



Holy Days

Romans 1:21-23; 31-32 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

This reading should scare us into obedience if nothing else does!

We are at the time of the year for many holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year...coming at a faster rate each year. When we look at the calendar: Have you finished our Christmas shopping yet? What do you want for Christmas? Special decorations, special meals, special activities take on a life of their own, over which we have little control. If we have had a major loss or change in life, the speeding train of the holidays seems to increase, creating depression or stress. What is causing you stress this year? What are you dreading this year? What do you look forward to this year? What celebrations will reflect our worship and love our Holy God?

Let's reflect on our motives for our holidays. God judges our motives; He knows the heart. Activities of worship and loving our Holy God and Saviour are pleasing to God. What activities do not qualify? What are the cautions? Is God pleased with what we teach children about the holidays? Does what we do, say, and teach point to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour? Do we need to make any change of plans that will please God?

Let us always remember, as Children of God **our joy and peace are gifts from God**. Consider Romans 8:28: *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*" Paul advises us in Phil. 4:8: *8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

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Upcoming Events

Saturdays 9:00 AM Men's Prayer

Sunday 11/6 – Daylight Savings Time ends

Nov 8 & 20 – Youth Choir Practice at 5:30 PM Nov 13 & 27 New Believers Discipleship Class 5:30 PM

November 20 – Church Thanksgiving Dinner at 1 PM

November 24, Thanksgiving Day