

God warns us about DABBING in Christmas

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If Christmas has pagan roots (which you can easily verify), is it OK to DABBLE in Christmas so long as we focus on the birth of Jesus instead of all the traditions while we do so? Hear God's shocking warning to us his children. Plus we'll cover some common misconceptions about the birth of Christ.

(These notes are not word-for-word notes, but are close. They may also contain material I did not have time to amply cover on the audio/video.)

Hello everyone. I'm Philip Shields, and welcome to Light on the Rock. And thank you all for coming to our website from all over the world.

By now, if you've been listening to us for long, you know that **we keep God's holydays and the weekly 7th day Sabbath** – because that's what God did – he rested on the *seventh* day (**Genesis 2:1-3**), that's what's in the fourth of the 10 commandments (**Exodus 20:8-10**) and that's what Jesus and Paul and the early believers kept.

And by now you know we here at Light on the Rock *don't keep* the world's religious holidays like Easter, Halloween and ... yes, even Christmas. In a recent blog I wrote about the Christmas traditions, and I challenged you all to *do your own Google research* about the ORIGINS of Christmas traditions like the very DATE – Dec 25, the Christmas tree, the flying Santa Claus and his reindeer, and so on. I hope you did. I hope you check out our blogs too.

Today, I'm going to **assume many of you DID that challenge and found out that Christmas is rooted in paganism. You've found out that Christ was not born Dec 25 at all**, and in fact, the Catholic Church didn't even proclaim Dec 25 **as his birthdate until 340 AD**. They found it to be an easier way to bring pagans into the fold - - by letting them keep their pagan customs but just put a new "**Christian**" LABEL on to them. I can label a drink as "orange juice" but if it has some arsenic in it, it will still kill you. Christian labels do not change what something is.

DON'T misunderstand. I love my Savior Yeshua and the story of his birth. I do believe he was born from a virgin in a supernatural conception from God the Father through His Holy Spirit. I do believe he was

born in Bethlehem. **But the Christ was not born December 25th** *(though pagans say their gods were) and so we don't participate in Christmas or the corruption to the true story of his birth.*

Today I'm going to address this in 2 ways:

1. **Is it OK to just DABBLE, just a little bit into Christmas – especially if you are “keeping Christ in Christmas”?** If you are not worshiping Saturn and Odin and the pagan gods and goddesses, but are worshiping Christ in Christmas, how could that be wrong? Wouldn't that be OK with GOD?”

God clearly tells us what he thinks about his children “dabbling” – even just a little- -in pagan-based holidays. We'll get to that.

(Show bumper sticker: “Merry Christmas. Keep Christ in Christmas.”) But was Christ ever in Christmas?

So my question is: can we dabble in Christmas if we sing about Jesus' birth, and the religious songs more? Is there anything wrong with having some festive lighting and a Christmas tree in our home?

2. **Is the story we normally hear – and see – about the birth of Yeshua (Jesus) the full, real story?** Or has some of it gotten garbled and mixed up? Is it all true? How important is it that these be true?

Lesson from the forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden: would it have been alright to “dabble” into the fruit of that tree just a little? Maybe here and there? Would God have been upset with that? After all, GOD was the one who created that tree, right? Or could dabbling in Christmas be similar?

So let's start with my first point: IS IT OK to dabble into Christmas, if we are doing it to Christ, and we're not having anything to do with the pagan gods?

RELABELING paganism as “Christian” makes it even worse

What we and our children have been told about Christmas is a mix of some truth – and a lot of lies. It's like the forbidden tree in the Garden: “the tree of the knowledge of GOOD and evil”, remember? Gen 2:18

That tree wasn't all bad or untrue, but FRUIT from that tree WAS entirely forbidden. You couldn't just eat a bite or two and get away with it even if you didn't go there every day. You were either with God, all the way – or outside of God's ways in the Garden of Eden.

