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

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Be Merry Without Alcohol!

Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. (**Romans 13:13**)

These are terms that describe company parties, conventions, frat parties, bars and taverns, Christmas and New Year Eves, or proms. This verse teaches us to behave as if others can see us in the daytime; therefore NOT with rioting and dulled judgments in alcohol and drugs; NOT sexual excesses and perversions; NOT with quarrelling and jealousy!

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. (**Romans 13:14**)

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (**Galatians 3:27**)

Christians will, and should, choose not to!

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### **Profane Pleas**

"Profanity" literally means "making it as common as a doorsill." Few give a passing thought to a doorsill when crossing it. That is exactly the attitude toward God's Name that is forbidden. When Israel used to be God's chosen people, He said:

"And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD." (**Leviticus 19:12**)

Jesus' New Law teaches Christians to pray:

"Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name." (**Luke 11:2**)

It is only when Bible history is ignored that people profane God's Name. Constant "OMG's" profanes God. When disaster comes, how can a profane person mean it when he says: "God, help me"? If we wish to call on God to help, don't profane His Name.

The LORD is for me among those who help me. (**Psalms 118:7**)

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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!"

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**Jesus: More Than Meets the Eye**

Peter reminded Christians of Jesus:

... Whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.  
(**1 Peter 1:8**)

Peter was there when Jesus said,

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."  
(**John 20:29**)

The Bible describes everything about Jesus Christ we need to know to love Him, His: character, personality, compassion, doctrine, motive, knowledge, power, wisdom, dedication, and purity. Everything, that is, except His physical appearance. The churches of Christ in the New Testament, Christians, never had statues, pictures, or any physical representation of Jesus Christ; only what was revealed in written Scriptures. According to Jesus' statement, and Peter's letter, the Holy Spirit intended that everyone look inside Jesus to be like Him.

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Christ Or Christmas?

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. For a "Christ's Mass," many set these aside.

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