

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, M r 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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