. Robbie Burch of Union County, N.C., was held Wednesday, December 2, at Elizabeth Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hattie Tinsley

Funeral service for Mrs. Hattie Tinsley of 1305 Dearborne Street was held Thursday, December 3, at Parkwood Institutional CME Church.

Mrs. Josephine Wade

Funeral service for Mrs. Josephine Wade of 627 Sharon Amity Road was held Thursday, December 3, at Weeping Willow AME Zion Church.

Mr. Clifford Helms

Funeral service for Mr. Clifford Helms of Monroe, N.C., was held Friday, December 4, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Monroe.

Mrs. Annie Brown

Funeral Service for Mrs. Annie Lucille Brown of 1818 Vinton Street will be held Wednesday, December 9, at Mt. Zion Holiness Church.

Mrs. Beatrice Allen

Funeral arrangements are incomplete for Mrs. Beatrice Allen of 420 Skyland Avenue.

Mr. David Henderson

Funeral service for Mr. David Henderson of 1124 N. Alexander St. was held December 6 at Huntersville United House of Prayer.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Allen White

Funeral service for Mr. Allen White of 1319 Beatties Ford Road was held Wednesday, December 9, at Long & Son Mortuary Chapel. Interment was in Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Lelia Davis

Funeral service for Mrs. Lelia Davis of 303 Katonah Ave. was held December 9 at Biddle United House of Prayer. Interment was in York Memorial Park.

Ms. Dorothy Antley

Arrangements for the above handled by Long's Mortuary Service, Inc.

Mrs. Edna Davis

Miss Dorothy Antley, 52, of 415 North Alexander St., died on November 27 in Charlotte Memorial Hospital. Funeral was held on Sunday, December 6, at the House of Prayer For All People.

Mrs. Wilma Patterson

Burial was in York Memorial Park. Her survivors include: her mother, Ms. Pearlina Antley of Charlotte; two brothers, Willford Antley of Fort Miles, Fla., and J. D. Antley of Charlotte.

Mrs. Edna Davis

Burial was in York Memorial Park. Her survivors include: her husband, Leroy Davis of Charlotte; two sons, Rodney and Patrick Davis both of Charlotte; four daughters, Misses Pattasio, Sonya, Tomekia and Latashia Davis, all of Charlotte; mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Montroe Coleman of Charlotte.

Mr. Charlie Brown

Mr. Charlie Brown, 81, of 3116 Dogwood Ave. died Saturday, December 5, at his residence. Funeral was

Dixon, all of Charlotte; two daughters Miss Veronila Dixon and Miss Charlene Barrette, both of Charlotte; two brothers, Charlie Swift and James Wright, both of Philadelphia, Pa.; one sister Mrs. Bessie Lee Daly of Boston, Mass.

Mr. Robert Gilchrist

Mr. Robert Lincoln Gilchrist, 46, of 4310 Toluca Drive, died Sunday, November 29, at his residence. Funeral was held Thursday, December 3, at Pentecostal Temple Church of God In Christ.

Mrs. Edna Davis

Burial was in Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens. His survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Cola Gilchrist of Charlotte; two sons, Julius Golchrist and Samuel Gilchrist, both of Charlotte; one brother, Mr. Sharief Hashim of Washington, D.C.; three sisters, Salimah Hashim, and Rabiah Ali, both of Washington, D.C. and Lou M. Davis of Laurel Hill, N.C.

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held Wednesday, December 9, at the Greenville AME Zion Church. Burial was in York Memorial Park.

Mrs. McCain

Mr. Brown was a retired Army officer and was a member of the Elk Club. His survivors include: one son, Mr. Norris Brown of Charlotte, two step-sons, Jessie Kendrick of Charlotte, and Charles Kendrick of Philadelphia, Pa.; two step-daughters, Mrs. Bernice Desse of Charlotte, and Mrs. Ida Lee Grant of New York City; three brothers, Romia Brown of Charlotte, Henry Brown of Charleston, S.C., and Mr. Leon Brown of Los Angeles, Calif.; one sister, Miss Helen Brown of Charlotte.

Mrs. Edna Davis

Mrs. Sophia McCain, 74, of 2412 Dundeen Street died on December 3, at her residence. Funeral was held Wednesday, at the Alexander Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Annie Gardner

Burial was in York Memorial park. Her survivors include: one brother, David Faulk of Baltimore, Md.; two sisters, Miss Lula Faulk of Charlotte and Mrs. Mollie Henderson of Philadelphia, Pa.

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