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The entire King James Bible is written FOR us, but it is not all written TO us!
We learn from the "For" and study Paul's writings to apply the 'TO!"
**Sermon Notes**
December 3, 2008

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| **Rightly Dividing "Christmas"** |

Part III
**The Sincere Christian's Battle Over Christmas, etc.**
(if they actually battle it, that is...)

**More Unfinished Works of Jesus**
**Philippians 1:6**

* Being perfected - **II Timothy 3:16: Ephesians 4:12**
* Abound yet more -**II Timothy 1:9,10**
* Grow in knowledge and judgment - **Philippians 1:9,10**
* Grow up from being a child ...  -  **Ephesians 4:14; I Corinthians 13:11**
* Grow tighter with the body of Christ - **Ephesians 4:14-16; Romans 12:5**
* Worketh effectually in you that believe... -**I Thessalonians 2:13**
* Christ becomes magnified in our body - **Philippians 1:20 -*According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.***

More and more are walking more and more like Gentiles - Lost!
**Ephesians 4:17-24**

**Christmas Challenges Our Battle Design**

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| **Mind** | **Flesh** |
| Christmas according to  the KJB | Christmas / Holidays  in the Stores/Relatives, etc. |
| KJB | Traditions |

**Mind vs Flesh**
**Romans 7:22-25**

We are to put on the New Man

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| **Ephesians 4:22-24** |
| **Put off old man** | **Put on New Man** |
| **Romans 6:6** | **Colossians 3:10** |
| **Colossians 3:9** |   |

We are a new creature, right?
**II Corinthians 5:17**
**Galatians 5:15-16**

Christ fought and won over the flesh
**Ephesians 2:15**

**I see more and more are only 'dealing' / 'compromising' with the old man!**

**I.  Yes, there is a lot of stuff to learn these days... but...**

* 1)  **Daniel 12:4**
* 2)  **II Timothy 3:6,7**
* 3)  **Colossians 2:8**
* 4)  **II Thessalonians 2:9,12**
* 5)  **II Timothy 3:13**
* 6) **II Timothy 4:4**
* 7) **Ephesians 4:19**
* 8)  Learning from those who have cast off...
	+ **I Timothy 5:12,15**

**II.  Yes, you can learn how to 'do' your kids better... but...**

* Their personality development, old man development, sin will eventually revive, and they will die...
	+ Or create little Gospel Jesus haters by pushing the Jewish teachings from Jesus in the Gospels!
* ***Train*** - not 'allow' or even 'guide'
* **Proverbs 22:6**(or even**22:10**)
	+ The way is Paul's teachings of the way of the Risen Christ!
		- **I Corinthians 4:17 - *For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.***
		- **I Corinthians 12:31** - .***..yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.***
		- **Acts 18:26 -*...expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.***

**To Our Old Man / Flesh, we...**

* Entertain it...
* Fellowship with it...
* Flatter it...
* Pamper it...
* Feed it...
* Encourage it...
* Tempt it...
* Try to control it...
* Compromise to please both flesh and vanity of one's mind
* Guide it...

**But we are supposed to crucify our flesh!**

* **Galatians 5:24 - *And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.***
* (TV testimony at Costco - music, clothes, mouth, etc.)

**We are his workmanship, why don't we let him do the work?**

* **Ephesians 2:10 - *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.***
* He took care of sin by taking care of the law!
* Sin still exists in us, but... ***Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.***
* He did the sacrifice!
	+ Christ for us - **Ephesians 5:2 -** ***And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.***
	+ Lost folks - **I Corinthians 10:20 -** ***But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.***
* **Romans 12:1**- ***I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.***

What does He want to teach you about Christmas?
What does He want you to do about Christmas?

**Do men's traditions please God?**

***So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.***
**Romans 8:8**
***For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men?***
***for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.***
**Galatians 1:10**
***Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.***
***No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life;***
***that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.***
**II Timothy 2:3,4**
***Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit,***
***after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.***
**Colossians 2:8**