

Church of Christ

...Heart to Heart...

I waited until after the Christmas holiday to write this article, as I don't want to be one perceived as a basher of others! I want to continue to teach and instruct in the ways of God.

“They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them.” (I John 4:5) John makes a distinction between what the apostles taught and what the religious world teaches. There is a major difference. We need to be careful about what we seek and believe. The world proclaims Christmas day as one of the holiest of days, tying it to the birth of Jesus. Here's the ironic thing. This year, Christmas fell on Sunday, and yet denominations, (and some of our own brotherhood congregations), shut down services to spend the day with their families! If it is a holy time from the world's view, why would you shut down worship to God? What would be more beneficial: to spend time with our families in worship to our God or spend the day at home, for ourselves? The very world that cries out to keep “Christ in Christmas” is diminishing the things of God! Some have even gone to the point to moving their services to Saturday so they could have Sunday off! It makes me wonder, does anyone really care about the truth of God and what pleases Him? *“They speak from the world and the world listens to them!”* “We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.” (I John 4:6)

It concerns me how many of my brethren are being taken in by the ideas and teachings of the world. The spirit of error is all around us. We need to study the word, listening carefully to what God desires that pleases Him. The church of Jesus Christ upholds the truth (I Tim. 3:15)! The message of God's word remains: “For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ In the same way He took the cup also after supper saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.” (I Cor. 11:23-26)

“Until He comes” we will remember the Lord's death every first day of the week, as His death saved our lives. The world doesn't care, but the saved, the church of our Lord, cares about the desires and will of God. Think about it!!!

Brent