



Put the 'X' - mas back into Christmas Day!

Pastor Jim Master

Notes

<p>The 'X' comes from the Greek letter Chi, which is the first letter of the Greek word Christós (Greek: Χριστός, translit. Khristós, lit. "anointed, covered in oil"), which became Christ in English. The suffix -mas is from the Latin-derived Old English word for Mass. Originally was used for Christ but pagans have made into a festival without Christ.</p>	
<p>How do we make sure we keep Christ in Christmas and how do we keep His birth alive?</p>	
<p>Matthew 2:1-2 (NKJV)</p>	
<p>Christmas is all about worshipping the Messiah God, the king of all.</p>	
<p>In the Old Testament God demanded that all sin or uncleanness be removed.</p>	

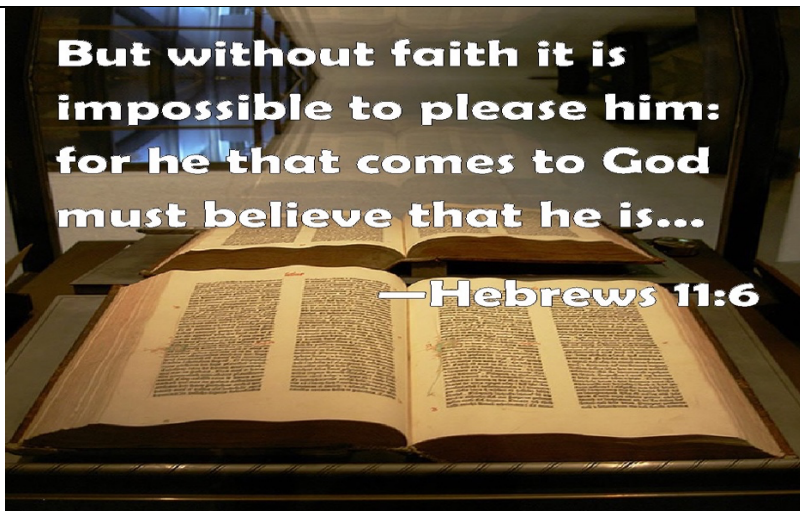


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Lev. 1	Burnt Offering	Bull, sheep, goat, bird	Atonement
Lev. 2	Grain Offering	Flour, oil, incense	Celebration
Lev. 3	Peace Offering	Male or female cattle or sheep	Rejoicing
Lev. 4:1 – 5:13	Sin Offering	Bull, goat (male or female)	Unintentional Sin
Lev. 5:14 – 6:7	Guilt Offering	Ram or equivalent sum	Atonement





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<p>The sacrifices outlined in the book of Leviticus can be divided into two categories.</p> <p>Those that produce sweet aroma under the Lord and those that don't produce sweet aroma unto God.</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The burnt offering, Leviticus chapter one. 2. The Grain offering, Leviticus chapter two. 3. The peace offering Leviticus chapter three. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sin offering (Leviticus chapter four) 2. The reparation offering, also known as the trespass offering (Leviticus chapter five) 	
<p>There are five basic categories of sin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sin unrighteousness trespasses transgressions iniquity. 	
<p>Hebrews 13:15-16 (ESV) "Through [Jesus Christ] then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God"</p>	



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<p>The culmination of worship and His greatest joy is for us to enter into the presence of God in order to celebrate being at peace with God.</p>	
<p>Peace Offering First discussed in Leviticus 3. 1. Thanksgiving Offerings (Leviticus 7:12). 2. Freewill Offerings (Leviticus 7:16). 3. Wave Offering (Leviticus 7:30).</p>	
<p>Leviticus 3:1(KJV) “And if his oblation [be] a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offer [it] of the herd; whether [it be] a male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD.”</p>	
<p>· Hebrew name for the Peace Offering is zebach shlamim; literally, it means “sacrifices of peaces.”</p>	



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<p>The second word, shlamim, comes from the well-known Hebrew word shalom, which means “peace” or “to make peace.” This was a voluntary Thanksgiving offering.</p>	
<p>The Jewish Talmud (Commonly refers to a compilation of ancient teachings)</p>	
<p>“it is forbidden for someone to derive benefit from anything in this world without reciting a blessing and whoever draw derives benefit from this world without reciting a blessing, thereby commits sacrilege”</p>	
<p>Psalm 103:1-5 ¹ Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. ² Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.</p>	
<p>Philippians 4:6-7 ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.</p>	



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James 1:17

“every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above”

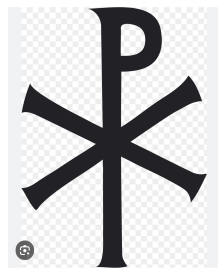
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Institution of the Lord's Supper

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵ In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.”

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Jesus also suffered for us His body was broken for us. And then he took the cup of wine, and he said this wine symbolises my blood which is shed for you. So the wine represented Jesus death on the cross is the for our sin.



That's how you keep Christ in Christmas.

*Christmas Blessings to you all!
Pastor Jim & Giovanna*