

As a Christian, as long as I don't bow down and worship the idols, celebration of these holidays is acceptable, right? To find the answer

to that question we must determine who decides what is acceptable when it comes to worship. As Christians, we must seek the answer to that question in the Bible.

Gen 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. Gen 4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: Gen 4:5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wrath, and his countenance fell.

The symbolism in Genesis 4:3 gives the full story. God made us from the dust of the ground as seen in Genesis 2:7. Therefore, the "fruit of the ground" in this verse is symbolic of the thoughts and actions of man—the works of man. However, one does not need to delve into symbolism to understand the point of this verse. Cain was a tiller of the ground, and it must have seemed appropriate and reasonable to him that God would accept the offering of fruit. However, God did not accept his offering. Without understanding the symbolism, we don't know why God did not accept Cain's offering. We simply know that God found the offering unacceptable, and that is all

that we truly need to know. This very basic lesson in the Bible makes clear that our intentions are not what determines what is acceptable to God. God decides what is acceptable, not us.

We are told in Proverbs that what seems right to us may be entirely wrong.

Pro 16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

We must rely on God to show us what is acceptable to Him. We may not decide this for ourselves. What we think, does not matter. God alone can judge what He deems acceptable. The One receiving the worship decides what is acceptable to Him.

What exactly defines worship? The answer to that question is different for worshiping God than it is for serving Satan. Notice that wording. God requires worship of us, but Satan will be happy if we simply serve him, and we can be tricked into serving him. We can gain understanding of this truth by looking at a verse which tells us exactly what God requires of us.

Exo 13:16 And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

This verse is in reference to the children of Israel sacrificing to God after He brought them out of Egypt. The situation is symbolic of Christ bringing us out of our sins. In the verse,

God is telling the people that they must obey Him with their thoughts and actions concerning the sacrifice.

The love of God must be in our hearts, minds, and souls. We must show this love in our actions (upon thy hand) and in our mind/thoughts (frontlets between thine eyes).

We Are instructed to not worship God in the same manner as the pagans worship their gods.

Deu 12:3 And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place. Deu 12:4 Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your God.

The word of God tells us very plainly, in that last verse, to not worship God in the same manner that the pagans worship their deities. The verse before that one says, when we come into possession of a pagan grove, to "burn their groves", not bring the grove into our homes, set it up, and call it a Christmas tree. That is literally placing Christ' name on a pagan grove and is in fact serving Christ in the same manner that the pagans serve their deities. God never asked for this form of worship. In fact, He forbade it. Our intentions are as irrelevant as Cain's intentions were. God chooses how He is to be worshiped.

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What if Christmas is not pagan to me?

Here in the U.S., there is a perpetual longing for the next major holiday. There is scarcely a time when the retail establishments are not decorated for one holiday or another. The decorations and merchandise for one holiday will simply replace the decorations and merchandise of another holiday. Christmas decorations are often up even before the Halloween decorations come down. Then will come Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, April Fool's Day, Easter and so on. What do all of these holidays have in common? They all have pagan origins. However, many who celebrate these holidays today do not recognize the pagan origins.

Most pagans do know the origins, and they proudly celebrate their holidays. Some pagans are more than a little miffed that many of their holidays have been hijacked by the Christian community. Some people who celebrate these holidays have no religious affiliation at all. They simply follow the crowd. Some Christians know the origins but do not see the harm in celebrating these holidays because there is no pagan intent in their heart. Still others claim these holidays have been Christianized and are therefore now Christian holidays.

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