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## A Christians Holiday Season

As we venture into what we know as the holiday season each year, today's modern-day Christian is often times taught to do as the world does. Oftentimes we Christians unknowingly make ourselves friends of this world by following after the things of this world. There's an old saying that says "when in Rome do as the Romans do". The problem with that cliché is that it was no doubt conceptualized by the devil himself. Let's turn to James 4:4:

*Jas 4:4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

Within the Scripture we find that if we make ourselves friends of this world, we also make ourselves enemies of God. How many modern-day professing Christians do you suppose ever really contemplate this during the holiday season? How many modern-day professing Christians that are sitting in today's denominational first day of the week Sunday Sabbath churches even know that this Scripture exists? Do you think that they teach this Scripture in today's modern-day denominational first day of the week Sunday Sabbath churches?

My friends I daresay, that if we as Christians would have ever sat down and read the Bible for ourselves, we would have never been trapped and bound by the chains of our adversary's deceptions concerning this world's so-called "holiday season". To be honest with you my friends, there is very little that this world's so-called "holiday season" has to do with the Christian.

It seems that no matter where I go I am bombarded by people who are looking forward to the Christ mass season. Last month, this past September, I had stopped at a fast food restaurant to get a quick bite to eat. And I was in a hurry as I usually am and so I decided to go through the drive-through for a quick burger. And out of nowhere, when I got up to the window to pay the girl for my food... She proudly proclaimed how much she loved the fall because that meant that Christmas was coming. And she went on and on for the next couple of minutes about how excited she was because it was going to be her child's first Christmas. In short of parking my vehicle, and going into the restaurant, and taking her away from her job, and sitting her down at a table, and going through several hours of Bible study... There wasn't much I could do other than just shake my head and hand her my business card, and pray for her.

It amazes me how much today's modern-day Christian does not know about church history. And

not only are we ignorant of church history... But we're also ignorant of what is found in the very God breathed Scriptures that we all hold in our very hands. If we only knew what the Bible actually said about the things we practice during the world's so-called "holiday season". If we only knew how detestable these things were to our father in heaven. If we only knew what the Scripture said about adding too, and taking away from, our father's word. If we only knew how many times the phrase "every green tree" was used in our Bibles, and what it actually meant. If we only knew whose birthday it really was that we were celebrating on December 25th.

And the sad thing about all of this, is how much information that we all have at our fingertips. Today's generation is going to be held more accountable than any other generation, simply because of the information that we have at our fingertips. The early Israelites had no Bibles to read from. They had to go to the Temple and listen to the high priest read what was given to Moses. Unless you were a scribe, or a Pharisee, or a high priest, chances were good that you didn't even know how to read or write. Most of the people back in those days had no idea how to read or write unless you came from the upper echelons of society.

Even in Yeshua's time, a large majority of the population did not know how to read or write. And only a small portion of the majority even had a Torah scroll to read from. There were very few libraries, and there was certainly no Internet, or cell phones, or tablets, or laptops and computers like we have today. Most of the population of Yeshua's time had to come to the synagogue and listen to the Torah being recited by a Pharisee or a high priest if he wanted to know what was in the Torah. They couldn't just sit down in a nice comfortable chair and open up their Bibles and read it for themselves. And so, every seventh day Sabbath, on Saturday, everyone would venture to the synagogue so that they could hear the word of God being read to them from the Torah.

If someone in Yeshua's time wanted to know about the history of the Jews... There was no way to simply go to the library and look it up, let alone do a Google search. If someone in Yeshua's time wanted to know about the history of the Jews, they would have to actually go to the synagogue, and track down a scribe or a Pharisee or Rabbi and ask them to teach them the history of the Jews. If someone in Yeshua's time wanted to know what God said in the book of Deuteronomy, that person would have to go to the synagogue and track down a scribe, or a Pharisee, or Rabbi, and they would have to ask that person for their time to sit down and teach them these things.