Christmas celebrations go all the way back to the pagan festivities of ancient Rome and other cities, as they celebrated the god SATURN and the SUN, and how it was making a huge comeback. Dec 21 is the shortest day, and by Dec 25 – the sun was winning again.

So pagans celebrated the winter solstice, and the Saturnalia was dedicated to the awful pagan god Saturn, who ate babies! They worshipped the sun as it shone longer each day after Dec 21. They celebrated without morality, with a lot of drunkenness, adultery and fornication going on. If we can find a painting to show you a picture of a Saturnalia party going on without it being too sensual, we will.

So what some believers try to do today who DO understand the pagan roots of Christmas traditions – like the Christmas tree, holly wreaths, Santa Claus, all of it – **is to say “It's OK to keep Christmas now because we're no longer worshiping the Sun as it comes back in longer days after the winter solstice, we're no longer worshiping Saturn in the Saturnalia orgies, but we've relabeled it all and now we focus on Christ, SO that should make it OK”** – they say.

So they go ahead and deck out their Christmas tree and participate.

So that's my question: if we worship GOD, can we still be involved in pagan rooted festivities?

No, no, no. God wants us either HOT OR COLD, but spits out lukewarm drinks – he says that to the Laodiceans in Revelation 3:15-16. God says either be IN, and INTO Babylon all the way – or he wants us OUT of it, completely. There's no in-between or dabbling with God.

Revelation 18:4

“And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “**Come OUT of her, (Babylon) MY people**, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.”

More Lessons from the Gold Calf: So NO, NO, DABBING is all wrong. Think of the GOLD CALF incident. **It was blatantly pagan and wrong.**

Aaron thought he could lessen the evil by saying this celebration and partying they were going to do, they would do in honor of the true God – to YHVH, the LORD! Somehow that was supposed to make it good. *Did you realize that? Let's read it in Exodus 32.* Moses was still up in the fiery mountaintop with God while this began.

Exodus 32:1-4

Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

2 And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. 4 And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, **and made a molded calf.**

Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

Let's continue now

Exodus 32:5

So when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD (YHVH)."

Let's keep this verse up there for a second. Can you believe what Aaron said? **He said "the gold calf worship is to be a feast to YHVH! This gold calf is really a tribute to the TRUE God. I'll allow you to have some of your pagan traditions as long as you include some worship to the true God as you revel in your orgies, immorality and drunken parties".**

That's basically what he said. Sound familiar?

Now Exodus 32:6

Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

So they **pretended** they were being religious and righteous about it. They "went to church" first. But God wasn't buying into any of this. He was

FURIOUS, even though they re-labeled their paganism to HIM! ARE we any different if we dabble in Christmas while putting God's Son's name on it?

Exodus 32:7-10

And YHVH said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. 8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!'"

9 And YHVH said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! 10 Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation."

The living God is FURIOUS! So NO, we can't claim it's all for good, or that we're helping poor families at Christmas, and singing carols to God. My brothers and sisters in Christ: NO, NO, NO – **we cannot mix and match paganism with worship to God.** Tell others about this passage in Exodus 32 and tell others about this sermon. We have to get the word out to true believers. We have to come out, totally out, of Babylon – Rev. 18:4.

When Moses finally saw for himself what was upsetting God so much – he was so angry he threw down the 2 tablets of the 10 commandments.

We must worship God in spirit and TRUTH – 100% truth

So re-labeling won't work with God. And we have to remember God wants to be worshipped in TRUTH (John 4:24).

John 4:23-24 Jesus speaking to the Samaritan woman.

"But the hour is coming, and now is, **when the TRUE worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth;** for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

24 God is Spirit, and **those who worship Him must worship in spirit and TRUTH.**"

We can't be lying to our children, ever – let alone feeling justified lying about Santa and flying reindeer and Santa eating the cookies we put out and on and on. A lie is a lie is a lie is a lie! And in God is NO LIE.

