

CHRISTMAS  
ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS

- I. The Meaning of the word "Christmas"
- A. Christmas
1. La misa de Cristo (Español)
    - a. Christ's mass
    - b. Christmas [s]
  2. Cosmic Christmas - The Birth of the Sun God (Mithras/Sol Invictus)
- B. Beware of those who
1. Call evil good
  2. And good evil
  3. Isaiah 5:20
  4. Ephesians 5:11
    - a. "And have no fellowship" [sunkoin neite - present active imperative, 2 person plural, sunkoin ne ]
      - (1) This word means that believers are not to have in common with, hence, to partake with, share with, or have fellowship with.
      - (2) See also Revelation 18:4 - "partakers of" and
      - (3) I Tim. 5:22 - "partaker of".
    - b. "With the unfruitful works of darkness"
      - (1) This is the only time this phrase is used in the New Testament.
      - (2) "Unfruitful" [akarpois]
        - (a) The works referred to here are without fruit, barren, valueless.
        - (b) If there is going to be any fruit in the life of a human being, it must be produced by God the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23), for darkness is incapable of producing anything but noxious barrenness before God.
      - (3) Paul also refers to these "unfruitful works of darkness" as
        - (a) "Works of darkness" [Rom. 13:12]
        - (b) "Works of the flesh" [Gal. 5:19]
        - (c) "Wicked works" [Col. 1:21]
- C. "But rather reprove them."
1. Not only are believers to refrain from the unfruitful works of darkness, but also they are to actively reprove them.
  2. The word "reprove" [elenchete, present active imperative, 2 person plural, elench ] means we are to rebuke and refute, hence we are to convince and convict those involved in these works that they are sinning against God.
    - a. Paul is ordering us believers here in this verse, Ephesians 5:11, to reprove and rebuke the infiltration of the works of darkness in our midst.

- (1) Believers in local assemblies, like ours, are to convict the fleshly-minded in their midst that these evil works are contrary to God's righteous standard.
    - (a) I Tim. 5:20
    - (b) Titus 1:9
  - (2) James 4:17
- II. What we are to do when we meet a Nabal, Mr s or Necio
- A. Proverbs 9:6
  - B. Here is an illustration of a foolish person "Keep that Bible away from me if it is going to interfere with what I want to do." [Tim Lee, Southern Baptist Evangelist]

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