



pastor's thoughts

Hello and Merry Christmas to you all.

Here is another Pastor's Thought.

Roman 14:1-3;

Receive one who is weak in the Faith, but not to dispute over

but lets look at Baptism. Baptism was used in the Bible, OT & NT as a sign of Spirit cleansing at the same time it was also be-

fact that the spirit of Ant-Christ has tried and is still trying to remove them from our culture along with the Ten Command-

ments is proof that they are understood all over the World to be symbols of Christianity.

I know

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doubtful things. One believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats (all things) despise him who does not eat (eats vegetables), and let not him who does not eat (eats vegetables) judge him who eats; for GOD has received him.

Every year at is time I get asked the same two questions over and over, "Should Christians celebrate Christmas, and should we use Christmas Trees to celebrate Christmas?", because they have or may have some Pagan origin. I want to help you deal with these questions in light of what our modern culture is trying to turn Christmas into. Our culture says that Christmas is and idea, a Spirit of Giving or the Spirit of Christmas, and that is way off base. I believe that is a deliberate attempt to hide or do away with the real meaning of Christmas, which is to celebrate the Birth of our LORD AND SAVOR JESUS CHRIST'S and the miracle of His virgin birth, and GOD's incarnation. Do Certain Holidays have some Pagan origins, like Christmas and Easter? Maybe,

ing use in Pagan rituals. So where did it come from and who started it first? Who knows and who really cares? I think God started it and the devil copied it. The devil has always tried to copy and distort everything that GOD has created, but if we did away with everything the spirit of Ant-Christ distorts, then we would have to do away with some things GOD has commanded, like Marriage. Any Pagan concepts associated with Christmas, Christmas Tree or Easter, have long lost their significance and meanings years and years ago, just as did the Names of the Days of the Weeks, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, all of which were once associated with Pagan beliefs. Over the 233 years from the foundations of our great nation "America" our Forefathers and Mothers have established Christmas, December 25 as the day Christians in America and all over the World celebrate the Birth of CHRIST JESUS THE LORD AND SAVOR OF ALL MANKIND, and this is widely know and excepted all over the world without exception. The same goes for the Christmas Tree. And the very

what the Bible says in Jeremiah 10 & Isaiah 44, and without getting into a long message I will just say, that God was warning His people not to get caught up in Idol worship. It is not saying you cannot use a Tree as a symbol for anything, just don't worship it.

In fact throughout the Old Testament and New Testament, we see GOD himself In His own Word using the Tree as a symbol of a lot of things, and even his son JESUS. ISAIAH 11:1; **A SHOOT WILL COME UP FROM THE STUMP OF JESSE; FROM HIS ROOTS A BRANCH WILL BEAR FRUIT: He was talking about JESUS.**

ISAIAH 4:2, JER 23:5-6, JER 33:15-16, ZECH 3:8 & ZECH 6:12 all say He is seen as the Branch, as the Tree of Righteousness. REV 2:7 He is the Tree of LIFE. Just to name a few. GOD in the Garden of Eden used a Tree of Life, Which JESUS is referred to, and I could go on and on, and I haven't even mentioned anything about Cross of Calvary and what that tree is the symbol for,

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but I think you get the message. JESUS;
I also don't think I have to explain why I
used ROMAN's 14:1-3, but I will say, that PASTOR JERRY & PEGGY
what

Paul is
saying
in these
verses
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Acts 15,
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sians 2:16 which says it very clear;
` 2:16 **DO NOT LET ANYONE JUDGE YOU
WITH RESPECT TO FOOD OR DRINK OR IN
THE MATTERS OF A FEAST/CELEBRATION,
NEW MOON, OR THE SABBATH DAY.**

In short Paul is saying, "it is a matter of
personal freedom and liberty, not a
matter of the Law-keeping.
Whether or not someone chooses to ob-
serve Christmas, Easter or use a Christmas
Tree is a matter of personal liberty.
So the question we should be asking our-
selves, is why are we celebrating Christ-
mas or using a Christmas Tree? If we are
doing it for any other reason than to CELE-
BRATE THE BRITH OF OUR LORD AND SA-
VOR JESUS CHRIST AND THE MIRACLE OF
THE VIRGIN BRITH AND GOD'S INCARNA-
TION, then you may be engaging in a Pa-
gan ritual.

So can Christian celebrate Christmas and
use a Tree to as a symbol to Christmas?
YES!!!

I SAY SHOUT IT OUT LOUD AND CLEAR.
MERRY CHRISTMAS IN THE NAME OF
JESUS!!!

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