

# Christmas Is A Dogma

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## DEITY.OF.JESUS.CHRIST.THE\_ JEFF.IN V-20 N-12 SUNDAY\_ 49-1225

Men and women, if the Holy Ghost is dwelling in you, the Christ that was born nineteen hundred years ago came to manhood. He never stayed in the cradle.

And today, that memorial of His birthday, what do they do? **They get some tree, cut it down, make a Christmas tree, for the kiddies. But they think... That's all right; I'm not kicking against that. But the thing of it is, they put more on the Christmas tree than they do for Christ.**

94 Kris Kringle's run over the country. Who was he? A German, a Catholic saint years ago, an old man went about doing good. **And today it's become almost a worship. That's right. It's all right to tell the kiddies, or whatever you want to do, as far as I'm concerned. But the thing of it is, it's so easy to fall in that rut on the other side, and push out Christ, the real fundamental thing of Christmas. And man take Kris Kringle instead of real Christmas; that's right, "No room for Him in the inn."**

## CRUELTY.OF.SIN\_ JEFF.IN V-25 N-4 FRIDAY\_ 53-0403

81 ... Today I was thinking of the cathedrals a ringing out, and the bells a tolling, and so forth like that; and people going to the church, and making ready, and the women buying their Easter hats and so forth. What has this come to? My, how I can't understand where a rabbit has anything to do with the resurrection (See? No, sir.), or **how a Christmas tree has anything to do with the birth of Christ. It's pagan, friends. We've got off the path somewhere. That's right. But now a real born again man or woman realizes, because there's life within you, tells you that that's wrong. Is that right? **[Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.]****

**WHERE.IS.HE.KING.OF.JEWS\_ JEFF.IN V-16 N-7 SUNDAY\_ 58-1221M**

157 It's Christmas. All the tinsel up-and-down the street of Santa Claus, a German fiction, a Catholic dogma... There's not one ounce of it true. And it takes the place of Jesus Christ, in the hearts of too many Americans. Christmas don't mean Santa Claus. Christmas means Christ. It's not some man with a pipe in his mouth, and coming down a chimney. Teaching your children such as that, what do you expect them to grow up to be? Tell them the Truth, not on some fiction--fictitious story. Tell them there's a God of Heaven Who sent His Son, and that's what Christmas means. And He's near coming again.

And as the pressure begins to come to the earth, the Devil has put out his things, by eyes, what you can see, the tinsel, and so forth. God's put out His, which is Spirit, that you can't see, but you believe.

**QA.ON.THE.HOLY.GHOST\_ JEFF.IN COD SATURDAY\_ 59-1219**

446-Q-99 99. What about a Christmas play in a Holy Ghost church?

Well, if it's about Christ, it might be all right. But if it's about Santa Claus, I don't believe in him. I--I done grewed--I done grewed away from that. I don't believe in Santa Claus at all. See? And some of these little Christmas things they have, I think is ridiculous. And... But I think they've took all Christ out of Christmas and put Santa Claus in it.

And Santa Claus is a fiction story. (I'm not hurting any of your feelings, I hope, about the children.) But I'll tell you. Here not long ago, about twenty-five, thirty years ago, when a minister here in this city, the pastor of--of a certain big church here in the city, that I knowed real well, a bosom friend of mine, he walked to me. And Charlie Bohanon (Brother Mike, you remember Charlie Bohanon, a good friend of mine.)... Set there in his office and said, "**I'll never tell my kids or have my grandchildren told that lie no more.**" He said, "My own little boy walked up to me after he got about twelve years old, and talking about Santa Claus..." And he said, "Why... Honey, I've got something to tell you," Said, "Mommy..." You know, and go ahead telling him what he did.

Then after he come back, said, "**Then, daddy, is this Jesus the same thing?**"

Tell the truth. Santa Claus is a Catholic getup about a fellow, a Kriss Kringle or Saint Nicholas, an old German Catholic saint of many years ago who went around doing good to children. And they've carried it down as a tradition. But Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He's real, and He lives.



\*This quote is used by many around the message to justify having a Christmas tree.

They need to read the scripture in **Jeremiah 10: 1-5.**

1 Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:

2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

3 For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.

4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

5 They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.

**[Brother Branham said to stay with the word.] God Hates idolatry and so should a true believer.**

#### **\*GOD'S.WRAPPED.GIFT\_ JEFF.IN V-14 N-8 SUNDAY\_ 60-1225**

5 Now, another thing I would like to say. As Brother Neville has so well said, that we wish you the best in the--these yule tidings in this time of--of fellowship around these holy days, and so forth.