Today it's as simple as asking your cell phone. I have with me a cheap little cell phone that cost me about 60 bucks. And on this cheap little cell phone, there is an icon of a little microphone. Now this is not some thousand-dollar iPhone that we're talking about here. This is just a cheap little android phone that most people carry with them day-to-day. And I just want to do a little experiment live here online. If I want to know whose birthday it is, that we are celebrating every December 25th, all I have to do is ask my cell phone. Now after studying my Bible, and reading through the Scripture, and then studying a little history, I know that there were several other man-made little G gods' all throughout ancient history. And anybody who's ever read their

Bible certainly knows who Tammuz is. So, all I have to do is press that little microphone and ask my cell phone “what is the birthday of Tammuz?”. ( ASK PHONE “WHAT IS THE BIRTHDAY OF TAMMUZ? Let them hear the answer!)

Now my friends, it doesn't take all that much studying to know and to understand that every major son God from Osiris, to Horus, to Moloch, to Tammuz, right on down the line was born on December 25th. Every major son God, no matter at what point in time throughout history that they lived, was born on December 25th. And it didn't take me any more than 10 seconds to get that information.

I tell you the truth my friends, today's generation is going to be held more accountable than any other generation when it comes to not knowing the truth. There is no other generation throughout all of mankind that has had this kind of information at their fingertips. How is it that we're going to be able to stand in front of our Messiah and tell him that we didn't know? How is it that we're going to be able to stand in front of our Messiah, and offer him any kind of excuse as to why we did not keep his commandments? How is it that we're going to be able to stand in front of our Messiah, and tell him that we didn't know any better than to chop down an evergreen tree and drag it into the house, and decorate it with silver and gold, and then teach our children to bow down to that evergreen tree every December 25th so that they can receive all the desires of their hearts without one time, offering up any thanks to God whatsoever?

Now I just want to stop here for a moment and talk to anyone who may be new to these things. I want to stop here for just a moment and talk to anyone who is still celebrating the pagan Roman catholic Christ mass on December 25th every year. If you still do not know any better than this... And you still do not know the danger that you are in, and the danger that you are putting your children in by celebrating the birthday of little baby Tammuz every December 25th, and teaching them to bow down before a green tree, and teaching them to worship a man in a blazing red suit that comes out of the fireplace to give them all the desires of their hearts, and teaching them that their names need to be in his good book, and teaching them the divination and the magic of flying reindeer and magical elves... Then I would like to invite you to our website at [www.holyimpactministries.com](http://www.holyimpactministries.com). And I would like to invite you to click on our Christmas tab and view the free informational videos and teachings that we offer for free. The scriptural and historical documentation and information found within those teachings will break the chains, and loosen the shackles from the hands and feet of a modern-day Christian. (TAKE THEM THERE!)

<http://www.holyimpactministries.com/christmas.htm>

And I would like to encourage you to also click on our “Hanukkah” tab so that you can view the informational videos that we have concerning “Hanukkah”, and what it is and what it is not. These informational videos will greatly enhance your understanding of the feast of dedication, also known as “Hanukkah”.

The trap that today's modern-day denominational Christian falls into... Is that we think that we are somehow high and above, and far superior than the early Israelite people. We somehow think that we can do exactly what they did, and get away with it. We somehow think, that we can profane his seventh day Sabbath by moving it to the first day of the week and get away with it. We somehow think that we can dabble in the divination and magic of flying reindeer, and magical elves, and rabbits that lay colored egg's, and dress them up like goblins, and demons, and witches and warlocks and the walking dead... and we think that we can teach these things to our children, while teaching them to completely and utterly ignore the gifts given to them by the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, and still think that we're not going to be held just as accountable as the early Israelites were when they dabbled in magic and divination, and idolatry, and other gods.

The trap that today's modern-day denominational Christian falls into... Is that we think somehow, that none of what the early Israelites did, pertains to us. Because we don't read the book for ourselves, and because we don't study to show ourselves approved, and because we don't know the truth of our early church history, we have chosen to make ourselves friends of this world. We have chosen to follow after the God of this world, instead of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. We have chosen to make ourselves, and our children, friends of the devil himself. By dancing with the devil in the pale moonlight, we think in our small minds that God does not see these things. We think in our small minds that God will not hold us accountable as he did the early Israelite people. Even though we are doing the exact same things. Even though we are guilty of the exact same idolatry, and the exact same worship of divination, and magic, and bowing down before every green tree, and teaching our children to worship a man in a flaming red suit comes out of the fireplace to give them all the desires of their hearts, and to write him letters, and to make sure that their names are in his good book, so that they can worship this world's God of toys, and completely and utterly ignore the gifts given to them by the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and his only begotten son Yeshua Hamashiach.

