Our Eternal High Priest

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word. This tract is not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

As children of God, we must look for truth is what the Bible teaches us on who our High Priest is and what a High Priest is. This tract is to bring to light the need to return to the teachings of Jesus and his apostles. Hebrews 7:24

Verse 24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

The churches today tell us that the Bible is outdated and that they must come to the twenty first century, what does the Bible say?

Jeremiah 6:16

Verse 16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

What is the difference between Jesus' Priesthood and the Levitical Priesthood?

Hebrews 8:7

Verse 7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. Hebrews 7:21

Verse 21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

Hebrews 10:1,4,5

Verse 1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

Verse 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

Verse 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

We see that Jesus is the one true sacrifice who is now our eternal High Priest made from the very oath of God the Father. Also, on the subject of differences between Jesus' Priesthood and the Levitical Priesthood, it is most important to understand that under the old priesthood each time a new high Priest came so did new rules. Hebrews 7:23, 24

Verse 23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: Verse 24 But this *man*, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

Jesus has an unchangeable Priesthood, while the Levitical priesthood changed from year to year. It is imperative that we understand and accept that which Jesus spoke and commanded is steadfast until his second coming, and not follow after new age churches who have changed God's laws. What does Jesus say about following the traditions of men?

Matthew 15:9

Verse 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Titus 1:14

Verse 14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

So, if we shouldn't follow men's traditions, then it is up to us to identify what these are and what Jesus' commandments are.

Colossians 2:6

Verse 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

We are told to walk in the way of Jesus by keeping his commandments and following his examples in everyday life. Keep in mind this statement is from Paul to the Christian church of whom he is the apostle. None of Jesus' messages were only to Israel. He came to save the world and his message is to the world. One must understand that the ten commandments, that God wrote with his finger on stone, are perpetual. Moses wrote those laws with many more in a book. The book is what was nailed to the cross not the ten commandments God wrote. Exodus 31:18

Verse 18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

Deuteronomy 31:24 - 26

Verse 24 And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished,

Verse 25 That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, Verse 26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

So how have the churches turned from the truth and accepted pagan traditions and false doctrines? Many of Jesus' commands, which he tells us are from God the Father have been changed. These changes go back as far as the Nicene Creed in the changing of the Sabbath from the seventh day to the first day. This took place on March 7, A.D. 321 by Emperor Constantine. Once again what does Jesus tell us of the Sabbath?

Mark 2:27, 28

Verse 27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

Verse 28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Jesus tells us the Sabbath was made for man not just Israel, and that he is Lord of the Sabbath. How likely is it that he was going to do away with it? John tells us that God's people will be keeping the commandments in the new Kingdom as does Isaiah.

Revelation 14:12

Verse 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Isaiah 66:22, 23

Verse 22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

Verse 23 And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

Jesus kept the seventh day, and the apostles kept the seventh day. What day do you think a true Christian should keep? What other false teachings have crept into the Christian church? Are these Jesus' teachings or mankind's teachings? What about Christmas being the birth of Jesus the Christ?

Jeremiah 10:1-5.

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

Verse 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.

Verse 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 axe.

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

You cannot find any better description of a Christmas tree and it is condemned. We are also told by Jeramiah the following:

Jeremiah 16:8

Verse 8 Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink.

The apostle Paul gives us insight into our conduct with worldly acts.

II Corinthians 6:15-18

Verse 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? Verse 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Verse 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

Verse 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. The Bible tells us the approximate time of Jesus' birth; but we are not told to hold any remembrance of his birth. The only remembrance we are told to keep is the Lord's Supper in remembrance of his sacrifice for our sins.

What of the state of the dead? The Churches teach that the body dies but we have an immortal soul that goes to heaven. Again, we ask are these Jesus' teachings or the teachings of mankind? Let us first look at what the cost was for disobedience.

Genesis 3:3, 4

Verse 3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Verse 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

God does not lie, and the serpent does, so do we really have an immortal soul that does not die, that contains all of

our thoughts, and memories of loved ones and all of our life experiences. Let us also consider what God breathed into Adams nostrils.

Genesis 2:7

Verse 7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

The breath of life, is just as you or I might do in providing first aid to some one not breathing on their own. Another good example is in Job.

Job 14:9-14

Verse 9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

Verse 10 But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?

Verse 11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

Verse 12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

Verse 13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

Verse 14 If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

We clearly see that it is the breath of life and not an immortal entity, that death is sleep for those that are sealed in Christ.

John 11:11-14

Verse 11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

Verse 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

Verse 13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Verse 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

We see that Jesus does not give us any understanding other than Lazarus is dead, and that he will be called forth from that sleep to life once again.

There are many false teachings that the Christian churches have adopted over the centuries. They are not the teachings of Jesus the Christ our eternal high priest or his Apostles. We have given you just a few wrong teachings in today's Christian community. You must now decide whether to follow man's teaching or obey and follow God's commandments, as did our Lord Jesus the Christ. Whose follower are you? Proverbs 30:5

Verse 5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Luke 4:4

Verse 4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

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