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## Jesus is the Reason for the Season

**D**id my title catch your attention? Are you worried that your preacher has "gone off the deep end" and either become too mellow (maybe "liberal"), or perhaps just plain old senile in my "old age?" Woke you up, didn't I? Really, I was just checking to see if anyone ever bothers to actually read my "teaching articles" in the *Oracle*.

I'm guessing, but confident in that guess, that you have likely seen my title for this article expressed either verbally or in writing in recent weeks. Hey, there are even commercials on TV which state that sentiment. It's also a common topic of discussion on all of the social media sites at this time of the year. But, here's some food for thought, "Is that sentiment (*Jesus is the Reason for the Season*) really Biblical and/or factually true?"

The short answer to my query is an emphatic "NO!" The Scriptures don't tell us exactly when Christ was born (there are some hints that it was in springtime), nor does it say one word about His people celebrating the birth of Christ as a "holy day" of religious observance. However it does tell us quite plainly to remember His death each Lord's Day, as a commemorative and holy observance (1 Cor. 11:23-34). The simple truth is, if we celebrate "Christmas" as a holy observance, we do so without Biblical authority, and you might want to check out what Jesus said about the vanity of "lip service worship," which is not ordained by God (Mt. 15:3-9).

**D**oes it "burn your bacon" to have me "nay say" the popular sentiment which entitles this article? If so, you might want to consider a more Biblically supported conclusion and contention. That being, "**Jesus is the Reason for Every Season**," or at least He should be! I believe there is ample Scriptural evidence to support the fact that Jesus ought to be the sum and substance of our earthly sojourn in every season of the year, not just in late December. For example, the Bible says Jesus is the very, "image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by him were all things created....," and that, "all things were created by Him, and for Him: and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist," so that, "He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* He might have the preeminence" (Col. 1:15-18). The Apostle Paul also penned, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me"(Gal. 2:20).

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