And then I want to take this time to express to each and every one of you, how grateful I am to you for your Christmas cards and gifts, and things that was received at our house. I certainly thank you with all my heart. It certainly did us good this morning when... **I got a little boy, small enough yet to kind of want a Christmas tree, and we had it in the room. And this morning, go under there, I found several gifts from my church here, and my friends from around different places, that had come in, laying under the tree.** And I don't have words to express to you what I, how I appreciate every one of them. And may the God of heaven bless you richly is my prayer.

#### **CHRISTIANITY.VERSUS.IDOLATRY\_ JEFF.IN V-8 N-2 SUNDAY\_ 61-1217**

21 **Studying on mythology and all these myths, Christmas itself is a myth. It's not no--nothing real about Christmas. Christmas wasn't even mentioned in the Bible; they never worshipped the birthday of Christ. Wasn't no such a thing. That's a Roman Catholic dogma and not a Christian teaching, no Scripture for it nowhere in the Bible and for the first hundred years after the Bible (See?) nothing of it. It's just a myth. Santa Claus, commercial, everything, the whole thing is wound up into a big conglomeration.**



### **CHRISTIANITY.VERSUS.IDOLATRY\_ JEFF.IN V-8 N-2 SUNDAY\_ 61-1217**

171 You know where you got Christmas? Christ was born in April. But what did they do? The solar system is slowing up now as it gets away, each day getting a little longer--a little shorter, and a little shorter. **And from the twentieth until the twenty-fifth is when the sun god had its birthday. This... There's about five days there; that's when they had the Roman circus in that time, the celebration of the sun god's birthday at that time.** And now you see what you got now? **They said make it the sun-god, they take it Son of God. And the whole thing is pagan to begin with.** And the people on the streets, with their high-heeled shoes, and they're twisting up and down the streets, and running into stores...

And here the other day, my wife was telling me, "Someone said, 'I won't know what to get daddy.' Said, 'Brother's going to get him a quart of whiskey, and the other one said he was going to get him some champagne.' And one said, 'Well, I'm going to get him a-- a poker set.'" **"" Celebration of Christmas, pagan, devil-worship... All right.**

### **SIRS.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS\_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-23 SUNDAY\_ 61-1224**

2-6 Now, I do not believe... Let me make this clear. I do not believe that Jesus would care what day you worshipped His birthday on (if it's the 25th, 26th, or whether it's April, May, June, July, or whenever it might be), just so you worship--you worship Him on any day.

But here's what it is. They have taken the sacredness from Christmas to make it not a Christmas, but--a worship day, but a celebration. **See? We do not... You hear people say, "We're going to celebrate Christmas." That's wrong. We should never celebrate Christmas. Christmas is a day of worship, not a celebration.**

### **SIRS.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS\_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-23 SUNDAY\_ 61-1224**

16-5 The disciples today is a lot difference from the disciples of old. Today the disciples brings the speakers--or the seekers, rather... Instead of... The disciples of old brought the seeker into the Presence of God. And today the disciples of the day bring them into the presence of some church organization, some affiliation, some creed, some doctrine, instead of bringing them into the Presence of Christ.

We take the word "Christmas." **It's very seldom you ever hear Christ's Name mentioned.** You don't hear it mentioned. The lights and tinsel is all on Santa Claus, not on Christ. The people hardly knows what Christmas is really for. **They've just paganized it and paganized it till it's all become pagan. It's a great commercial day of celebration.**



**SIRS.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS\_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-23 SUNDAY\_ 61-1224**

19-5 **Christmas is not mentioned in the entire book of the Bibles. Never one time did Jesus refer them to His birth, but to His death.** Not one time did Jesus ever say, "Join a church." Not one time did He ever say, "Recite a creed." But He said, "Come unto Me."

**SIRS.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS\_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-23 SUNDAY\_ 61-1224**

40-2 **God bless you. Not exactly a "Merry Christmas," but God's blessings of Christmas be upon you.** May the Christ of Calvary hide you in Himself, and blanket you, and so wrap you and enshroud you in His Word till His Word will be made flesh in you, is my prayer. **God bless you. The pastor now, Brother Neville.**

**FALLING.APART.OF.THE.WORLD\_ JEFF.IN V-10 N-6 SUNDAY\_ 62-1216**

26 **Now, Christmas... I wish that really the people would--could understand in this world, what really Christmas is.** Now, the first word Christmas is a--a kind of a Catholic expression. It means "Christ's..." C-h-r-i-s-t-m-a-s," (See?) "Christ's mass." See? **It was ordained or was begin with the Roman church. And Christ was no more borned on the twenty-fifth day of December than I was. Huh. It's just a complete conglomeration of dogma. That's all there is to it.** "The whole world," as the prophet said, "has become a putrefied sore." That's right. Just it's just no clean thing nowhere. Every holiday is backed up by an... Why, Santa Claus took Christmas' place, the birth in the manger. The rabbit, and chicken, and new hats took the resurrection. **And where does God appear in all of this at?** See? The reason of this is because that man and commercial...

