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THE WORD OF GOD VS. THE TRADITIONS OF MAN

PAGAN HOLIDAYS

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"Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them." Jeremiah 10:2. Most of the "holidays" that the people in the world keep, are not holy, but pagan. When God gave the law to the children of Israel he also gave them certain feast days or holy days to keep every year. These holy days are part of the commandments of the Lord. The heathen kept other days in their worship of their idol gods. Many of these days are still kept today under the guise of Christ's name. When the gentiles took over the Christian church they did not want to do those things that they identified with the Jew. They preferred their own celebrations and feasts. The common people continued to celebrate these pagan days, so to make them appear to be holy, they took away the names of the pagan Gods and added Christ's name to them. No matter how you bathe and perfume a pig, it's still a pig.

You cannot take something that is inherently corrupt and make it clean. "But, I say, that the things which the gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's Table, and of the table of devils." I Corinthians 10:20-21. The fact that these days are pagan is not a secret. Every year on television there are documentaries showing the origin of Christmas, Easter, and Halloween. Briefly, Christmas is the most beloved of all of these pagan days. Most people do not love Christmas because they are thinking about the birth of Christ. They love it because it's fun and traditional. It is the great merchant's holiday. The stores make most of their money from Christmas purchases. The whole country lights up urging you to buy, buy, buy, to indebt yourself as proof of love. They advertise these things as if it is the definition of all things good, such as family, happy children, good cheer, sparkling lights, festive food, and selfless acts of charity. But where did Christmas come from? Well, they were celebrating it long before the birth of Christ. It began as a celebration of the birth of the sun. All pagan people worshipped the sun. The Roman calendar of Julius Caesar lists December 25th as the winter solstice, the day that the sun is at its lowest point and from which it begins to rise. Its birth! The Temple of the Sun in Rome not only worshipped the sun, but the emperor himself, whom they deified. Constantine, in 350 AD, after he claimed to become a Christian, established December 25th as the birthday of Christ. All of the Christmas traditions were either pagan traditions, such as the Christmas tree, and Yule log, or things the merchants invented to keep peoples spending money. Another pagan holiday veiled in the cloak of Christianity is Easter. How did Easter come about? Easter is one of the most corrupt of the pagan holidays. The name comes from the name of the pagan goddess of the dawn. It was the day when they celebrated the return of spring. The Easter egg is a symbol of fertility. They would have orgies during this time as part of their celebration. During Halloween they celebrated the dead. It began as a Celtic festival on October 31st to honor the god of darkness and death. Pagan people also loved to worship their dead ancestors. The day of the dead continues to be openly practiced in some countries like Mexico.



Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

COLOSSIANS 2: 8