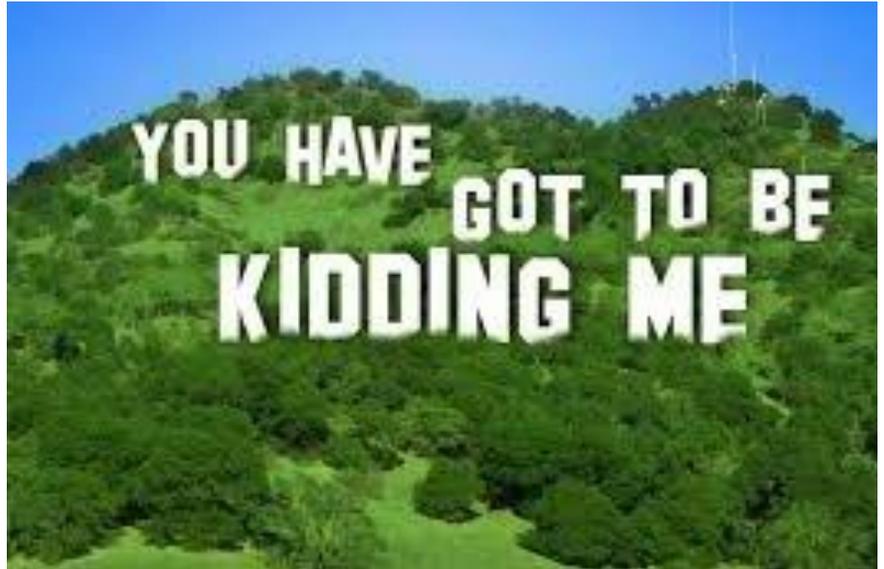


Christian, What's Wrong with
you?



Why are you
participating in LENT?

Lent is a season of prayer and penance set apart by the Church to prepare us for Easter and to recall our Lord's fast in the desert. This season of preparation and sanctification can be fittingly accomplished through voluntary amendment of life, acts of penance, and works of charity. Lent is a time to learn to love our souls more than our bodies. Every Christian should make a special effort to practice mortification and strive for holiness during the 40 days of Lent.



That sounds pretty good, doesn't it?

The problem that we have with this is that we are not supposed to limit any 'penance' to any period of time. We are to be IN Jesus where we are, by nature, doing acts of penance. We are to do these things FOR Christ because we WANT to do them. We should not be 'compelled' to do these acts of penance because of a season.

The other problem we have with Lent is this - where did Jesus tell us to commemorate or celebrate His fasting in the desert? In fact, the Bible tells us that when the Lord Jesus Christ was filled with the Holy Ghost, He was driven into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. Do we see this anywhere in the narrative that we have been given? has Jesus told us, commanded us or even mentioned that we are to commemorate his 40 days in the desert?

There is NO reference in the Bible where the Lord Jesus Christ told His Disciples to commemorate Lent or observe Easter, which makes these observances suspect and possibly pagan. Many of you know where we are going with this, but let's be sure we have the TRUE picture before we start jumping to conclusions.

Without going into too much detail, Nimrod was known as a mighty hunter, and his son Tammuz took after his father. However, tammuz was killed by a wild boar, and the women were weeping over his death for 40 days as show in this scripture:

Ezekiel 8:12-14 - Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth. He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do. Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

As you can plainly see, the Lord of Hosts, Jesus Father, was VERY angry with what the Israelites were doing. Why were they weeping for Tammuz in HIS temple? What was wrong with the Israelites? Did they not think that the Lord God would not see what they were doing?

Our rule of thumb - if it is a 'tradition', it has a pagan origin and root.

FunFacts about Lent that you should know:

Fun Fact #1:

There is no mention of Lent in the Bible anywhere. Jesus did NOT observe or command any of His Disciples to observe Lent.

Fun Fact #2:

Semiramis became known as "Ishtar" which is pronounced "Easter", and her moon egg became known as "Ishtar's" egg" (Easter Egg). Ishtar (Semiramis) soon became pregnant and claimed that it was the rays of the sun-god Baal that caused her to conceive. The son that she brought forth was named Tammuz.

Fun Fact #3:

After Tammuz was killed by a wild pig the "Queen of Heaven" proclaimed a Forty-Day period of sorrow each year prior to the anniversary of the death of Tammuz. Every year, on the First Sunday after the first full moon, after the spring equinox, a celebration was made.

Fun Fact #4:

Lent became a part of the 'Christian' religion because of Rome, and the Roman Church decided to merge and amalgamate the Pagan celebration of spring with the Passover.

Fun Fact #5:

The Lord of Hosts Despises this practice, as it is idolatry. People do not realize they are mourning the death of Tammuz those 40 days; they think they are renewing themselves for Easter, which also does not exist.



The Lord Jesus Christ is NOT Impressed

If you want to fast, then I would suggest that you work out with the Lord Jesus Christ what you are going to fast for. Many people cannot even fast 2 days for Jesus, so how are they going to fast 40 days? has any of you ever tried a 40 day fast?

Fasting for 'cleansing' and 'penance' is spitting in the face of Jesus, as fasts are used to get the person fasting closer to Him, and not for some made up holiday or tradition. We will caution you to know what you are doing and not just follow the 'traditions' of the Easter Season. You will find that if you are serious with Jesus, He will point out the error you follow.

Now, many of you will know very nice 'Church' people who will go along with this, but know that supporting and following these traditions will turn you away from Christ, as we

covered this in our articles on **allegiance**. You can walk away from Christ by giving your allegiance to another god, and by participating in Lent, you are turning away from Christ.

How are you turning away from Christ? It is because The Lord Jesus Christ NEVER told His Disciples to observe Easter NOR Lent; he did command us to observe Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which nobody seems to be doing.

SO, do we follow tradition or do we follow the commandments of Christ?

O foolish Christians, who has bewitched you?



Now is the time to stop being foolish, Christian. Go to the Lord Jesus Christ RIGHT NOW and get your repentance for your actions and then sanctify yourself and get cleansed of this sin, Christian. Sit with the Lord Jesus Christ and ask Him what other holidays you are celebrating that are not pleasing to Him and then CHANGE.

As always, **don't take our word for anything.** Go **directly to the Lord Jesus Christ yourself** and confirm what we are saying. Be sure to keep talking to Him and establish your own **PERSONAL** relationship with Him.