**Why, they started buying Christmas present months ago, and what is it but a heathen trait.** There's nothing about it godly. Oh, they try to say, "Give gifts, to the wise men." **That's just a--a oasis for a devil's excuse.** You want to give something, it's your life to Christ. **Don't give to one another; give it to Him.** That's what He died for. That's His purpose of coming. See?

28 **But it's got to be a place where it--it's--it's a curse to little children. Some little neighbor down the street can have plenty, and the other little fellow don't have nothing, and they look. And it's--it's just the whole thing is altogether wrong. That's all.** And merchants raise their merchandise at these places. They... Why, my wife went in to get something for some little fellows, and about three weeks ago, said, "Oh, we done sold out all the stock. We made a double order of stock this year, done sold it all out." Three or four weeks 'fore the time to start shopping. **Oh, what a big commercial setup it is.**



## FALLING APART OF THE WORLD\_ JEFF. IN V-10 N-6 SUNDAY\_ 62-1216

32 This was done by the Roman Catholic church before it became the Catholic church in Rome, about 86, 106, somewhere along in there, or 306, rather. Now, we find out that the Roman pagans worshipped Jupiter, which is the sun god; and they worshipped Ashtoreth, which was the moon god, or otherwise the mother of the--the mother of heaven. Well, to bring this down, they said that Ashtoreth, or god's mother of heaven was no more, and reflected herself in Mary. So it still remained idolatry, connecting Christianity to idolatry.

Then also, and they suffered, or worshipped and respected the birthday of their sun god, which was Jupiter. It's when the sun from December the first until December the twenty-fifth, it doesn't change, it's passing its Capricorn.

And by the way, I got a piece out of the paper I want to read to you sometime, just shock you. You talk about what happened down here on the river that day; I want to show you the finding in Jerusalem to confirm that, just a few weeks ago out of a newspaper. Something they found in Jerusalem just a few weeks ago will positive confirm that Angel appearing down here at that very same time and sending the ministry forth. Yes. See? Now, never knew it till just a few weeks ago, and here it is in the newspaper.

34 Now, notice when it crossed that, it's--it's in that... See, now, after December the twenty-first, the days will start getting just a little shorter each, or a little longer each day, until it comes down around in July. Then it starts shortening up again till it gets right... And that's just the relaxing time. And the Roman pagans said that was the sun god's birthday. From December the first--or December the twenty-first till December the twenty-fifth, they had the--the Roman circus, the chariot races and so forth was on that, during that time.

Well then, when the Christians or the Roman Christians, adding their dogma to get both sides, both the pagan and the Christian, they said, "If it's the sun god's birthday, let's just make it altogether the Son of God's birthday." There's your twenty-fifth day of December for your mass: Christ's mass. Oh, what a terrible thing. See?

Now, to connect... Why, you say, "Wouldn't any other day do?" Yes, but connect Christ with pagan... The very thing He come to abolish, they connect Him back with it again. See? That's the thing that's wrong.

And Santa Claus, some old man in Germany, named Kriss Kringle, would go around giving kids presents on Christ's mass day; he was a Catholic, and they made him a saint; now it's Saint Nicholas. See? Oh, I better just... They'll... That... You know that anyhow. See, we got them in the church ages.



### **FALLING.APART.OF.THE.WORLD\_ JEFF.IN V-10 N-6 SUNDAY\_ 62-1216**

67 Now, God sent them in the day that they were crying, not a military genius, not a great general coming down with buckling armor, and with a supernatural sword or spear that he could yield and run Rome and Greek and the rest of them into the sea and drown them again. He didn't send them something like that, though He said He did do it one time in Moses, but they needed it then. **But He sent them a Saviour and they didn't want It. They thought there was--they were saved. See? And that's the way with the churches today. Finds at this Christmas time with all the tinsel of Christmas and the Santa Claus lights, the pagan traits and things grouped into both Catholic and Protestant churches, and it's just as corrupt as it can be...** And God sends them a Saviour. What? Back to the Word, the Holy Spirit, God's Messiah and His Anointed, to anoint His church and send it back to the Word. Do you think they want It? No, sir, they won't have It. They'll turned her down just like they always do.

