

## **GOD WARNS ABOUT HUMAN TRADITIONS**

Last week, we asked you to think about God's warnings concerning human traditions. Not all traditions are sinful but making Christmas a holy day of the church is sinful because:

In Matthew 15:3, Jesus warns of human traditions which transgress the commands of God. Christmas does this when it is viewed as equally or more important than the weekly Lord's Day. Do you see the harm in man declaring a day to be holy and then elevating it alongside, or above, a day God declares to be holy? When men make Christmas and the Lord's Day equally important they transgress God's law by their traditions. Matthew 15:9 tells how serious this is.

In Colossians 2:8, Paul warns of empty deceit. A religious lie is empty deceit. Christmas is typically called "Jesus' birthday," but God did not tell us the day of Jesus' birth. The website of the Catholic Church says that Christmas was not a festival of the early church. That means that Mary and Peter did not celebrate Christmas. It is empty deceit to say "Christ belongs in Christmas" or "Christmas is Jesus' birthday."

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