VERY IMPORTANT: I know, I know, you've got some decisions to make. You have children, relatives, grandchildren. And what are you going to do if you give up Christmas? Will you be true to God, or will you want the praises of men instead? You have a test that you must pass.

God's way is better. It's not rooted in paganism. For example, the Feast of Tabernacles and 8th day is 8 wonderful days long. We make it very special and buy our kids and grandkids new clothes, gifts and toys. And we take them on quite a trip to beautiful areas where we keep the Feast – often in scenic areas of the country or even overseas. Our kids loved it. Our grandchildren all love it. There's no way they'd trade that for 1 day Christmas.

I know it will be hard. I know that. But if you have younger children still at home, if you truly explain it, my experiences with people is that your kids will get it, if you are honest and clear to them. But will YOU do the right thing? Read John 12:42-43.

John 12:42-43

Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; **43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.**

Which will it be for you? Will you seek the praises of men, or the praise from God?

So point 1 – we can't dabble, any more than Adam and Eve could in the garden, or than the Israelites could, calling the worship of the gold calf "worship to YHVH".

Let's move now to point 2. Is the story of Christ's birth that you've been told even true? Some of it isn't. Let me explain.

EVEN much of the story of Christ's BIRTH itself, AS TOLD IN OUR CHRISTMAS STORIES, IS NOT QUITE TRUE

Even Christ's birth story – how truthful is the story we're being told?

The untrue parts of the story we're being told

Was he really born on Dec 25 in the middle of winter and one of the rainiest months in Israel?

Even cursory research will tell you that it can't be Dec 25. That was the date when **Mithra** and other pagan gods were being worshiped, even long before Yeshua was born. So someone other than Yeshua was being worshiped on Dec. 25. The Catholic Church and Pope Julius 1 did not even announce the exact date of Christ's birth – or so they claimed – until 340 AD. Scripture makes no mention of early believers observing Dec 25 or Christ's birth. **Christ was NOT born on December 25**, and there's no command to keep his birthday anyway. None.

So when WAS Christ born? If it was so important, God would have told us – but scripture is silent as to the date of his birth. In Matthew and Luke, which tell the story, we're only told that it was for a census.

Luke 2:1-3

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

No emperor would have called a census in the cold, rainy, muddy month of December. Right now in Bethlehem Dec 14-10, highs in the low 50's F (11 C) and lows in low 40's F (5C). So it's not warm. Some years have been colder and there's even been snow sometimes in Bethlehem on Dec 25th. Shepherds in Bethlehem in Christ's time did not sleep outside with the flock after October 1st generally because it was too cold and could be rainy.

So how important is the date? TWO of the gospels – Mark and John – don't even talk about his birth at ALL! So how important was his birth DATE? His birth is extremely important. God sent a Savior.

What was more important was his death and resurrection because he perfectly performed what he was sent to do: to live a perfect life and die for us all, and be resurrected to live again in and for us, perfectly. There is much in scripture about the perfect life of Christ and his willingness to die for us. Very little is said about his birth by comparison, and two gospel accounts don't even mention it at all (Mark and John).

But we can get pretty close to the right timing of Yeshua's birth. How? We know that John the Baptist was six months older (**Luke 1:26, 36**). We also do **know approximately when John the Baptist was born**, because his priest father was part of the "course of Abijah" (Abia) – and we know when they served. That was the 8th of 24 groupings, or courses, set up by King David

when the number of priests became too numerous to all serve at the same time.

So we know John the baptizer was 6 months older than Yeshua, and when you figure it all out, it comes out to about mid-to-late September – right around the Fall holydays!

There's a good link that graphically shows the timetable of the Course of Abijah and projects out to the more likely time of Christ's birth... to his credit and God's glory:

<https://www.the13thenumeration.com/Blog13/2012/11/02/the-course-of-abija/>

I suspect Messiah was born about the time of Feast of Trumpets, mid-September, the first day of the 7th HEBREW month, or possibly at the Feast of Tabernacles, as we're told that Yeshua came to "tabernacle" (translated "dwelt among") men (John 1:14). There's no point in debating it – because we're not told, and I don't think God meant for us to be keeping his birthday.

