

Christmas

During this time of year many people attend the "church of their choice" to "remember Jesus." All year long there are those that go about their work only looking out for themselves and their family and not giving any thought to Jesus Christ. But then, that one day comes around once a year called "Christmas" and people stop and think to themselves, "It's time to remember Jesus." This is really sad. We are commanded to meet together on the first day of the week to break bread (Acts 20:7). This represents the body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 11:23-24).

So we know from reading Acts 20:7 that we are to meet on the first day of the week to break bread. The bread represents Christ's body. Therefore, when we partake of the bread which represents Christ's body, we are to do it in remembrance of Jesus on the first day of the week. Now there are 52 weeks in the year. How can one suddenly say to oneself, "I need to stop and remember Jesus Christ" once per year and keep the commandments of Jesus? The bread represents His body and the cup represents His blood which was shed for us on Calvary. We are remembering and proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes again (1 Corinthians 11:26) each time that we partake of it. We do not partake of the bread and cup in memory of His birth. It is through His death that we have life!

The truth is that we must simply discern between good and evil -- between false, unauthorized sinful religious observances, on the one hand, and activities on the other hand which are social and seasonal, customary and traditional, harmless and innocent.

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