And so today, it is my mission is to rattle the cages of today's modern-day professing Christian, who sits in today's modern-day denominational first day of the week Sunday Sabbath houses of hopelessness, bound by the chains and the shackles of those who have been hypnotized by their so-called "early church fathers" and there prestigious "Bible commentators", and their councils of men who have been spoon-fed the deceptions of the God of this world for generations, and continue to turn around and spoon-feed these deceptions to God's people.

It is imperative that today's modern-day Christian wake up. And it is imperative that today's modern-day Christian get with the program. It is imperative that today's modern-day Christian come back to the truth of Sola Scriptura... Scripture only. And it is imperative that today's modern-day Christian start reading the Scripture for themselves. The days that we are now living in demand, that we do not sleep. The days that we are now living in demand that we are not found Wade and wanting. Let's turn to 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:1-11:

*1Th 5:1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you.*

*1Th 5:2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.*

*1Th 5:3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.*

*1Th 5:4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.*

*1Th 5:5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.*

*1Th 5:6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.*

*1Th 5:7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.*

*1Th 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.*

*1Th 5:9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*1Th 5:10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.*

*1Th 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*

My friends in verse seven, the apostle Paul speaks of those who sleep at night and who get drunk at night. He's not talking about those who are actually sleeping, or those who are getting drunk on alcohol. He's talking about those who are spiritually sleeping, those who are not studying to show themselves approved, those who are not in prayer daily, those who think Jesus did it all for them at the cross, those who are ignorant of the history of the church, those who are so easily led astray by their so-called "early church fathers", and their prestigious Bible commentators, and their councils and charters of men. These, are those Christians who are asleep. These are those Christians who profess to be Christians, but who do not know the truth of God's word because they refused to read the truth of God's word for themselves. These are those who are asleep, and drunk on the wisdom of men. They sleep through the truth, and get drunk on the doctrines, and the theologies, and the philosophy's, and the wisdom of man rather than drinking from the spirit of life, and seeking after the truth of God's word that can only be found through his God breathed Scriptures.

Speaking of the holiday season... We often get emails about Thanksgiving. And Christians always want to know if it's okay to celebrate Thanksgiving. And I would submit to you my friends that there is nothing wrong with celebrating Thanksgiving. In fact, if there ever were a holiday that man has created that would coincide and agree with the word of God... It would be Thanksgiving. Giving thanks is a major part of being a Christian. The question is who are you giving thanks to? Are you giving thanks to Santa Claus? Are you giving thanks to the Easter Bunny? Are you giving thanks to your boss at work? Are you giving thanks to the pilgrims, or to the Indians? Are you giving thanks to your parents, or your grandparents, or your aunt, or your uncle? Who are you giving thanks to this Thanksgiving? Because the truth is my friends without that little electrical spark that causes your heart to beat every second of every day, you have nothing. Without the breath of God in your lungs... you have nothing. Without just the

right amount of oxygen in the air, you have nothing. Without your health you have nothing. Without the sun moon and the stars operating meticulously on time every second of every day you have nothing. And without the only begotten son of God who is the only mediator between God and man the man Yeshua Jesus, you have nothing.

So, this Thanksgiving season, my hope and my prayer is that each and every Christian would give thanks to the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and his only begotten son who is the only mediator between God and man, the man Yeshua Jesus the Messiah. My hope and my prayer is that each and every Christian would give thanks to God first and foremost, and teach their children and their children's children to do the same.

