

Jesus, You wouldn't mind.....????

Jesus, I know you told us that the customs of the heathen are vain, and not to learn the way of the heathen [*in Jeremiah 10*], and I know you told us that philosophy [*philos*: affection, *sophia*: wisdom – i.e. lovers of wisdom] and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of this world, and not after you [*in Colossians 2:8*], will spoil us and lead us into captivity [*darkness*].

And **Jesus**, I realize you told us not to add or diminish from your word [*in Deuteronomy 4:2*], and I know you said your word is pure [*in Proverbs 30:5*]. And **Jesus**, I understand you said your word is unchangeable [*in Malachi 3:6*]... **But**, you won't mind if we keep a drunken festival in your honour, as long as we change the name so it sounds kinda Christian, even if it is fire worship; you won't mind, will you?

Now **Jesus**, we're not gonna be able to stop the drunks and the pagan worshippers from continuing to keep their ancient customs, and there'll be a record number of suicides this time of the year, and the poor will feel oppressed... **But**, we'll take a dinner to them and tell 'em "we'll be back next year"!

And **Jesus**, there'll be a record number of wrecks from drunk drivers, and the liquor stores will be thrilled to see the season come, and Playboy magazine even puts out a special Christmas edition! Adultery will run rampant as husbands and wives abandon their vows at parties.

And you'll be really happy when you hear my idea!..

We've gone back into history and found fire worshippers of the ancient world, who had a festival from December 17 til December 25, the birthday of their fire god (Hercules, or Mithra, or Nimrod), and they worshipped pagan gods.

Jesus, here's my idea!!

We're gonna take this drunken festival they call the "festival of Saturn", or "Saturnalia", and we're gonna put your name on it, and we'll call it Christ Mass, but we'll drop an "S" to disguise it, OK?

They offered their children in the fire and ate them, but I assure you, that even though most of the world will be celebrating this festival the same way they've done thousands of years before you were born, I want you to believe me when I tell you – WE WON'T DO IT THAT WAY. And when they ask us why we're dragging the Church into doing something so evil, I'll tell them, "we don't do it that way, we're using paganism to glorify God!"

Jesus, doesn't that make you happy? You don't mind, do you? After all, preachers say "it's okay, as long as we use this pagan festival to spread the gospel". If *they* say it, you won't mind, will you? I promise, **Jesus**, we're not gonna keep the customs of the heathen like they keep them -- we're gonna keep them different.

You won't mind if we do this, will You, Jesus?