

THE ORIGINAL CHRISTMAS Part 2

Reference: **Luke 2:1-20**

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Definition: Christmas is the festive _____ and _____ (i.e. ceremonial remembrance) of Jesus Christ's birth that is held on December 25th.

Problems with the argument that Christmas has a quasi-pagan beginning and therefore should be boycotted:

Problem One: No one is _____ about the pagan origins of Christmas.

Problem Two: The meaning of any word, symbol, or custom is to be determined according to its _____ and not its _____.

Example one: _____ is Sanskrit for "good fortune."

Example two: Christian congregations that worship together on _____; The English word Sunday is derived from the Latin language of the ancient Roman Empire and that word in Latin originated as "the _____." Romans worshipped the sun and the sun's day was the name of an ancient cultic Roman holiday.

Regarding most cultural practices Christians fall into three different categories:

- Some just accept the practice wholesale and never even _____ its merit.
- Some reject it and retreat into their Christian _____.
- Some carefully evaluate the cultural practice, _____ what is unbiblical and _____ what has potential value.

References: **Romans 14:5; Colossians 2:16**

Read **verses eight** through **eleven**.

The angel announced the child as _____, _____ and _____.

The actual name literally means "Jehovah God _____" or in one word, "_____."

Reference: **I Timothy 1:15** (see screen)

Christ is the Greek equivalent to the word _____. Both Messiah and Christ mean "_____." An anointed one was someone that had received a divine assignment.

Reference: **I Timothy 6:14-15** (see screen)

The word translated from the Greek language as Lord is "*kurios*" and it describes someone that is the legitimate righteous sovereign. The word "*kurios*" is another name for _____. If someone confesses Jesus as Lord, he is confessing Jesus as _____.

Read **verses twelve** through **fourteen**.

What peace did these angels have in mind?

The peace these angels are addressing is the internal peace that comes from _____. Man's sin separates him from God; but, through salvation, we can peace with God.

Reference: **Romans 5:1** (see screen)

Read **verses fifteen** through **twenty**.

Definition: Christmas worship is defined as all that we are giving _____ and _____ to all that Jesus is as God and our Savior.

Christmas worship was those shepherds getting _____ in **the angel's announcement**.

Christmas worship was those shepherds _____ to _____ the **Christ child**.

Christmas worship was those same shepherds committed to _____ everywhere that **Jesus the Savior had been born**.