There is nothing in the Scriptures that speaks against Thanksgiving. Unless... Your giving thanks to someone else first. The Scripture is extremely clear... There are no gods before the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And it is written that our God is a jealous God, and that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. And so, as we are giving thanks this Thanksgiving holiday, let us give thanks first and foremost to our father in heaven, and to his only begotten son, and then to our brothers and sisters who we are thankful for. The first fruits always... Always... Are given to the most high God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

As for the likes of Christ mass... And the wickedness of it... There should be no one who calls themselves Christian, who indulges in these things, let alone, teaches their children to indulge in such things. Understanding the very inception of this holiday is to understand the wickedness of the devil himself. Understanding the very inception of this holiday, is to understand what our father in heaven tells us not to do according to his God breathed Scriptures. Understanding the very inception of this holiday, is to understand who the wicked entity is that has changed the times and the laws of our father in heaven just as Daniel prophesied that he would. Understanding the very inception of this holiday, is to understand that one must lie to their children concerning the birthday of our Messiah. Understanding the very inception of this holiday, is to understand that December 25th is the birthday of every major son God throughout history. Understanding the inception of this holiday, is to understand the divination and magic, and the witchcraft and sorcery that comes with bowing down under a green tree that you chop down and drug into the house and decorated with silver and gold. Let's turn to Jeremiah 10:2-5:

*Jer 10:2 Thus says the LORD: "Learn not the way of the nations, nor be dismayed at the signs of the heavens because the nations are dismayed at them,*

***Jer 10:3** for the customs of the peoples are vanity. A tree from the forest is cut down and worked with an axe by the hands of a craftsman.*

*Jer 10:4 They decorate it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so that it cannot move.*

*Jer 10:5 Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field, and they cannot speak; they have to be carried, for they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good."*

My friends I have heard pastors, priests, bishops and the popish leaders of today's modern day denominational churches try to defend themselves against this Scripture several times, and fail miserably at it. And they will give you all kinds of excuses as to why this Scripture does not pertain to them and their Christ mass. They will try to tell you that you have to carve the tree into an idol in order for this Scripture to pertain to them. But I would submit to you my friends that there is nothing in this Scripture that says anything about carving a tree into an idol. In fact, anyone who reads their Bible at all, already know the wickedness of those who bow down before every green tree found in the Bible. Here are just some of the scriptures that explain to us why as Christians we do not want to bow down to an evergreen tree in our homes:

*Deu 16:21 "You shall not plant any tree as an Asherah beside the altar of the LORD your God that you shall make.*

*Deu 16:22 And you shall not set up a pillar, which the LORD your God hates.*

*Deu 12:1 "These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth.*

*Deu 12:2 You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every GREEN TREE.*

*1Ki 14:23 For they also built for themselves high places and pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every GREEN TREE.,*

*2Ki 16:4 And he sacrificed and made offerings on the high places and on the hills and under every GREEN TREE..*

*2Ki 17:10 They set up for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every GREEN TREE.,*

*2Ch 28:4 And he sacrificed and made offerings on the high places and on the hills and under every GREEN TREE..*

*Isa 57:5 Enflaming yourselves with idols under every GREEN TREE., slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks?*

*Jer 2:20 "For long ago I broke your yoke and burst your bonds; but you said, 'I will not serve.'*

Yes, on every high hill **and under GREEN TREE.** tree **you bowed down like a whore.**

*Jer 3:6 The LORD said to me in the days of King Josiah: "Have you seen what she did, that faithless one, Israel, how she went up on every high hill **and under every GREEN TREE.,** and there played the whore?*

*Jer 3:13 Only acknowledge your guilt, that you rebelled against the LORD your God and scattered your favors among foreigners **under every GREEN TREE.,** and that you have not obeyed my voice, declares the LORD.*

*Eze 6:13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when their slain lie among their idols around their altars, on every high hill, on all the mountaintops, **under every GREEN TREE.,** and **under every leafy oak,** wherever they offered pleasing aroma to all their idols.*

When we put gifts under the “green tree” in our homes, we must then “bow down” to receive that gift. Even though no one is intentionally bowing down to the tree itself, you are continuing a pagan tradition that Yahovah God our Father hates, and this is exactly why our adversary has caused the Roman Catholic church to institute this wicked tradition into the homes of Gods people. Let’s turn to Deuteronomy 12:29-32:

*Deu 12:29 "When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land,*

*Deu 12:30 take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do the same.'*

*Deu 12:31 You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.*

*Deu 12:32 “Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. **You shall not add to it or take from it.***

Bowing down before a tree to accept a gift is nothing more than our adversary slapping God in the face with the memory of what he has caused his children to do to honor himself instead of God. We as Christians are not to ask how these other nations served their gods that we may do the same. We are not to worship our God in that way, and we are not to add too... or take away from his word, and bowing down before an evergreen tree in order to receive all the desires of our hearts while lying to our children calling it Jesus birthday is simply blasphemous in the eyes of our Father in Heaven.

And this my friends is just a small sample of why it is that a Christian should never indulge in the Roman Catholic holiday called Christ mass. And again, for more information on this, you

can visit us at our website at HolyImpactMinistries.com and you can view hours of informative historical and scriptural information so that you can make an educated decision as to whether or not in these last days, you want to subject your children to these things.

And as we move on to New Year's Eve... We once again find a holiday that has nothing to do with God, and nothing to do with God's new year. But once again those who have made themselves friends of this world... Will wind up engaging in a man-made man created man fabricated holiday that has nothing to do with God's new year, and everything to do with changing the times and the laws of our father in heaven just as Daniel prophesied that the beast would do.

Any Christian who reads their Bible knows and understands that God's new year falls in the spring not the winter. Let's turn to Exodus 12:1-11:

*Exo 12:1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,*

*Exo 12:2 "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.*

*Exo 12:3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.*

*Exo 12:4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.*

*Exo 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,*

*Exo 12:6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.*

*Exo 12:7 "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.*

*Exo 12:8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.*

*Exo 12:9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.*

*Exo 12:10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.*

*Exo 12:11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.*

And so, let there be no doubt in the mind of any true Christian... That God's new year has nothing to do with January 1<sup>st</sup>. And that there be no doubt in the mind of any true Christian, that celebrating any other new year, is once again celebrating the wisdom of men above and beyond the wisdom of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

This New Year's Eve people will be lining the streets of New York City and all points around

the world to throw a huge man-made party and celebrate what they think is a new year. And today's modern-day professing Christian will throw in with a lot of them just as they do during Halloween and all hollows eve. Which is another one of the most blasphemous, and anti-Christian devil worshiping holidays of the season.

Once again, we find another holiday instituted by the Roman Catholic Church. The Roman Catholic Church calls Halloween "all Saints Day". It's a day when they pray to the dead. And once again, just as with all of these Catholic created holidays... We find no evidence of this anywhere in the Scripture. In fact, according to Scripture we are commanded not to pray to the dead. Let's turn to Deuteronomy 18:10-12:

*Deu 18:10 There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer  
Deu 18:11 or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead,  
Deu 18:12 for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you.*

Let's also turn to 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 10:13-14:

*1Ch 10:13 So Saul died for his breach of faith. He broke faith with the LORD in that he did not keep the command of the LORD, and also consulted a medium, seeking guidance.  
1Ch 10:14 He did not seek guidance from the LORD. Therefore the LORD put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.*

Once again, the Roman Catholic Church seems to be completely blinded by the truth of Scripture. They love to pray to their dead saints, and carry the dead bones, and skulls of their saints around on pillows, and they love to pray to the mother of our Messiah rather than our Messiah. They seem to love to exalt anyone other than the one mediator between God and man the man Yeshua Jesus. Let's turn to 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:5-6"

*1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,  
1Ti 2:6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.*

And I won't go any further into the demonic underpinnings of the pagan holiday of Halloween other than to say that if you are unaware of these things... Please visit us at [holyimpactministries.com](http://holyimpactministries.com) and click on our "H.I.M. teachings" tab, and then navigate down to our pagan holidays section and select the video teaching entitled "The Abominations of Halloween". And you'll find all of the information that you need there to use as a springboard into your own investigation.

