



Christmyths and the Folly of It All

As December begins we officially enter the season of the secular showcase holiday of Xmas. In response we have posted a new article on our home page reviewing the errors of this man-made observance. It's called "Christmyths and the Folly of the Holly." We hope you will take a moment to read it. The piece is short and easy to digest. Here is a snippet from that Web article:

"Significantly, not one verse in all of the Scriptures commands man to remember the birthday of Yahshua the Messiah's human advent. If there were, rest assured that man would virtually ignore it, as he does the other direct commands of Yahweh. Ironically, this holiday-entirely missing from Scripture-is elevated to superholiday status.

"Nowhere does the Bible say the Messiah was born on December 25. That date coincides with the Saturnalia, the pagan Roman feast held in December at the winter solstice in honor of the returning sun-god. In the spirit of joining what cannot be overthrown, the Roman church adopted this day of solar rebirth as the birth of the Savior. The Son for the sun.

"Along the way facts surrounding the Savior's birth have been twisted into fantasy. For example, the wise men never came to the manger but to Mary and Joseph's house as long as two years after His birth (Matt. 2:11). The Messiah was not a babe by then but a child. Their gifts were not birthday presents but royal gifts befitting a King (of the Jews). Tradition says the shepherds came and worshiped Yahshua in the manger. The Bible says they glorified Yahweh the FATHER for all that they had seen and heard, Luke 2:20. Christmas is clearly the case of an ancient rite retrofitted into a biblical story of the Messiah and the results are a compendium of error and myth."

The complete article can be found here: <http://www.yrm.org/christmyths.htm>

DVD Card Determines Interest

This past week our volunteers put together another biweekly DVD mailing. Because of the ever-increasing size of these mailings, and commensurate costs, we need to know whether those receiving them are truly interested. To find out we have asked each participant in the DVD program to fill out and return the enclosed card. Those who do not return the card will be dropped from the DVD program. We must be good stewards of limited resources and mail only to those who show active interest.

Streamlined Services



We hope our two new upgrades will be evident for those of you who join us for our live internet services and receive our DVDs. We have upgraded our audio station in the control room (see the above left photo) This will allow us improved audio and ease of use. We have also added an LCD monitor in the pulpit and rear control of our Power Point presentations rather than an on-pulpit laptop. We believe this will give a much cleaner and more organized service.

Test Your Tutelage - Man Not Made for the Sabbath

What does Mark 2:27 mean that man was not made for the Sabbath, and why does verse 28 say Yahshua was master of the Sabbath day?

That the Sabbath is irrelevant and Yahshua did not keep it

That man can make his own rules for Sabbath keeping and Yahshua had none

That during desperate times Sabbath rigidity can be pliable and Yahshua defines what compliance is

None of these.

Verse 27 in Benjamin Wilson's Greek Diaglott reads, "The Sabbath because of the man was made, not the man because of the Sabbath." This Greek-based translation gives a bit different meaning. Yahshua showed in this verse, and the one before it in which that David ate of the showbread under extreme hunger, that there are times when in order to save a life that gray areas can be clarified. In both cases of alleged infraction a blatant violation never occurred. The showbread was going to be eaten anyway, as one of the first responsibilities of the priest when he began his duties was to eat the old showbread. Although not a priest at this point, David was anointed of Yahweh as Israel's leader and would be a priestly king in the Kingdom to come (Ezek. 37:24-25).

Yahshua, as master of the Sabbath, had the authority to define proper Sabbath keeping. He chose to do good rather than evil by healing. The Pharisees simply considered it "work" and therefore an infringement on the Sabbath law. Yahshua did not consider it a Sabbath violation to tell a man to stretch forth his hand so that it could be made whole again.

These self-consuming men were so blinded by their "phariseism" that they could not recognize a miracle for the astounding act of deliverance and love that it was. Instead they criticized Him for demonstrating in such an awe-inspiring way what is and what is not Sabbath breaking.

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