So it doesn't MATTER when he was born, because scripture is SILENT on the exact DATE. What matters is that God sent a Savior who was born in Bethlehem – but NOT anywhere near Christmas time.

When God wants us to worship him on specific days, he always tells us and makes the dates and times crystal clear. So we know exactly when to start and end the weekly Sabbath. We know exactly when each holyday was to be kept - exactly. But He does not give us a specific date of his Son's birth because he DOES NOT want us to focus on that. Some say he was born in the spring, since he was the Lamb of God. BUT, that disregards all the information about John the Baptist's father and the timing involved there, so no – Christ was not born in the spring.

OTHER IMPRESSIONS WE GET about Joseph and Mary:

We got the impression in the past that as soon as Mary **arrived in Bethlehem, she gave birth to Jesus.** But we aren't told how long they were in Bethlehem before she had her baby. A careful reading implies they could have been there more than a day or two before she gave birth (verses 5-6 especially).

Luke 2:4-6

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

5 to be registered with Mary, **his betrothed** wife, who **was with child**. **6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed** for her to be delivered.

BETROTHED: Also remember that when Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem – all the way to the birth of Yeshua – Mary and Joseph had not had any sexual relations yet. They were “engaged” – or betrothed – and it took a divorce to stop a betrothal. The angel who appeared to Mary came when she was betrothed (Matthew 1:18) and Mary says she had not “known any man” yet at that point. So they had had no sex yet. Mary was his betrothed. NIV, v 5 “who was pledged to be married to him”. Holman – “who was engaged to him...” So Mary remained a virgin until she gave birth to the Messiah.

Matthew 1:24-25

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, **25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son**. And he called His name Jesus.”

Yeshua in Hebrew. “Did not know her” means “had no sex with her”)

Know this too: as much as I respect Mary – she too was a sinner like all of us and needed a Savior too. “ALL have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). She did not ascend to heaven. Nothing in scripture teaches that. She was not perfect and sinless. The only one sinless was her son, Yeshua the Son of God. **We do NOT worship Mary, we do NOT pray to her, She is NOT our intercessor, and in fact is awaiting the resurrection.**

NO PLACE IN THE INN. Here’s something you might consider. We think of “inn” as a motel, a place to rent a room. But remember Mary and Joseph were from Bethlehem and had extended FAMILY there and would normally have been staying with relatives. But even their relatives’ homes were all full due to the census – and probably also with the Fall holydays about to start.

Luke 2:7

And she brought forth her **firstborn** Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, **because there was no room for them in the inn.**

The Greek word for “inn” here is *kataluma*. It can mean an inn. It can. But it is also used in scripture for a guest room or even a room for a meal – such as

when Christ asked Peter and John to find and prepare the Upper Room for his Passover. It's the same Greek word - *kataluma*. (Mark 14:14; Luke 22:11). SO it may have been referring to no room in the inn – or just no room among relatives in their guest rooms.

Luke 2:7 is loaded with even more information. Let's keep it up for a few more seconds. It calls Yeshua "her FIRSTBORN son" – which implies she had more children after that. In fact, Mary had at least six more children, including 4 boys and at least 2 girls. We can read of this in Matthew 13.

After preaching in Nazareth, his local townspeople said this about Yeshua:

Matthew 13:55-56

"Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And **His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? 56 And His sisters**, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?"

The "James" who is mentioned there is the one who became the pastor of the Jerusalem church and who wrote the book of James. The Judas there is the Jude of that epistle's title. So at least 2 sisters and 4 brothers are noted here.

By the way, Yeshua is called "the carpenter's son" v. 55. Yeshua himself also became a carpenter or home builder, and was himself called "the carpenter".