### **REPROACH.FOR.THE.WORD\_ JEFF.IN V-2 N-16 SUNDAY\_ 62-1223**

38-4 On this Christmas eve, Lord, we're grateful for the Gift of God. For God giving to us, though this be some, as we believe in our hearts, **some pagan superstition of the day that they have tried to mold it and make it be like a--a mass--Christ-mass. But we are not coming in that way of Santa Claus, and Christmas trees, and--and decorations;** but we're coming in the Name of the Lord Jesus to worship the God of heaven that was made incarnate, flesh like us, and dwelled among us to redeem us, and suffered the reproach of the Name, suffered the reproach of the cross to let a worldly institution put Emmanuel to death, in order that He could bring us to Eternal Life.



**WHY.LITTLE.BETHLEHEM\_ PHOENIX.AZ V-9 N-9 SATURDAY\_ 63-1214**

13 You know, at Christmas, I think we all... Too many of us, I wouldn't say all, but too many of us lose the real value of what Christmas is. As I noticed out here, even the palm trees are decorated; and in the east it's always the fir tree, or the evergreen. And months, or weeks, rather, maybe a month or six weeks before Christmas ever begins, it's always the tinsel and--and the great... They made it a commercial in the stead of what it really means.

15 I don't believe that Christ was born on the twenty-fifth day of December. I--I do not believe that at all. It would be impossible for the things to happen. The hills of Judaea are snowier than, why, snow is waist-deep in there in the month of--of December up in Judaea. But we realize in studying history, Christ was probably born in the spring, along maybe April or May, somewhere like that. But when it was changed this, they--they brought it... When Christianity was converted into Romanism, they made the sun god's birthday, which was the solar at the twenty-fifth, from the twenty-first to the twenty-fifth of December, the sun setting like, almost hardly changes at all. And then that was the sun god's birthday, so they changed it to the Son of God.

**WHY.LITTLE.BETHLEHEM\_ PHOENIX.AZ V-9 N-9 SATURDAY\_ 63-1214**

72 There's something lacking somewhere. What we try to do is twist it up and make it some great something up there, put flower and tinsel on it, and we pollute it just like the nations has done Christmas. That's right. If we could get the tinsel off of the things, and the--the humility back in the human heart... If we could bring the humility back to Christmas of what it ought to be, not a commercial day, not lights and Santa Clauses, but back to worshipping the God of creation Who come in a stable and was borned a baby, God made flesh and dwelt among us. If we could come back to that, get away from the tinsel and the big things. God don't even deal with it at all.



**WHY.LITTLE.BETHLEHEM\_ PHOENIX.AZ V-9 N-9 SATURDAY\_ 63-1214**

73 ...What we need today is a fresh pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon hearts that's humble. We need a real Christmas, a birthplace. If you could realize that you're nothing but a stable... God didn't go to Jerusalem, to Shiloh, or Ramoth-Gilead, He come to a stable that was polluted. When you let God, you become... And realize in yourself that you're nothing but a stinking stable. But welcome, open your doors when the--these great big places and inns are turning Him away, **open your doors of the manger of your heart and let Jehovah come into that, and watch what takes place, for He is the Word.** He said, "If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you." He is the Word. Let Him come into you, and watch what takes place. Then ask what you will, and it'll be done for you.

**WHY.LITTLE.BETHLEHEM\_ PHOENIX.AZ V-9 N-9 SATURDAY\_ 63-1214**

129 ...Today we can do the same thing. You can either take your creeds, take your so-and-so, and go wherever you want to with it; but you can say, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Come back to that Word of God. **Take your tinsel and Christmas and do what with it you want to, but give me Jesus Christ in my heart.**

**WHY.LITTLE.BETHLEHEM\_ PHOENIX.AZ V-9 N-9 SATURDAY\_ 63-1214**

150 **I don't care about how much tinsel they got, "You got to do this or we're going to close up your churches; we're..." I don't care what they close up; that has nothing to do with the Word.** Yes, sir. Where you going? Just exactly what the Word said you was doing, going right back, **all dressed in worldly tinsel, with all kind of worldly promises, but it's away from the Word a million miles.** There it is today, Christmas again, to keep us from the promise of the Word. But It shall be fulfilled. God's able of these stones to rise children to Abraham. Aw, trying to keep the real true Bethlehem dwellers away from Eternal Life; that's their purpose.