As for the "holiday season" of a Christian... There is one other holiday that we have not mentioned that a true Christian should be observing, and that is the holiday of Hanukkah. And

once again we have several teachings on Hanukkah at our website at [holyimpactministries.com](http://holyimpactministries.com) and once again these video teachings are free. We do not sell the word of God at holy impact ministries.com.

Those of us who celebrate the “feast of dedication” also known as “Hanukkah”, celebrate the power and the glory of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob who restored the temple to his chosen people who were persecuted by a type in shadow of the antichrist himself, who ruthlessly murdered God’s chosen people and entered into the temple and slaughtered a pig on the altar of God.

The story of the “feast of dedication” also known as “Hanukkah” is a story that each and every Christian should know and understand. It is a story of sacrifice, is a story of good versus evil, and is it is a story of how good triumphs over evil. It’s a story of the power that the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob holds over the God of this world. And the “feast of dedication” also known as “Hanukkah” is just one of the feast days that are very Messiah sanctified by attending it himself. Let’s turn to John 10-22:

***Joh 10:22** At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, Joh 10:23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.*

My friends it’s important for every Christian to know and to understand, that are Messiah kept all of the feast days and appointments of our father in heaven, including the “feast of dedication” also known as “Hanukkah”. And the Scriptures clearly command that we walk as he walked. How many Christians today do you suppose are walking as he walked? How many Christians today are keeping the “feast of dedication” also known as “Hanukkah”. And how many Christians today are doing nothing but making excuses as to why they don’t have to be bothered with it?

A Christians “holiday season”. What should it entail? And what should it not entail? What should I true Christian who walks as their Messiah walked be involved in, and what should a true Christian who walks as their Messiah walked, not be involved in? What should a true Christian who walks as their Messiah walked be teaching their children? And what should a true Christian who walks as their Messiah walked, not be teaching their children? Let’s be clear and honest my friends. Our Messiah never attended a Christ Mass... or and Easter, or a Halloween, or a New Year’s Eve party on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

In the end my friends, the answers to these questions are up to you. As we always say here at holy impact ministries... The truth comes from no pastor, priest, Bishop, or Pope. The truth only comes from one of two places. One is the God breathed Scriptures that we hold in our very hands, and the other is the Ruach Hakodesh of God, the Holy Spirit that is the only entity ordained by our Messiah himself to give us the truth. And so, in closing... I would like to ask you to please go to your prayer closet, and bow your head and bend your knees, and faced the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua, Shia Jesus the Messiah if these

things you've heard here today are true or not. And if you will ask seek and knock the door will be opened to you. But trust no man with your salvation, and no charter of men, or Council of men. Do not trust the wisdom of men or their so-called "early church fathers" or there prestigious "Bible commentators", or their denominational charters of men. But trust only what is given to you through the God breathed Scriptures that you read, and the spirit of God that dwells within you.

I cannot tell you how important this is. I cannot tell you how close we are to his coming kingdom. I cannot tell you how close we are to World War III. As we read through Matthew chapter 24 and we make note of the list of things that our Messiah said would come to pass in these last days, there should be no doubt in anyone's mind, that each and every one of these events has already taken place, or is just about to take place.

There is no doubt in my mind that World War III is on the horizon. Whether we are seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks or months away from it, I do not know. But I do know that we are now living in the last days. Albert Einstein once said "I do not know with what kind of weapons world war III will be fought... but I do know that world war 4 will be fought with sticks and stones". We are that generation that our Messiah speaks of in Matthew chapter 24. We are about to live through Jacob's trouble. We are about to witness the fulfillment of prophecy in our lifetimes. And no matter how close you believe that we are or are not... I think we can all agree that we are closer now than when we first believed.

And so, as we enter into what we know as the world's "holiday season" ... My hope and prayer is that each and every Christian will take the time this year to audit their faith. And to ask themselves why they believe what they believe. Do you believe what you believe because someone told it to you? Or do you believe what you believe because it has been given to you by the Holy Spirit of God, and verified through his God breathed Scriptures? Are you walking in the ways of our Messiah, or are you walking in the ways of this world? And one more time before I leave you... I will leave you with the Scripture that we started with... James 4:4:

*Jas 4:4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*