

Christians and Santa Claus

Colossians 2:8

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THEME: As born-again believers in Jesus Christ, purchased by His blood, we have a responsibility to uphold and propagate the truths found in His Holy Scriptures—and to refute every lie that attempts to place doubt upon His truths. We are warned not to place traditions of men above that which pertains to Jesus Christ (Col 2:8). And yet, many believers would be greatly offended that we would even deal with the issue of Santa Claus. “*It is innocent*”, you can hear them say. Yet a careful look into the scriptures would deny that this lie is anywhere near innocent.

I. LETTERS TO SANTA

A. A False Hope

1. Santa, ...please help my daddy so he's not so sad and mean.
2. Dear Santa! Bring our planet peace and happiness.
3. Dear Santa, ...bring us love and happiness...throughout the whole year!
4. I just want to have someone to love me. Can you find that for me?
5. Heal my grandmother.
6. Cause my husband to love me.
7. Please help the homeless people.
8. Please tell my sister in heaven that I love her and wish her a happy Christmas.
9. Dear Santa...help my family to believe in you. They are now all so sad and need the comfort and hope of Santa restored in their little hearts again.
10. Watch over my unborn baby brother until he gets born.
 - a. These are all people who will be very disappointed if they think Santa is able to answer any of those prayers.

B. The Real Hope

1. God is the one that people should ask to help them. He can meet their need. Santa cannot because he's not real.
2. God is the only One who has the power to restore families and to bring peace to earth.
3. Jesus Christ was sent to heal the brokenhearted (Luke 4:18).
4. Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). He will bring peace on earth, good will toward men (Luke 2:14). Santa can't do that because he's not real.

II. LIES NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT

A. It is a Lie — If you tell someone that Santa is real and magical and knows if you're good or bad, etc., etc., what else can it be, but a lie?

B. Lies Are Not of God — Lies originate from the devil, the father of lies (John 8:44). Lies cannot come from God because He cannot lie (Titus 1:2).

C. Believers Are Not to Lie

1. As **CHRISTIANS** we are exhorted over and over again not to lie (Col 3:9, Jas 3:14, Eph 4:25, Rev 21:8, 27). A faithful witness will not lie (Proverbs 14:5)
2. **PARENTS**, when your child finds out that you lied to them about Santa, it will cause them to doubt you when you try to tell them anything about Jesus Christ.
3. **CHURCHES** who promote Santa Claus should be ashamed. Why should a child believe anything taught in a church that tells them Santa Claus is real? Those churches are teaching kids that Jesus is probably not real either. They are damning souls to hell.

III. LIKENESS TO CHRIST

A. Who is the Christ Child?

1. "Kris Kringle" means "The Christ Child." Jesus Christ is God's holy Child (Acts 4:27,30).

B. Both Know Everything

1. Santa knows whether you've been bad or good. That makes him omniscient.
2. The Lord Jesus Christ knows everything! He knows all men (John 2:24), all things (John 16:30, John 21:17) all the hearts of men (Acts 1:24, Psalm 44:21).
 - a. Even you can't know your own heart (Jer 17:9); how can Santa know it?

C. Both Are Everywhere

1. Children see Santa Claus everywhere they go. He can deliver gifts to every child in the world in one night. How does he do it? He must be omnipresent.
2. Jesus Christ is omnipresent (John 3:13). He is in you, and He is at the right hand of the Father in heaven. Ref: (Romans 8:10; 2Corinthians 13:5; Colossians 1:27) (Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3, 8:1, 10:12, 12:2; 1Peter 3:22)

D. Both Sit on a Throne

1. Santa sits like a king on a throne to receive requests from children.
2. God sits on the throne (Acts 2:30; Hebrews 1:8). Jesus Christ is the King of kings.

E. Both Say Ho, Ho, Ho (See Isaiah 55:1, Zechariah 2:6. God says "Ho" 3 times in scripture).

F. Both Bring Gifts with Them

1. The old copycat brings gifts because Jesus Christ gives gifts to men (Rev 22:12, Eph 4:8).

G. Both Live in the North (Psalm 48:2, Isaiah 14:13)

H. Both Will Come in Red (Isaiah 63:2)

I. Both Have White Hair (Revelation 1:14)

J. Both Have Flying Animals

1. Santa has his flying reindeer. Some countries replace the reindeer with flying horses.
2. Jesus Christ will return to Earth on a flying horse along with all His saints (Rev 19:11-14).

K. Both Will Come as a Thief in the Night (Revelation 3:3, 16:15, 1 Thess 5:2, 2 Pet 3:10).

L. Both are Eternal

1. Santa Claus never ages, never gets sick, never dies. He must be eternal.
2. Jesus Christ's life didn't begin in Bethlehem's manger. A Son was given (Isa 9). He already existed from eternity (John 8:58, 1:1-3, 17:5, Micah 5:2, Col 1:17, Heb 1:10-12) and will live forevermore (Rev 1:18).

M. Both Have Glorified Bodies

1. Santa can get into locked houses with no chimney.
2. Jesus, in His glorified body appeared to His disciples in a locked house (John 20:19)

CONCLUSION: Santa Claus is clearly a deceiver and a counterfeit Christ who mocks the Lord Jesus Christ. Please don't support Satan's lies. You may have thought it was just innocent fun, but hopefully now you see how harmful it is to continue promoting this fake Jesus and telling our children to believe in him.

Make sure your children know— *“When mom or dad tell me something, I know they're telling me the truth.”*