**WE.HAVE.SEEN.HIS.STAR\_ TUCSON.AZ V-13 N-8 MONDAY\_ 63-1216**

197 And that little Thing that's twisting at your heart tonight, that's the Supernatural, that's the Light of the day. Won't you let It lead you to Jesus Christ, which can only give you Life? Is there one that hasn't raised their hands, would say, "Remember me, Brother Branham, in prayer now"? God bless you. Another? Bless you. Another, someone? God bless you. God bless you, young man. Another? God bless you, young fellow. Will another?

Say, "I want to follow... I want to follow the Morning Star, Christ. I want to follow and find my Jesus this day. **I want to get away from all this here Christmas tinsel and things, because someday it's going to be burnt with unquenchable fire.**" And all those who are intolerating with it, will be burned with it. The world, the sinner, will punished-be... They will perish with the world. **The worldly-loving people will perish with the world.** And if you have though, still the love of the world in you, and you want to sell yourself completely tonight to Jesus Christ and His Word, raise your hand.

**WE.HAVE.SEEN.HIS.STAR\_ TUCSON.AZ V-13 N-8 MONDAY\_ 63-1216**

182 **Oh, brother, sister, how nice it would be if each one of you, if each one of us, us, me, if each one of us could lay aside all this here Christmas tinsel (See?) **quit all this swapping gifts, one with another, all of this nonsense of the world,** and just take off our pride and lay it down, and stomp the thing under foot, say, "Lord Jesus, guide me to that perfect Light,"** Watch something supernatural happen. The Holy Spirit will come in a phenomenal way. See?

**GOD'S.GIFTS.ALWAYS.FIND.PLACE\_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-13 SUNDAY\_ 63-1222**

20 So then, being that this was converted, Rome into... Or, Christianity was accepted in their way in Rome, then they said, "We'll make the same celebration and make Son of God's birthday." See? The sun god Jupiter's birthday, then Son of God's birthday, twenty-fifth of December, and that...

But what difference does it make? See, today when we are... Even if it's a--if they was doing it in July or August, or whenever it might be, it's still the sacredness of remembering that God gave us the hope that we have in us.

**And now, you say "Well, the rest of them's all Santa Claus and going on like they do; why, we just might as well do it." No, sir. No, this is not a pagan celebration to us; this is a sacred hour.**



**WHY.IT.HAD.TO.BE.SHEPHERDS\_ TUCSON.AZ MONDAY\_ 64-1221**

13 Lord God, there is many sick in the land today, in the face of the best medicine that we ever doctored with, and the best medicine and the best hospitals. And yet in all of our great scientific discoveries, yet there is more sickness than the world ever knew, because there's more sin and unbelief than the world ever knew. Help us tonight, Great Physician, and heal the sick that's in our midst.

And give us the Spirit, the true Spirit of Christmas. **When today that when pagan ceremonies, Christmas trees worshipped, fiction stories of a--a man named Santa Claus, and of our Easter rabbits, and the different fashions that the commercial world has capitalized on, may it be laid aside, God.** Let us enter into Christ the Word, for we asked it in His Name and for His glory. Amen.

**WHY.IT.HAD.TO.BE.SHEPHERDS\_ TUCSON.AZ V-6 N-15 MONDAY\_ 64-1221**

193 And we set as sour as the bumps on a pickle, and let such things go on, and afraid to raise and testify your conviction, and condemn all this nonsense, make Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever. **It's Christmas time; get out these Santa Clauses and stuff; away with that nonsense of commercializing. Wherever you heard about Santa Claus in the Bible? It's a Roman mythology; there's nothing to it at all; there is no such a thing. Don't teach your children such nonsense as that. When one day you'll have to tell him that it was all a lying story, then you've lied to your child.**



**HARVEST.TIME\_ PHOENIX.AZ V-18 N-6 SATURDAY\_ 64-1212**

282 Notice, Eve met hers. And so did the second Eve met hers at Nicaea, Rome, gave to it a denomination, creed, **accepted dogmas instead of the Word; taken down pagan idols like Jupiter and so forth, and put up Paul and Barnabas. And--and took down the sun god and the moon god, Ashtoreth, the moon god, with round kosher on it, and made her being the mother of the sun god which is Jupiter.** And changed the birthday of Jesus from April, where all nature, where He was born under the ram, 'cause He was a ram, and changed that up to the sun god's birthday in the solar there, where it makes one day... There's just only about a minute difference in the day when it passes on the twenty-fifth day of December, the sun god's birthday, not the Son of God. **And every one of us play Santa Claus, and decorate trees, a heathenism, and things like that, and then call ourselves Christians? What's the matter with the Christian church?**