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"BUT HE THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTO THE END, THE SAME SHALL BE
SAVED" (MTH. 24:13)

XMAS

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The first thing that you will notice about this particular issue of **Unto the End** is the title. You will note that in the place of what would ordinarily be the word "Christ" is the simple letter "X". Some would read this title and say, "You've taken Christ out of Christmas"; indeed, I have. The reason I have taken Christ out of Christmas is that He has NEVER been in Christmas and he NEVER WILL be in Christmas. Xmas is a pagan holiday so why would a Holy God be "in" something like that anyway? Yes, Christmas is a Catholic holiday with "Christian" elements thrown in, repackaged, and now celebrated the world over regardless of religious affiliation. Regardless of the "Christian" theme, Xmas is pagan at its roots. You cannot take something that is pagan, dress it up and then "make it holy". Things don't work that way. You can put lipstick and perfume on a pig and at the end of the day, the animal is still a pig. Xmas is along these lines. As stated, it is a pagan holiday and Christians are not to celebrate pagan holidays. I want to further examine this subject in this issue of **Unto the End** with the hopes that at the conclusion of the article you will see that born again Christians should not take part in Xmas. Amen.

"I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth."
1 Jn. 2:21 (Emphasis mine).

Please take time to mediate on this opening scripture. The passage says that NO lie is of the truth. In relation to the topic at hand, the Holy Bible does NOT SAY ANYWHERE what

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day Jesus Christ was born on! Only that He was born. Since we don't know what day He was born on, then to say He was born on December 25th is a LIE. NO LIE IS OF THE TRUTH. My question here is do you think God is happy that His people are accepting and celebrating a lie? Further, God could have told us the exact day and month of Jesus' birth but chose not to. Don't you think that if God wanted you to celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus He would have told you the day He was born on? I mean, that stands to reason doesn't it? The reason I say this is because many people will say that although the Bible doesn't give us the day of the birth of Christ, it also doesn't specifically tell us NOT to celebrate His birth. No, but the Bible DOES tell God's people not to take part in pagan customs and celebrations. We will have more on that later. But for now, let's just at least agree that the Bible does NOT tell us the day of Christ's birth and as such to say He was born on December 25th is then a lie. No lie is of the truth. God is not happy when His own people take part in something that is a lie especially since Satan is the Father of all liars (John 8:44) and all liars will have their part in the Lake of Fire, (Rev. 22:15). But if you are born again God is supposed to be your Father, not Satan. When you take part in a lie you are emulating the Father of Liars. God forbid. Let us continue.

Since we have established that the Bible does NOT say what day Jesus was born on the next question is, why do people celebrate His birth on December 25th? I'm not going to take the

time to get into this to its full extent but December 25th was a pagan holiday long before Jesus Christ was born. The Catholic Church, as they always do, wanting to get pagans into church decided to take this day, dress it up, call it the birth of Christ Jesus and have a special mass, the Christ Mass (Christmas). This would get the pagans into the church and also allow them to still have this special day. Please take time to research this to its fullest extent. The date of December 25th is an old pagan holiday. Even modern witches that are up on things and honest know this; the same can be said for Easter and many other Catholic Holydays. At this point some say, “Well, okay, but to me I’m celebrating Jesus’ birth and I don’t care about the pagan origins.” Well, that may be but you can’t take something that’s pagan, dress it up in the cloak of Christianity and in doing so “purify” that which is pagan. God’s people tried this in the Old Testament:

“And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And when Aaron saw it, he built an alter before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the Lord. And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sad down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.” Ex. 32:3-6.

“And the Lord plagued the people, because they had made the calf, which Aaron made.” Ex. 32:35.

The people of God in this example made a golden calf (pagan custom) and then said they would throw a feast to the Lord. They made a pagan item and tried to worship it with God being involved; similar to Christians keeping a pagan holiday “to the Lord”. What was God’s response? God did NOT receive this and plagued the people as a result. In fact, He was going to wipe them out altogether had it not been for Moses’ intervention on their behalf! Let’s use a New Testament passage to also make this point:

“Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.” Ja. 3:11-12.

You cannot take a pagan holiday or custom, wrap it up in the cloak of Christianity and make it “holy”. Actually, if you look at scripture, when an idol is placed in the Temple it pollutes the Temple. The Temple does NOT sanctify the idol!! Praise the Lord! Let’s continue with this idea of pagan roots.

“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 the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.” Jer. 10:2-4.

This passage in Jeremiah, LONG before Jesus Christ was born is profound. Please read it one more time. It starts off with God saying to His people, “Do NOT do what heathen people do”. He then goes on to give a specific example in that apparently the heathen were taking trees out of the forest, decorating them with silver and gold and setting them up in their houses; does this sound

familiar to anybody? Yes, this is a Xmas tree. I am well aware that the people in this time didn't call it a Xmas tree but the point is, the heathen took the trees, decorated them, and then put them in their houses. God told us NOT TO DO THIS IT IS A HEATHEN PRACTICE. Again, everything about Xmas has pagan origins. Please look up such things as Yule Logs, kissing under Mistletoe, etc. These are superstitious pagan things all wrapped up in the cloak of Christ. But as we've seen, salt water cannot flow from a fresh water spring and an idol doesn't get purified if it's brought into the House of God. It pollutes the House! Amen.

I want to look at one last angle and then we will conclude. Please read the following passage carefully:

“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.”

Jn. 15:18-19.

Jesus instructed his followers that the world would hate them just as the WORLD HATES JESUS. Why? Because Jesus was NOT OF THE WORLD and all that are His are NOT OF THIS WORLD. The world loves HIS OWN but Jesus and true Christians are NOT OF THE WORLD therefore the WORLD HATES them. Question: why would the world, that HATES JESUS, want to celebrate His birth? The answer: because Christmas has nothing to do with the real Jesus Christ. It is a pagan holiday wrapped up in the cloak of Christianity. Jesus said to keep the seventh day of the week holy. I don't see the world doing this? I don't see the world honoring THIS day. An actual DAY HE COMMANDED that we keep holy. But I do see the world honoring a day, December 25th, a day GOD DID NOT SAY TO HONOR, a day that has pagan roots. I see that. Do you?

In conclusion Xmas is a pagan holiday invented by the Catholic Church (\$\$\$) and wrapped up on the cloak of Christianity. The Bible does not say Jesus was born on December 25th so to celebrate this day as the day of Christ's birthday is a lie. The various things associated with Xmas (the day, the Xmas tree, Yule log etc.) are all pagan in origin. God does not want Christians to learn the way of the heathen! And finally, Jesus Christ said the world hated Him (they put him to death)! Why would the world want to celebrate the birth of one they hated and murdered? The Jesus in Xmas is “another Jesus” not the only True, Holy, and Living God found in the Bible. If you are a Christian I implore you and exhort you to cease celebrating this Catholic/Pagan holiday and start worshiping God in Spirit and in Truth. It's the only way you can worship Him (Jn. 4:24). May the eyes of your understanding be opened and your heart softened to receive the engrafted Word that can make you wise unto salvation. Jesus Christ is coming back soon, He is a consuming fire. Prepare to meet your God. Maranatha.

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