

Is it wrong and pagan of us to celebrate Christmas at all?

A second problem will relate -- that I will mention will relate to a comparison between two passages of the Scripture. One of these is in Numbers 15:32. There we read: "And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day. And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him. And the Lord said unto Moses, The man shall surely be put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp. And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the Lord commanded Moses."

Here we have a law given to the people. This man couldn't even gather sticks on the Sabbath day without his life being forfeited for it. In Col. 2:16 however, we find all this sort of thing condemned. For context I shall start at vs. 8 and read certain of the verses up to vs. 17. Vs. 8 "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. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him." Vs. 14 "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days; Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."

I received a letter one time from a man in England who wrote of having heard a man who was a very earnest Christian -- I'm not sure how sound the church was which he attended -- but he wrote of having heard a minister on the radio preaching a sermon from the OT, he said, declaring a God of wrath which is not the God that I believe in at all. Here we have a man simply breaking a small feature, breaking a command regarding the Sabbath day and being killed for it. In contrast to which we are told, "Let no man judge you in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days which are a shadow of things to come but the body is of Christ."