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Interactive Bible Study

CHRISTMAS: BIBLICAL OR NOT? From Church of God Southwest

(Please cite scripture when answering these questions.)

1. Why do or don't you observe Christmas?
2. What biblical evidence is there concerning the time of year of Christ's birth? Do we have proof that Christ was born on December 25th?
3. What did Christ or the apostles tell us about commemorating His birth?
4. How old is the tradition of Christmas? How did the current practice of Christmas come to be what it is now? Consult your Bible & encyclopedia on the following topics:
 - a. Christmas tree
 - b. Santa Claus/St. Nick
 - c. origin of the word Christmas
 - d. Why was the date December 25th chosen?
 - e. exchanging of gifts
 - f. Yule log
 - g. mistletoe
5. Is the celebration of Christmas and its many symbols and traditions in conflict with any of the 10 Commandments of God? If so, which ones?
6. Does Deuteronomy 12:30-31 apply to Christmas? Explain.
7. What happened to Israel and Judah when they worshiped God using pagan traditions and idols?
8. Explain the meaning of Jeremiah 10:2-5.
9. What does God say about the traditions of men? What does God say about how He wants us to worship Him?
10. As believers, we are told to walk in Christ and to please Him (Colossians 2:6, 1Thessalonians 4:1). How would you defend this principle by keeping or not keeping Christmas based on the study above?