Mark 6:3

"**Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary**, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

Laid in a manger – a feeding trough. Luke 2:7

A manger is a feeding trough. It doesn't mean stable, though that's been assumed as the setting. There's no mention of cows or donkeys – though that's often portrayed.

Obviously at his birth, they're not in a house. Yeshua, who is the bread of Life, and born in Bethlehem, which means "House of Bread" – is placed in a place of FOOD. I think that's so beautiful in meaning. "Manger": in French it means "to eat" – manger. The manger was where FOOD was for the sheep. Yeshua is our bread of life, our food. At Passover we eat of him symbolically (Matthew 26:26-29).

Note something else: it was SHEPHERDS who were notified. They care for SHEEP – not cows and donkeys. Our nativity scenes show Christ in a stable with horses, donkeys and cows. Baby Jesus has some special glow on him a lot of times in the pictures. And they often show him being born in a cave. None of that is in scripture!

To see the purported place of his birth in Bethlehem, you enter a Catholic church called Church of the Nativity, and then go downstairs into a dark area, they say a former cave, and on the floor they have a star-shaped spot where Yeshua supposedly was born – exactly at that spot. Nonsense. The Bible gives no such precise spot.

Check out my blog on WHERE Yeshua was born. I believe they *ended up in the Tower of the Flock*, where the shepherds who provided the Passover lambs and daily sacrificial lambs and sheep were raising their flocks. An ewe ready to give birth was often placed in that tower as they had to be careful that the lambs were born without defect, scratch or mark and were wrapped in swaddling cloths. It was prophesied in Micah 4:8.

Here's my blog on this subject of **where** Messiah was actually born. Click on this:

<https://www.lightontherock.org/blogs/where-was-the-messiah-actually-born?highlight=WyJ3aGVyZSIsIndoZXJJ3MiLCJ5ZXNodWEiLCJ5ZXNodWEncyIsImJvcn4iLCJ3aGVyZSB5ZXNodWEiLCJ5ZXNodWEgYm9ybiJd>

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SO were shepherds out with flocks at night in December – in the cold and rain, and sometimes even snow? NO, they were out there in September most likely, while it was still warm enough to do so.

You know the story of the shepherds seeing the angelic choir and finding the newborn Christ-child in a manger as they were told. You can read it in **Luke 2:8-16. That part is fine.**

We'll be showing some pictures of what is COMMONLY taught – to show how they differ from scripture. So the pictures are not depicting things correctly.

BUT MANY baby Jesus scenes also **usually show 3 KINGS with the shepherds – and all of them at the stable with Christ in the manger.** I think they go with 3 kings because there were 3 GIFTS given to

the child to depict what the Messiah would be: gold – for royalty/kingship, Frankincense – to depict his priestly role of the order of Melchizedek, and **Myrrh** to show his suffering.

Myrrh was used in embalming, also in the anointing oil (Exodus 30:23) and myrrh was mixed with wine to produce a pain-killing sedative to those being crucified. Christ refused it (Mark 15:23) as he had to go through pain for us.

But Scripture refers to them as “wise men” or “magi” from the east. Perhaps they had come down a line of wise men who had been taught by Daniel, hundreds of years earlier. There **could have been 3, 10, 12 magi or wise men** – who knows how many. And with their valuable gifts, they may have had dozens or scores of armed men with them. Their arrival would have been significant in Jerusalem.

AND NO KINGS OR WISE MEN WERE EVER beside the manger

8 days after his birth, Jesus was circumcised. But when did the magi come? Let's put Matthew 2:11 up – where it tells us how and when the magi found Jesus. It was NOT at the manger scene. He is no longer referred to as a baby in Matthew 2 – but as “the young child”. And remember Herod killed all toddlers age 2 and younger, so that also indicates by this time, they were back inside a house and Yeshua was now a toddler.

