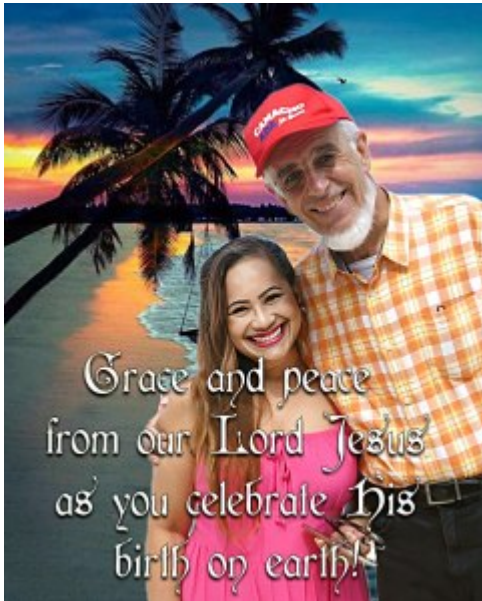


Turning a Pagan Holiday Into the Worship of Christ



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I posted this on social media. It was popular and so I thought to share it on this website.

My wife Tess and I know the traditions of the Christmas season come from Roman pagan sun worship, and we reject those practices, i.e. decorating evergreen trees, etc. And we know the birth of Jesus was probably not in the Winter. Nevertheless, we think it's a good time to remind people Who Jesus is, God made flesh Who was born on earth to experience human life and every single suffering humanity has ever faced including hunger, thirst, weariness, pain, betrayal of a close friend, false accusations, and finally the humiliation and agony of a Roman style execution by being hung to die on a wooden cross as a criminal in spite of being innocent of any crime! And why? To redeem sinful men and women, to pay the price for THEIR sins and crimes against a righteous God! Who would not want to accept Christ's sacrifice for them? Only the "good" people who think they are sinless. I'm not one of them. I trust wholly in the death of Jesus Christ as the sacrifice for my sins, and I believe He rose again from the dead three days later. The Bible says this is all we need to do to be assured of eternal life with God in paradise.

Romans 10:9-10 KJV – That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

It's only faith in Christ Jesus that saves us, NOT our good works!