



QA: Does the Church Celebrate Christ's Birth? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: Do the churches of Christ celebrate the birth of Christ?

ANSWER: We try to only follow what the New Testament says.

1. Christ Or Christ-Mass? Jesus said of the Pharisees:

"And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men — the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do. He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition." (**Mark 7:7-9**)

Do you notice the "doctrines" and "commandments of men" are practices without any authority from God? The Pharisees wanted to appear even more religious than those who simply obeyed God's Word, so they made up practices to observe, and set aside "the commandment of God." The observance of a "Christ's Mass" is just such a Pharisaical practice. Christians remember Jesus' death in the Lord's Supper, and resurrection every 1st day of the week (**Acts 20:7**). For a "Christ's Mass," many set these aside.

2. Getting Jesus Right-No Mass! The New Testament writers, "did not follow cunningly devised fables" (**2 Peter 1:16**) when they wrote about Jesus Christ. A "fable" is a "myth, fairy tale, or falsehood."

Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle. (**2 Thessalonians 2:15**)

A "tradition" is "a practice handed down, or passed along," so Christian "traditions" must come from the Apostles, themselves. No "tradition," then, that cannot be found in God's New Testament, should be practiced by Christians, for "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (**Romans 10:17**). In the New Testament, Christians did not:

- 1)** celebrate Jesus' birth;
- 2)** say He was born during some pagan time change of seasons;
- 3)** mix up Bible events;
- 4)** mix Bible records with myths or fairy tales!

Take Christ out of the mess of "Mass!"

3. Fact About Baby Jesus: This time of year, in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, many think everyone is saved, as one of God's spiritual children, just because Jesus

was born. Jesus, however, said it takes more effort than to simply "seek" to enter His kingdom.

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able." (**Luke 13:24**)

Then He shows that the many will think they should be allowed in only because,

"We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets."
But He will say, "I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity." (**Luke 13:24-27**)

But we can be reconciled to God by "the death of His Son," (**Romans 5:10**), not His birth! The "virgin birth" led to the "virgin death."

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