Matthew 2:11

And when they (the magi) had come into **THE HOUSE**, they saw the **YOUNG CHILD with** Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they **presented gifts to Him**: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Joseph is warned in a dream to flee immediately for their lives in danger from Herod. So Joseph, Mary and the young child Yeshua flee to Egypt.

Matthew 2:14

When he (Joseph) arose, he took **the young Child** and His mother by night and departed for Egypt...”

I'm out of time. ON these videos I have to keep them to 45 minutes or less. But as we remember the birth of Yeshua the Son of God, of the line of David from both of his parents, **remember who this Yeshua was:**

He was of course a good man. But he wasn't JUST a good man. He came from heaven as the Word of God, and by his birth and resurrection on earth, became known as the Son of God, and was also God himself (John 1:1-3; Romans 1:1-4, especially verse 4; Hebrews 1:6,8).

Yeshua wasn't just a good man or prophet. He was your Creator. Then he came to live and tabernacle among flesh – “the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14).

John 1:10-14

He was in the world, **and the world was made through Him**, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Yeshua was sent by God the Father to live and then die for all humanity who will repent and accept him as Savior, because God loves people from all over the world so much. (John 3:16)

Yeshua gave up the power, glory and wealth and everything he had in heaven to become a carpenter's son – and then a carpenter himself and lived a humble, normal life.

Philippians 2:5-11 (Holman Bible)

Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus,

6 who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage.

7 Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men.

And when He had come as a man in His external form,

8 He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross.

9 For this reason God also highly exalted Him

and gave Him the name that is above every name,

10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow—

of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth—
11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.”

I'll do a whole message on who exactly Yeshua was – he was and is Savior, God with us (Emmanuel), the Lion of Judah, the Lamb of God, and King of Kings – who is returning soon to set up the kingdom on earth for 1000 years. You will see and meet him at his return if you are among those filled by his spirit and who is not a part of this world. Though he is the coming Judge, Ruler, Mighty King, He wants to also be your Friend and older brother. And he IS – when you come into the family of God – though he be a king, he is also your **brother and defender and Advocate**.

So as the world parties through Christmas, revels in re-labeled pagan celebrations to the Sun and to Saturn, Odin, Mithra and many more – we, the children of God will not be part of it.

God tells his children – you and I – to COME OUT of Babylon (whose original customs dominate every country). Come out completely.

Revelation 18:4

“And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "**Come OUT of her,** (Babylon) **MY people**, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.”

So we can't be dabbling in Christmas anymore. NOT ONE BIT.

* **Remember the lesson of the forbidden tree** in the Garden of Eden. They were not to eat of it – at ALL.

* **Remember the lesson of the gold calf:** even though Aaron said they were really worshiping YHVH, God was furious. Exodus 32:1-7

* Remember the lukewarm Laodiceans Rev 3:10-11, not hot, not cold but sickeningly lukewarm.

God detests that. If we do dabble in it, then that's an example of God's people NOT coming out of Babylon. We're partly in and partly out. *You can't dabble in these pagan holidays anymore and think you'll be OK with God in the judgment. Especially NOW – now that you know better.*

And remember God likes to be worshiped in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
So much about Christmas is just plainly untrue. And putting Christ's name on to the pagan holiday and its celebrations just makes it doubly repugnant.

It's not possible to be a 100% believer and be dabbling in Babylon's pagan ways.

It will mean some serious decisions and changes on your part. If you have relatives and children, it can be tough at first. But remember, we are to love God above all else. And we are glad Yeshua came to live as a mere mortal and to live and die for us, but all that has nothing to do with Christmas.

Come Yeshua. Father, please send him soon. The world needs Him and the world and all of us, need you.

Until next time, this is Philip Shields, your brother and friend in Christ too. Thanks for watching, tell your friends about us, and feel free to comment and contact us. God bless you all and give you peace and joy through Christ Jesus our Lord.