



THE MEANING OF HOLIDAYS

We just finished celebrating Thanksgiving without a thought of remembering to thank the Lord for all that he has done for us. On December 25 we will celebrate Christmas without a thought about Jesus Christ. The world is now concentrating on the buying and selling of goods. There is not a single thought about the greatest gift that has been given. There is not a thought about the suffering that Jesus had to endure so that he could bestow the greatest gift of salvation to us.

Mindlessly we are believing the pundits who are telling us that thanksgiving is a holiday about production and commerce. These lies are directly from Satan! Thanksgiving was when the Pilgrims were so grateful just to be alive that they had a feast to thank the Lord for their new friends and their survival of one year in what we now call Massachusetts.

Mindlessly we see men spending Thanksgiving afternoon in front of an "idiot-box" watching a football game. Where is the remembrance of that first Thanksgiving where the Pilgrims were thankful to the one who really helped them through that first year? Why is the world so focused on forgetting everything about the Lord Jesus Christ? Why is the world seeking to blot out the memory of everything that the Lord represents? Why are the original reasons for the holidays being blotted out and replaced with commerce?

The world is doing everything possible to destroy the meaning of Christianity. The world is busily promoting the exact opposite of the teachings of the Bible.

Ephesians 5:1-20

1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

12 For it is a shame even to speak of those

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things which are done of them in secret.

13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

All of the media are promoting everything that the Apostle Paul wrote about as bringing the wrath of God. Look at what the media along with the schools are promoting:

- Fornication
- Covetousness
- Filthiness
- Foolish talking
- Jestings
- Adultery
- Prostitution
- Witchcraft

The media along with the schools are busily promoting everything that is contrary to the teaching of the Bible. In fact, if you listen to what the media is saying about the church, they are calling us, "Right wing religious fa-

natics." While they promote fornication, abortion, murder, adultery, witchcraft, jesting, and etc., the church is fighting against the wicked of the world. The church is fighting to preserve righteousness and all of the fruit of the Spirit, while the world is doing its utmost to destroy everything that is good and clean.

Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, Independence Day, along with every other holiday have become days celebrating commerce and forgetting about the original reason for the holidays.

While the Christian community is busy proclaiming that sin will bring on the wrath of God, the world does everything in its power to promote health, wealth, and prosperity while living in sin. The world lies that you can live in sin without paying the consequences. But the bible tells us that the wages of sin is death!

Romans 6:17-23

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

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23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

While the world is constantly promoting sin without consequences, we know that sin does have its consequences. We know just by the huge number of single-parent households. We know by the number of abortions. We know by the increase of aids and new diseases. Thus we can conclude that those who choose to live in sin will suffer the consequences for their sin.

While the media and the world promote wickedness and sin, the church is a home of righteousness. While the world does everything possible to promote fornication, adultery, wickedness, homosexuality, and sin of all sorts, the Christian community is fighting the good fight against such lies. We are telling the world that fornication leads to single-parent families with all of the problems. Adultery leads to the breakup and destruction of a family. The wages of sin is death.

The world hates this message! The world is doing everything to blind the population from seeing that sin equals death. The world does its best to tell us that abortion is not murder, while we know that it is!

Why do you think that the world has had an increase of storms during the past several years? God has seen the wickedness of the world and the days of his return are soon at hand. We are seeing all of the signs that indicate his return. While the world is busy with its message of disinformation, the church is busy proclaiming the truth.

The day where the church is caught away and meets God in the air is rapidly approaching. Where will you be when the trumpet of the Lord sounds? Will you be busy earning a

living? Will you be too busy to hear? Will you be deceived by the wickedness of the world? The day of the Lord is coming upon an unsuspecting world who is caught up in all of their sin and wickedness. The judgment of the world is upon us! The time is at hand where the Lord will call his saints home. Will you be one of the few to rise to meet the Lord in the air?

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

This is what we call the rapture of the church. Will you be one of the few who will meet the Lord in the air? Jesus is going to call his church home and those who have their robes cleansed by the Lord Jesus Christ will rise to meet him in the air.

Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

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11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

While the world is busy proclaiming that the holidays are for production and commerce, we know and remember the true meaning of the holidays. Today is the day, now is the hour to make your calling and election sure.

What would happen if you missed the greatest opportunity in the world by missing the trumpet call of the Lord to come home?

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