



How much do you REALLY know about the season?

Take the CHRISTMAS Test

How good was your score on the Christmas Test?

Did you know that you can celebrate the Christmas season and STILL miss the real reason for the season?

God gave you the free gift of his Son and will forgive you for anything you've done against Him. What else would it take for Him to show you that He loves you?

We have proven these things to be true in our lives and we are passing them on to you. We may never meet but God is strong enough to protect you and to show you what to do as you read the Bible every day and humbly ask Him for wisdom.

Ask God to help you find a Bible-believing church so that you can be encouraged by true followers of Christ.

You can learn more about these things at: www.stoplooklistenbible.com

Let us know if there is anything we can do to help you walk closely with the Lord Jesus!

Where did the first Christmas Tree come from?

The idea of decorating your house with branches goes back many years as people celebrated the holidays of their gods.



There is an old story that tells of a missionary named Boniface in Germany who destroyed a tree which was being worshipped and replaced it with a fir tree dedicated to Christ.

No matter how the tradition was started, Christians who decorate trees in their homes during Christmas are keeping alive this tradition as a celebration of Christ's birth.

We are also reminded that Christ was crucified on a "tree" to pay the penalty for our rebellion against God. (Galatians 3:13)



The Bible tells us that "wise men from the east" saw a star and followed it to Bethlehem.

These were men who studied the stars and saw this as a prediction of the birth of a king. God warns us against using the stars to guide our lives so this story does not mean that astrology is approved by God. The Bible had predicted this star in Numbers 24:17.

Many ideas have been given as to what this star was. The fact that the star "stood over the place" where Jesus was shows us that it must have been a specially created star visible only to the wise men. (Matthew 2:9)

Even though they did not see the star, the Bible experts of the day knew that Christ would be born in Bethlehem, the same city where the wise men found the baby Jesus. (Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:5) The best thing that can be said for us today is that wise men STILL seek Him.

Why December 25?

Traditionally, it is thought that the date of Jesus' birth is celebrated on this day because the early Christians wanted to replace the mid-December worship of Roman gods with their own celebration.

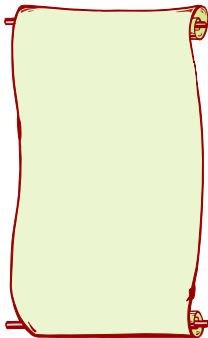
Some early Christian writings describe another way of choosing this date. They calculated the day of Jesus' death as March 25 and speculated that He was killed for our sins on the same day that He was conceived. This idea allows for nine months of pregnancy ending on December 25.



It doesn't matter what day Jesus was born on. What matters is how He died.

We must be careful not to let all the trimmings of the Christmas season take our attention away from the meaning of His life and death.

- God says that we must have no other gods in our lives. Is there something you call "god" (or some opinion about God) which you have created in your own imagination? This false "god" is taking the place of the true God. Do you have a false "god" in your life?
- God says that we must not kill –or even hate others. Have you hated someone?
- God says not to lust. Have you looked at someone with lust?
- God says that we must not lie or steal. Have you ever told a lie? Have you stolen anything?
- God says not to be jealous of what other people have. Have you done this?



If you have done these things then you have broken God's laws. If you want to walk in the devil's way then you will not be with God when you die.

Is there a real Santa Claus?



In the 3rd century, there was a man named Nicholas who had a reputation for giving secret gifts. His life story became a legend which grew into the idea of a good saint who gives secret gifts once a year.

God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be born in secret and to die for our sins as a free gift from God. (Ephesians 2:8,9)

The story goes that Santa Claus has a list of all the good and bad things we do. What if a list was made based on God's Ten Commandments?

Which list would you be on?



All you need to do is to accept God's free gift of forgiveness.



Anyone who turns from their sin and believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God will be saved from eternal death. Cry out to God and ask Him to forgive you! Tell Him that you believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and that you want to belong to Him.

You might pray like this:

"Dear Heavenly Father, I confess that I have broken your law by doing _____. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died to pay the price for my rebellion against You. I believe that He rose from the dead. Please take control of my life forever."



If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9